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## "Old Chimney"

By O. L. BROWN

Old Chimney of brick standing there all alone,  
Except for dead apple trees  
And a plot of weeds upgrown.  
The mud mortar has dropped away—  
It told of another far-off day—  
And still you stand, straight and firm,  
'Gainst the whistling wind and the driving rain.

No smoke ascends from your silent throat,  
No house claims you for its own;  
Desolate you stand, beyond the rushing stream  
At the foot of the great hill—alone, alone.

Did happy children once play round your hearth,  
When the day was done and the earth was dark?  
Did they laugh at your dancing flame and the flying spark?

Sat a man and his wife at night  
Beside your blazing logs,  
Dreaming of days to come and better things?  
Did they pray for strength to meet life's pains?

No one knows where the family has gone,  
And the house that stood by the rippling stream—  
A place apart, where a man might dream.

Old Chimney, you are but a nameless monument  
Built by a nameless man, built of hand-made brick,  
A silent witness to the ones long since gone.





# LETTERS

## We Wont "Fold Up"

Dear Editor:

I am enclosing the price of my 1960 subscription renewal. I was waiting to see if I could get some subscribers from the church. Maybe we will get some others when the special drive is put on.

Do hope you will not "fold up." The paper is too good for that.

MRS. RUTH WORSHAM

Ruffin, N. C.

*Editor's Note:* We hope so, too. In this, the paper's 105th year, we believe that the Methodists of North Carolina will support their paper and make this year its best to date. Indications are that this is what will happen, for pastors are reporting more and more interest in the campaign.

## A Word For Next Christmas

Dear Editor:

Your editorial in the Dec. 10th issue headed "Shall we give up Christmas?" lingered in my mind. I decided to . . . write you to sound the alarm in this editorial and follow that up with a call to arms and forward march.

Of course, the parades are put on by the merchants to call to the attention of the shopper that they are ready and willing to supply gifts at Christmas time. Why not the churches and believers in Christ ask the merchants to let them join in (with them) or, maybe better, have a parade of their own. Most merchants are Christians and I believe that every one of them will agree not only to let us in the parade but to give space in their stores and windows for displays calling attention to the fact that Christmas means the celebration of the birth of Christ, our Savior.

OTIS GREEN, SR.

Asheville, N. C.

*Editor's Note:* Thank you, Mr. Green, for a good suggestion. It is no doubt true that the churches have neglected an opportunity to enlist the co-operation of the merchants in this matter. Perhaps some who read this will remember the suggestion next Christmas.

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## One Way To Do It

The Rev. G. A. Hovis, pastor of the Haw River Circuit, has found an easy way to secure subscriptions to the **ADVOCATE**.

A few Sundays ago he told his congregation at Midway Church about the subscription campaign and mentioned the fact that another church on the circuit, Mizpah, was sending the paper to every family. Then, placing a sheet of paper and a pencil on the table, he invited the members of the Midway Church to come down after service and sign their names, leaving three dollars in the plate. When he looked at the paper he found that he had six names and \$18.

That night, at Brown Summit Church, he tried it again and got three more subscribers. Now he is gunning for Fairgrove and Friendship.

It's an idea.

We have always suspected that few persons ever accepted an invitation to "look up the **ADVOCATE** agent and give him your subscription." He might not be easily found, but it's easy to sign your name while you are thinking about it.

—Editor

## Announcements

Bishop Paul N. Garber has authorized the appointment of the Reverend E. C. Ruffin as pastor of the Pollockville Charge, New Bern District, as of January 1, 1960. Brother Ruffin succeeds the Reverend John A. Cooper, deceased.—A. J. HOBBS, D.S.

Bishop Paul N. Garber has authorized the appointment of Wilbur Jackson as pastor of Trinity Church (Franklin County) effective January 1, 1960. —Graham S. Eubank, D. S.

## Youth Council Plans For Summer

BY GLENDA PITTMAN

The NCCMYF Council met on Friday evening and Saturday morning, December 11 and 12, with various adults associated with youth work throughout the conference, and deans, speakers, and others who will participate in the two Louisburg assemblies, the Louisburg Workshop, and the Ninth Annual Conference Session. Plans were made for these summer meetings.

Charles S. Hubbard of Chapel Hill was selected as the speaker for the first Louisburg Assembly, June 6-11; the Bible Forum leader for that week was not definitely determined. The speaker and Bible Forum leader for the second assembly June 13-18 are Harmon L. Smith, Jr., of Durham, and Dr. H. H. Hutson, president of Greensboro College.

For the Workshop, June 20-25, Dr. Thomas A. Langford of Durham was chosen to be the speaker, and Henry G. Ruark of Laurinburg for A.C.S., August 15-19.

General plans and themes for the two assemblies, Workshop, and A.C.S. were also established.

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# Methodist Democracy in Action

Every four years Methodists from all over the world send delegates to General Conference, the church's supreme law-making body. At this year's session in Denver from April 27 to May 11, some 880 men and women delegates—equally divided between laymen and clergymen—will be present.

For an explanation of Methodist democracy in action at the Conference, Dr. Walter G. Williams, dean of students at Iliff School of Theology, Denver, answers a series of frequently asked questions in the February issue of the church's family magazine, *Together*.

The bishops, says Dr. Williams, have two main Conference functions: they take turns presiding at the various sessions, but without vote; they prepare in advance the Episcopal Address, which one of them delivers in the name of all of them.

For 146 years since Bishop McKendree presented the first one, this 16,000 to 18,000 word message has been descriptive of the "state of the church." Although it is not formally accepted or rejected, it serves on the floor and in committee to guide the work of delegates, who frequently quote from it.

The bishop who delivers the address is chosen by ballot, without nomination, in the Council of Bishops. The address is a composite product of some 50 bishops, although the actual writing is done by the one who delivers it. It serves as the voice of the bishops only, and not the voice of the Conference.

One has only to look over the roster of delegates to sense the democratic character of the Conference. The 1956 Conference had 160 pastors and 131 district superintendents. Businessmen outranked all other lay people, 113. There were 17 farmers, and five laborers and craftsmen. Women accounted for 71 of the delegates.

Delegates, explains Dr. Williams, are chosen by their own Annual Conferences. Their expenses are paid out of the General Administrative Fund. A daily allowance of \$14 will be granted for meals and lodging in 1960.

That the Conference is an expensive one is judged from the total costs of the 1956 Conference in Minneapolis. That amounted to \$426,229.

A Commission on Entertainment is responsible for all Conference arrange-

ments. By lot, this Commission draws the names of the Annual Conferences, thus determining the order of seating. The Conference is opened with the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Various boards and agencies present programs, using all the arts of film, music and pageantry. Stirring addresses are given by world-renowned speakers.

Since legislation gets top priority, social affairs are held to a minimum. Some dinners honoring individuals are held, but they are always scheduled for 5:30 so that they will be over before the evening Conference session begins.

The Conference hears board and agency reports, determines budgets, and decides on the program of the church for the next four years until the next General Conference. Any member of The Methodist Church may submit a memorial (proposal for action) on any subject, and he may be assured that it will be recorded in *The Daily Christian Advocate* and referred to the appropriate standing committee for "concurrence" or "nonconcurrence." In 1956 there were 3,010.

Each delegate, writes Dr. Williams, is on one of the 16 standing committees—the ministry, missions, education, lay activities, publishing interests, etc.—that turn out the legislation. A delegate may also serve on one or more of the administrative committees, but the standing legislative committee is his first responsibility. The committees have from 75 to 125 members. They meet every afternoon and some evenings.

At the 1960 Conference, "divergent views will find free expression," concludes Dr. Williams. "There will be no 'compromise at all cost.' There may even be majority and minority reports. But if the General Conference lives up to its past record, there will be no purpose to get a choice between extreme positions. Rather, there will be a desire for solid decisions on statements that represent clearheaded, warmhearted churchmanship."

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## GYPSY RICHES

I have beauty that money can't buy—  
A white lace cloud on a blue satin sky,  
A black and gold bird on a wild rose briar,  
The orange-red flame of bittersweet fire;  
And bright Autumn sunshine, golden and cool,  
And a red leaf floating on a still black pool.

—Viola Perry Wanger

## Methodist Fact Book Now Ready

"The Methodist Fact Book" will be off the press about Jan. 15.

The 216-page volume, to be known as the General Conference edition, has as its central theme, "Twenty Magnificent Years." Many of the facts and figures show the church's growth and development since Methodist Unification 20 years ago. Note is also taken of the 175th anniversary of American Methodism.

The "Fact Book" is edited by the Rev. Albert C. Hoover of Chicago, director of the Statistical Office of the Methodist Church's World Service Council.

The volume is divided into three main sections: "Structure and Organization," "The Finances of The Methodist Church," and "History, Growth and the Future." To suggest something of the size of Methodism, Editor Hoover points out that if its members stood, hand in hand, they would form a line 9,178 miles long and could play a giant game of "Drop the Handkerchief," with the circle girdling the United States from Portland, Maine, to Miami, Florida, New Orleans, San Francisco, Portland, Oregon, and back to Maine.

The book shows the church's total giving for all purposes and carries full directories of its colleges, hospitals and homes, and general boards and agencies.

Interesting tables relate church membership to the population and indicate that Methodist membership is about 5.52 per cent of the total population of the country. Other tabulations show trends in membership growth by sections of the country.

The book has not been "doctored" by deleting unpleasant facts and figures. Considerable attention is given to thought-provoking statistics that suggest areas in which the church must work harder to hold its own or gain ground. One table, for example, lists conferences which show a decrease in the number received on profession of faith during the last conference year.

The book also asks some insistent questions, such as: We have 9½ million members—who are they? We received 380,204 on profession of faith—do they stay? We have over 7 million in church schools with 3,734,881 average attendance at Sunday School—what do they learn?

One of many interesting compilations in the book is a list of 40 Methodist pastors who have served more than 25 years in their present church. Heading the list is Dr. Ralph W. Sockman of Christ Church, New York.

Largest church in terms of membership is the 8,718-member Highland Park Church in Dallas, Texas. It is pictured along with its pastor, Dr. William H. Dickinson, Jr. One learns that the average charge has 400 members.

Copies of the "Fact Book" may be secured from the various branches of The Methodist Publishing House.

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Christians should not go to church for comfort, but to get their marching orders for the week.



## Advocate Receives \$20 "Back Pay"

A retired reader who asks that his name not be revealed sent a Christmas gift to the *ADVOCATE*—a \$20 bill which, he says, is back pay for the years he has been enjoying it.

"After reading in the *ADVOCATE*," he says, "how church papers have to scrimp and scrape to get along, I had a serious talk with myself.

"I am a retired brother, but I take a daily paper at \$1.80 per month. Now, says I to myself, 'Why not pay for your church paper?'

"I like the *ADVOCATE*. Could not do without it. So here's an installment on 'back pay.'"

We are not sure whether he is a retired minister or a layman but we suspect that he is a preacher. Whichever he is, we salute him for his thoughtfulness and thank him for his gift.

Are there any others?

## The Laymen Did It

One of the most remarkable achievements in recent years has been the growth of lay activity in North Carolina Methodism. For several years the Boards of Lay Activities have sponsored a series of laymen's rallies which have grown bigger and bigger. It is not surprising to find nearly a thousand men gathered at some church during the annual series, laymen who are prominent in business and political life, who have to make sacrifices to attend, but who do so with enthusiasm.

This development points to a change in Methodist practice which might cause some concern, were it not for the fact that, despite the tendency to separate ministers and laymen into two groups and to set up Methodist Men and the ladies of the Woman's Society as opposing forces (merely on paper, we hasten to add), the total effect has been all to the good.

United Methodism owes a debt to the Methodist Protestant Church which is not often sufficiently acknowledged. It was the revolt of the "MP's" back in the early days of the 19th century which halted the growing centralization of power in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Today, the Methodist Church is even more democratic in its actions than was the newly formed "Protestant"

group in those days. But their influence has been good for us, and their churches in our midst find a congenial atmosphere in the Methodist system which once they feared.

Laymen have taken hold of the church programs and given it a push that the ministers could not give. Ministers cannot campaign for larger salaries for themselves, they cannot insist upon adequate living quarters or demand expense accounts to meet the growing cost of serving a circuit or a station. Laymen can do this, because they are the ones who pay the bills. Ministers cannot take care of all the details of a busy parish, laymen can divide up the job among many and see that it is done.

The pastors of North Carolina are busier than ever before, but the job would be impossible without the help of laymen. Indeed, one minister has said that, far from relieving him of work, an active group of laymen have almost killed him with their kindness—for they have kept him busy finding new opportunities for service and assisting with their multitudinous activities. But any pastor would prefer to wear out trying to keep up with energetic and enthusiastic laymen than to preside in lonely state over a dead congregation.

## Now Let's Encourage Them

The television industry has taken a beating in the last three months. Newspaper and magazine editors have had a field day pointing out the sins of their rivals, and the thing has taken on the atmosphere of a witch hunt, as usual. It is in vain that the TV industry has quoted Jesus' word about throwing the first rock; the editors and writers kept on chunking them in. And it is well that they did.

A television house cleaning was long overdue, and most of the criticism was well deserved. But now it is time to start a positive program of commendation for the various attempts at improvement which have resulted from the bombardment.

It is true that some of the measures taken to insure respectability seem to have been inaugurated by executives with their tongues firmly in their cheeks. Witness the jolly little explanation tacked on to an obviously faked burst of applause, "The audience reaction has been

electronically augmented." It would have been much simpler to say, "The noise was canned." Perhaps the inventors of that little bit of gobbledegook think that viewers won't be able to understand it, but more probably, they just wanted to be smart.

However, our hat is off to those responsible for the great programs which came our way during the Christmas season. There were startlingly beautiful color spectacles, exciting games, intellectually satisfying discussions, and news analyses which were almost breathtaking in their demonstration of erudition and common-sense on the part of the correspondents from abroad.

As usual, the Roman Catholics and Episcopalians managed to put on the best Christmas services. The explanation is simple: Television is for the eye, more than the ear, and these church services were beautiful to look at. There is nothing more boring than the televised service of the average Methodist or Baptist church, for the camera, lacking the chance to focus on processions and ceremonial actions, is left staring into the face of the preacher and observing the gyrations of the choir—neither of which provides much inspiration for one who sits at home.

We have found that radio is the best means of communicating the gospel for non-liturgical churches. A well-thought-out sermon, delivered with good diction and earnestness, comes over without a loss of impact. But no minister should look with optimism toward the average telecast of his church service; it may ruin his reputation as a speaker and drive people away from his church.

Television stations and radio broadcasters must have encouragement by letters, and sales for their advertisers. They are in business to sell "time" and they cannot be blamed too much for misinterpreting the meaning of the audience reaction when those who criticize fail to make themselves heard in the right place, and those who really like what they hear and see will not take the trouble to say so. The rash of "rock and roll" programs is slowly subsiding. Why? Simply because the young people who call in and write are getting tired of it and failing to respond. But as long as they wanted it, they got it, because they made themselves heard.

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A man who does not find God in church on Sunday is not apt to find him anywhere else.



## The Lift of Quiet Moments

By D. W. CHARLTON

Charles Allen tells of a man who came to him some years ago with the burden of his troubles. After talking with the man and analyzing his problem, the pastor gave an unusual prescription. "Read the 23rd psalm," he urged, "three times a day quietly, thoughtfully, and prayerfully. Then come back to me in some three or four weeks." The troubled man did as he was instructed, and in due time he returned to the pastor. He seemed to be a new man, with a sense of calm, serenity, and stability.

Today many are trying to run away from themselves rather than seeking strength and refuge in God (Read Psalm 46). For one thing, men are driven by the speed craze. For the moment, 70 miles an hour is more pressing than 70 years of good living. A speed ship flaunted the words: "You are miles away from worry on the world's fastest ship." Some merely try to escape a dull existence. Highways are jammed by people on Sundays, who often return home for more days of drab existence. Some tip the bottle or down narcotics or aspirins to relieve the tensions of life.

Do we not need a new dimension of depth in living? Martin Luther's stirring hymn of the Reformation was inspired by the words: "God is our refuge and strength . . . Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46). Luther found God a present help "amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing."

Another thing, the psalmist knew the secret of relaxing. He had learned "to let go," and trust the heavenly Father. Some are like the man who was persuaded to take a flight in an airplane. Landing with tense, clenched hands, he murmured: "I never let my weight down."

Vacationing is an essential form of relaxation, if we leave our anxieties behind. A doctor advised one of his patients to take an extended trip. The man visited several places in another state, and put much wear on his car and some on himself. When he came home he was still confused and frustrated.

By all means take a good vacation! Dr. Harry E. Fosdick was once reminded that the devil never took a vacation. "That's the reason he's a devil," quipped Dr. Fosdick. "I would be like

## Strength For Heavy Burdens

By WALTER E. ISENHOUR

*If your burdens seem too heavy  
For your weary heart to bear,  
And sometimes you feel so helpless  
Underneath your loads of care,  
Don't surrender faith and courage  
To the foe of all mankind,  
But look up and know that Jesus  
To your need is never blind.*

*Hide yourself away in secret  
Some time through the day or night,  
There forgetting daily duties,  
Though they may be just and right,  
And kneel quietly in worship  
At the blessed Master's feet,  
Who'll prepare and make you able  
For the things you have to meet.*

*Don't despair when clouds look gloomy  
And hang low around your soul,  
For there is a silver lining  
You may see when they unroll,  
Which may make you shine more brightly  
Than you ever have before,  
And to help the folks about you  
As you draw from heaven's store.*

the devil, too, if I didn't take a vacation," he added.

Some ten years ago, Owen Murphy, opened a factory to make relaxing machines. Today he has five plants, we are told, and a pay roll of 25 million dollars annually. Long before the machine age, however, the psalmist knew how to relax in the open spaces, beside the still streams, and under the starry heavens. He had found that "the world is such a lovely place, sea, sky and sod, since I have learned to live in peace and unity with God."

A daily schedule may help to relax. "For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven." (Eccles. 3:1) When we may not be troubled about how much there is to be done, nor carry burdensome thoughts concerning our work into leisure hours. One thing at a time, and a grateful feeling that we have both labor and leisure moments.

Again, there is a need for the renewing of our strength. The daily round of toil exacts its toll. There should be a wheel of balance between the expanding of our energies and the intake of strength. Worship imparts strength for our work, and the waiting on God gives wisdom, insight, and energy for the facing of our world. With such gathering

of strength, we may be like the man of old: "They shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not be faint."

A police officer was once found deeply absorbed in reading the Bible. He said it was his habit to read the Word of God every morning, for it was of daily strength and help to him.

Some distance runners seem to get their second wind after they have covered 20 miles. The football player breaks into the open and dashes down the field with a burst of power to win for his team in the closing seconds of the game. They seem to have an invasion of strength from outside of themselves. These feats are made possible by the storing up of energy in periods of waiting, discipline, training, and tapping of moral reserves.

Strength may be renewed day by day as we observe spiritual disciplines of meditation, and creative waiting. A battery wears down and has to be recharged. A motor has to be checked and tuned up. Mules that work only six days a week fare better and have more stamina than those who are lashed to the plow every day. "Come apart," Jesus said to his disciples, and moments quivered with meaning as they waited in silence in the presence of God.

Furthermore, the quiet meditative moments should give us deeper spiritual resources. Terrific storms of misunderstanding, conflict, and emotions beat upon people today. But men have always faced testings in their personal and social relationships.

Customs and traditions are challenged today, and many are in seething revolt. Wisdom, courage, and calmness are the resources needed for the facing of the hour. "We will not fear though the earth should change," said the psalmist, "though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though the waters roar and foam . . ."

An Army Air Corps dispatched some pilots to make observations of a hurricane some years ago. When the pilots reached the terrific storm, they flew straight into the center. It was the first time that anyone had flown into the center of a hurricane. Once inside the hurricane, they found neither rain nor high wind, but perfect calm. One of the pilots said that he would never again be afraid of a hurricane, if he could reach the center. Amid the ups and downs of life, there is a quiet center in God, who is "our refuge and strength."



# 36 New Churches Need Ten Dollar Club Help

By DALLAS MALLISON

Would *you* like to help in a great and dramatic cause that will benefit other Methodists in this state—yourself included? If *you* knew that a great and pressing emergency for your help exists right here on our own doorsteps, would *you* feel inclined to help? Do *you* want to invest in a proven cause whose returns are possibly the greatest for us right here at home in terms of the small amount invested?

If *you* do—and we believe *you* do—then read this story. It tells how *you* can help greatly with only ten dollars.

Such an emergency, such a need, and such an opportunity does exist at this very moment right here at home in our own North Carolina Methodist Conference. In fact, unless substantial assistance from *you* and *you* is forthcoming soon, we will have to retrench in a great and noble effort that has placed the N. C. Conference at the very forefront of American Methodism.

The Ten Dollar Club needs *your* help, and the help of many others like *you*. This six-year-old agency, which has caught the imagination and attracted the interests of Methodists everywhere, is in a critical emergency. It can continue and even go forward in its great work in helping our brand-new churches—or it can lose its punch and die. In a very real way, it all depends on *you*!

## 1,000 NEW MEMBERS NEEDED

The Ten Dollar Club needs at least 1,000 new members and a supreme effort is to be made to secure this minimum number during the month of January which is Church Extension month, says the Rev. O. L. Hathaway, N. C. Conference Missions secretary. Each of the 850 churches in the N. C. Conference is being asked for at least one new member—one new member for each 500 members in the local church or fraction thereof is the goal. The great climactic day will be on Sunday, January 17, which is Church Extension Sunday.

"We plead with *you* for your help and co-operation which is so desperately needed at this time," the Rev. Mr. Hathaway declared. "We have reached a very critical emergency and we must have *your* help."

"We have nearly 40 new churches waiting to be placed on the Ten Dollar Club call," he said, "and they badly need *your* help in building their first buildings. In order to help these churches, we need to double our membership right now in the Ten Dollar Club. If *you* have not already joined, *you* can help us by becoming a member. Every present member can help by securing another member for our Club."

More than 70 new congregations have been added to the N. C. Conference roll of churches during the past eight years. Through the November or current call, 37 of these churches have been helped by the Ten Dollar Club. Exactly 36 more need this help now—and this number increases every month. In fact, there are more churches on the waiting list now than there were when the Club issued its first call in the spring of 1954.

## HOW THE CLUB WORKS

Usually two, and sometimes three, new churches are included in each call. Only three calls for gifts are made each year—March, July, and November of each year. Only new churches are aided under this plan, and this aid is for the construction of their first building units. Other churches are aided through other funds.

Under this plan Methodist laymen and ministers band themselves together with the pledge that they will give \$10 or more when called on—and not more than three times in any one year—by the Conference Missions Board to aid a new congregation in constructing its first permanent building.

## TEN DOLLAR CLUB CHURCHES

In the order in which they were placed on call, here is a complete listing of the 37 new churches which have or will receive assistance through the current November call. Two or more in addition to these are to be named for the next or March call. The list is:

Spring Lake Church—Spring Lake-Fort Bragg; Riverside Church—Elizabeth City; St. John Church—Durham; Coats Church—Coats; Trinity Church—New Bern; St. Mark Church—Kinston; Epworth Church—Durham; Fellowship Church—Hamlet; Southern Pines Church—Southern Pines; Christ Church—Fayetteville; and

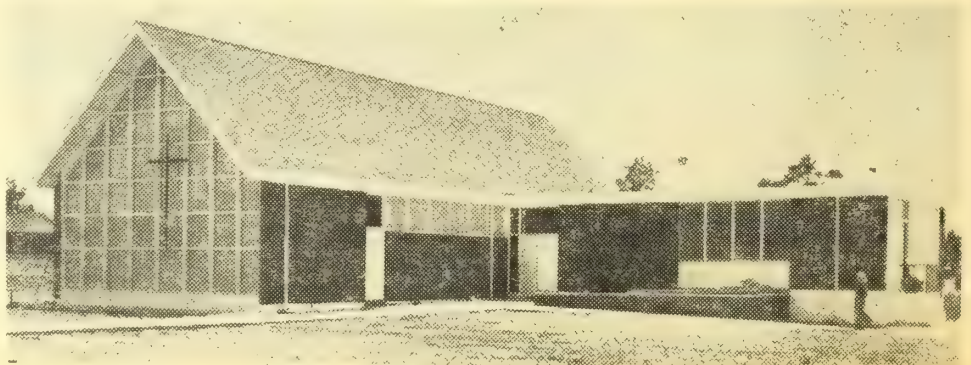
Highland Church—Raleigh; Asbury Church—Smithfield; Englewood Church—Rocky Mount; Grace Church—Clinton; Devon Park Church—Wilmington; Grace Church—Elizabeth City; St. Paul Church—Burlington; Aldersgate Church—Chapel Hill; Sarecta Church—near Beulaville; Layden Memorial Church—Raleigh; and

Grace Church—Rockingham; Grace Church—Burlington; St. Mark Church—Raleigh; St. John Church—Kinston; First Church—Pine Level; Oleander Church—Wilmington; Old Hundred Church—near Laurel Hill; Lyon Memorial Church—Fayetteville; West Smithfield Church—Smithfield; Salemburg Church—Salemburg; and

Aldersgate Church—Durham; Trinity Church—Sanford; Cherry Point Church—Havelock; Jefferson Church—Goldboro; Collins Chapel Church—near Red Springs; St. Matthews Church—Fayetteville; and Wesley Church—near Wilmington.

## THESE CHURCHES MEAN MUCH

The contribution and significance of the Ten Dollar Club churches is seen in the fact that in their total membership they represent or have added more than half a new district to the N. C. Conference. They have added more than half



Spring Lake Church



a new district in at least 13 categories or respects:

- In new Methodist churches (37)
- In pastoral support
- In benevolence and world service gifts
- In new units of W.S.C.S.
- In new Methodist Men's clubs
- In new Methodist members
- In new church school members
- In value of church buildings
- In support of colleges, old and new
- In support of the Methodist Retirement Home

- In support of Golden Cross
- In support of youth camps
- In support of the Methodist Children's Home

Truly, the Ten Dollar Club is a great evangelistic arm of The Methodist Church! It is a veritable "bold new stroke" in the financing of new church buildings—an indispensable adjunct in an effective program of church extension. It is the single most dramatic effort in the continuing outreach of The Methodist Church on the home front.

## Mid-Year Report on North Carolina Conference Adult Education

BY HAROLD D. MINOR

Two major projects have been emphasized in the Conference Adult program during this fall, both in areas of crucial importance to the individual Christian, to the family, and to the church: Bible Conference Week, and Premarital Seminars and Family Life Rallies.

Bible Conference Week, October 25-30, saw completed eighteen 3-day Bible Conferences, with total attendance at all sessions of 4,632, and average attendance of 85.

Lecturers included Dr. W. Locke, High Point College; Dr. Bernard Boyd, U. N. C.; Dr. Clyde Manschreck, Duke; Dr. James L. Price, Duke; Dr. R. H. Sales, Duke; Dr. Tom Langford, Duke; Dr. J. H. Phillips, Duke; Rev. Walter McDonald, Louisburg; Rev. Leon Couch, Goldsboro; Dr. Hugh Anderson, Duke; Dr. Boyd Daniels, Duke; Dr. H. E. Myers, Duke, retired; and Dr. Orval Wintermute, Duke.

Group Work Leaders were Rev. J. L. Joyce, Garner; Rev. R. L. Brame, Wilmington; Rev. G. R. McKenzie, Jr., Durham; Rev. E. C. Shoaf, Durham; Rev. Harold Minor, Durham; Rev. James Auman, Hertford; Rev. Brooks Patton, Aberdeen; Rev. R. H. Eason, Raleigh; Rev. J. H. Miller, Jr., Snow Hill; Rev. Troy Barrett, Warrenton; Mrs. T. S. Newbold, Rocky Mount; and Rev. F. E. Still, Red Springs.

Two anonymous comments were turned in at one of the Bible Conferences, as follows—"The Bible Conference is just what I have been clamoring for and saying, 'Why don't we have some real Bible study?'" and the second—"I didn't know what to expect from this conference but have been most enthused and excited about it. I feel it will help me in my personal use of the Bible for both study and devotions, and especially as I begin teaching a church school class. Feeling a need within myself, I have appreciated this beginning of guidance through lecture and group work."

The Bible Conference is intended to supplement the local church program by providing authoritative information and actual experience in group Bible study. The full value can be realized only through follow-up in the local church.

The five Premarital Counseling Seminars and Family Life Rallies, November 30 to December 4, at Durham, Fayetteville, Jacksonville, Plymouth and Wilson, attract-

ed 121 ministers and wives to the Seminars, and 285 total to the Rallies.

In addition to the guest speaker, Dr. John T. Greene of Florida State University, forty-five persons gave some form of leadership, including six district superintendents, five host pastors, fourteen panel members, six work group leaders, eight discussion group leaders, five devotional leaders, and the writer.

Dr. Greene's addresses on "Education for Christian Marriage" and "How You Can Help Your Marriage," were very helpful, both personally and in terms of program planning.

The new official Methodist Marriage Manuals were effectively introduced by a panel at each Seminar. Expressions of increased confidence for premarital counseling were received from several ministers.

A color film, "One Love—Conflicting Faiths," was seen as a valuable tool for helping both parents and teen-agers understand the obstacles to happy inter-faith marriages.

Much disappointment was expressed at the necessity of cancelling the Demonstration Interviews. Consequently, tentative plans are to make two such interviews, using different techniques, the heart of the program in the next such series. Time will be devoted to preparation and theory, each demonstration will be followed by evaluation, and application to specific problems will be made, using a full day and evening for the presentation.

This project, like Bible Conference Week, was planned to supplement, enrich and encourage the efforts of pastors and leaders in local churches. Some need was met, for one pastor's reaction was, "This is the best thing the Board of Education has ever done." Realizing that this sentiment would not be unanimous, we hope that the experience of this week may contribute to a more understanding ministry, better family living, and improved education for marriage.

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For who hath despised the day of small things.—*Zechariah 4:10.*

Have we not all one father? Hath not our God created us?—*Malachi 2:10.*

## 1960 Pastors' School Set For Oct. 24-26

Dates of October 24-26, 1960, have been set for the North Carolina Pastors' School-Convocation at Duke University, it has been announced by Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, Chairman of the Board of Managers. The 1959 School in November proved to be so successful that the Board of Managers in a recent meeting, after clearing the dates with Dean Robert Cushman, have approved the October time for the annual refresher courses for the Methodist ministers of the two North Carolina Conferences.

Dr. Mac Richey, Professor in the Duke Divinity School and ministerial member of the Western North Carolina Conference, will serve as Director of the School, and will be assisted by the Rev. Harmon Smith of the Divinity School Staff. Dean Cushman will announce the Gray Lecturer, and the other lecturers will be chosen within a few weeks.

Officers chosen for the Board of Managers are: Wilson O. Weldon of Charlotte, Chairman; A. J. Hobbs of New Bern, Vice-Chairman; L. C. Vereen of Durham, Secretary; C. P. Morris of Durham, Treasurer; and Executive Committee members are Carl H. King of Salisbury and Paul Carruth of Raleigh.

## Methodist Heritage Tours Announced for 1960

Nine Methodists have been announced as spiritual leaders of "Methodist Heritage Tours" to Europe next summer.

The tours, each covering a 24-day period and having identical itineraries, will devote special attention to places of Methodist significance. One of the first stops in England will be at Epworth, birthplace of John and Charles Wesley. Numerous historic Methodist spots will be included during the tour of England.

The tour parties will also visit Scotland, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, and France.

Departure dates of the tours and the leaders follow:

June 3—The Rev. Dr. David Wesley Soper, chairman of the department of religion, Beloit College, Beloit, Wis.

June 17—The Rev. Charles S. Greiger Andrews Methodist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

June 24—The Rev. Dr. Asbury G. E. Strombergh, St. James Church, Lynbrook, N. Y.

July 1—The Rev. Arthur W. Goodhand, Christ Church, New York, N. Y.

July 15—Newman S. Cryer, Jr., managing editor of *Christian Advocate*, Chicago, Ill.

July 29—The Rev. Harold W. Ewing, Union Avenue Church, Alliance, Ohio.

Aug. 12—The Rev. Raymond E. Neff, district superintendent, Newark Conference, Maplewood, N. J.

Aug. 26—The Rev. Harold F. Fair, assistant editor of adult publications, Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn.

Sept. 16—The Rev. A. L. Stevenson, director of Church Service, Atlanta, Ga.

The tours are sponsored by British Overseas Airways Corporation.



# Western N. C. Methodism Builds to Serve

By J. ELWOOD CARROLL

Methodists of Western North Carolina will complete a new building every other day and spend over ten million dollars this conference year, according to information reported by the district superintendents. These conclusions are based on reports as given in November.

There were a total of 171 building projects actually under construction in November, or had already been completed since June 1, 1959. Practically all the projects yet under construction at this time will be completed before the close of next May, which is the end of the conference year. No attempt is made to estimate how many more projects will be started before next June, neither is there any attempt to list congregations which have bought additional land for new buildings and future expansions. Of the 171 projects, 26 are parsonages, 72 are churches, and 73 are educational buildings and fellowship halls. The total cost of these projects is \$10,681,018. There's a thrilling story behind every project and every dollar donated, hence we look forward to these reports from the local churches.

The Methodist building program is very well spread over the entire western part of the state. Naturally, it would be expected that a larger number of projects are under construction in the larger districts and more populous areas. The variation by districts is greater in the amount of money being spent than in the number of projects, as would be expected, because of a few exceptionally large construction jobs in some of the cities. The total number of projects by districts is Winston-Salem 32, Greensboro 26, Thomasville 23, Charlotte and Statesville 16 each, Asheville 14, Salisbury 12, Waynesville 11, Gastonia and Marion 9 each, and North Wilkesboro 3.

The Asheville District reports 3 parsonages, 4 churches and 7 educational buildings, at an estimated cost of \$630,000. The new parsonages are at Leicester, Mars Hill, and Salem-Barnardsville. The new churches are at Oak Hill, Little Sandy on Sandy, Selica on Brevard Circuit, and Bethesda on Bethesda-Tabernacle. Boasting educational build-

ings are Teague's on Sandy, Mills River, Clark's Chapel on Weaverville Circuit, Burnsville, Haywood Street, Trinity and Groce in Asheville.

The Charlotte District has many building projects in addition to those connected with newly organized congregations. The district is building four new parsonages and 12 new churches at an estimated cost of \$1,670,500. The parsonages are property of Big Spring and St. Mark's in Charlotte, Central in Monroe, and Ansonville. Churches have been completed or under construction at Memorial, St. Mark's, Hickory Grove, Grace, Kilgo in Charlotte; at Matthews, Peachland, Hopewell, Wadesboro, Bethlehem, and Davidson. Additional educational facilities have been added at Dilworth.

The Gastonia District reports nine projects valued at \$206,000. These include a new parsonage on Laboratory-Landers; the three educational buildings at Aldersgate in Shelby, Stanley, and McAdenville; and the new churches on Cleveland Circuit, Fairfield on New Salem-Fairfield, Sulphur Springs, and Landers.

The Greensboro District reports 26 projects valued at \$3,216,000. Among these projects are six parsonages, namely: College Place in Greensboro, Madison, Mount Hermon, Oak Ridge, Pleasant Garden, and Lowe's on Reidsville Circuit. The church building or improvement projects include: Gideon's Grove, Groometown-St. Andrew's, Centenary, St. Paul's, St. John's (formerly West End) in Greensboro, Burnett's Chapel, Hickory Grove, and Lebanon in High Point, Mount Pleasant, Spray, and Price on Rockingham Circuit. The new educational additions have been made at Hinshaw Memorial, Vickery, Calvary, Rankin Memorial, and Wesley Memorial in High Point, Leaksville, Lee's Chapel, and Mount Zion on Stokesdale Circuit.

The Marion District reports nine new projects valued at \$730,000, with the majority of the funds being spent on the new First Church of Marion. Marion has no new parsonages under construction. The three new churches are First of Marion, Connelly Springs, and Pinnacle. The educational additions are Cedar

Grove on Sunshine, Mount Hebron, Old Fort, Rutherford College, St. Matthews, and Zion Memorial.

North Wilkesboro has three projects — a church, a parsonage, and an educational building, under construction at a cost of \$68,000. The parsonage is located at Moravian Falls, the new church at Piney Creek on Alleghany-Grayson, and the educational building at Ashley Chapel on Helton.

The Salisbury District is building two new churches and ten education buildings at a cost of \$550,000. The new churches are at Bethlehem on Gold Hill and Zion on Richfield. Education buildings are rising at Central and Epworth in Concord, Providence Church on Providence Circuit, Randall's on Norwood Circuit, St. Paul's on Midland, Unity on Unity-Oak, Love's Grove on Stanfield, Roberts, Locust, and Bethany.

Statesville District is building 16 projects at a cost of \$443,000. The Harper's Circuit parsonage was occupied in June, while 7 churches and 8 educational projects are in progress. New sanctuaries have been built or old ones improved at Centenary, Mount Bethel on Harmony, Bethel in Hickory, Hudson, McKendree, Broad Street at Mooresville, and Midway on Trinity. Eight additions to education buildings have been made, namely: Center and Friendship on Balls Creek, Grace Chapel, Littlejohn, Maiden First, Ebenezer on Rhodiss, Wesley Chapel, and Whitnel.

Twenty-three projects in the Thomasville District are estimated to cost \$903,518. Five new parsonages are offered at Bailey's-Elbaville-Fulton, Johnsonstown and Bethel in Thomasville, Wesley Heights in Lexington, and at Franklinville. Three new churches are being built at Liberty on Liberty-Concord, Pleasant Grove on Cid, and at Shiloh. Fifteen educational buildings or fellowship halls are being built at the following: Smith's Grove and Bethlehem on Dulins, Yadkin College on Reeds, Trinity in Lexington, First and West Bend in Asheboro, Cedar Falls on Asheboro Circuit, Maple Springs and Mount Olivet on Coleridge, Worthville, Level Cross, and New Salem on Randleman Circuit, Randolph on Liberty Circuit, Gray's Chapel on Bethany-Gray's Chapel, and at Piney Grove.

The Waynesville District reports eleven building projects—eight churches and three educational buildings, to cost a total of \$651,000. The educational facilities are at Waynesville First, Cullohee, and Long's Chapel at Lake Junaluska. New churches, or major improvements, may be seen at Hinton Memorial Center, Hayesville, Patton's Church in



Macon County, Wesleyanna on Sylva Circuit, Hampton Memorial Church on the Murphy Circuit, Cashiers, Shady Grove, Louisa on Haywood Circuit, and at Hazelwood.

Building costs in the Winston-Salem District will reach \$1,612,500 on the 32 projects as of November of this year. Five new parsonages will be completed — Mount Pleasant-Tabernacle, The Children's Home, Konnoak Hills and Maple Springs in Winston-Salem, and on the Virginia Circuit. Fifteen new churches, or major improvements, will appear at: Bunker Hill, Elkin First, Antioch on Forsyth-Stokes, Oak Grove on Germanton-Oak Grove, Hickory Ridge, Jonesville, Siloam on Level Cross, Lewisville, Grassy Creek on Mountain Park-Grassy Creek, Bryant Memorial and New Hope on New Hope Circuit, Stokesburg on Stokesburg-Pine Hall, Marvin, Mount Pisgah, and New Hope in Winston-Salem. Education buildings have been completed or are under con-

struction at St. Mark's and Forest Chapel on Forsyth-Stokes, Germanton, Pine Grove on Kernersville Cherry Street, Antioch on King, Pine Grove station, Beulah on Surry Circuit, Love's in Walkertown, Pleasant Hill on West Forsyth, and at Burkhead, Grace, and Mount Carmel in Winston-Salem.

According to building projects completed in the previous conference year and the plans under consideration for the immediate future, the current year appears in no wise to be an abnormal year in church building. Many churches have purchased additional land adjoining their present property for definite future expansion. Many churches have building committees and architects working on plans. Therefore with a continued favorable economic pattern, we shall expect just as many new projects to be started within the next year as in the past. Methodism is on the march and trying to accommodate the increased population in western North Carolina.

## No Easy Gospel Says Bishop

**Baltimore, Md.**—Clergymen cannot constantly please their congregations and have peace of mind, too, Methodist Bishop Edgar A. Love told a group of young pastors here Monday night (Dec. 28).

"You may preach a spineless, conforming-to-things-as-they-are sort of gospel that may not cost you anything," he said. "If you do, you may please the people and have a comfortable existence, but you will not have peace of mind."

Bishop Love, head of the Baltimore Episcopal Area of The Methodist Church's Central Jurisdiction, spoke at a public service marking the 175th anniversary of the official organization of American Methodism.

Some 300 young Methodist pastors from across the country were in the audience at Lovely Lane Church, named for the original meetinghouse here where the denomination was formed at a "Christmas Conference" in 1784.

They were selected to represent the church-at-large at a four-day re-enactment of the founding conference, and to launch a "Decade of Dynamic Discipleship" campaign sponsored by the Methodist Board of Evangelism.

"You may have to suffer for it, but preach the Word," Bishop Love urged the young pastors, all under 35, as were the church's founders.

"Many of us who are older will doubtless agree that we are weakest in our ministry at this point," Bishop Love continued.

"We have found ourselves so occupied by a multiplicity of varied tasks that we have tried to be 'all things to all men.'"

"We have tried to maintain membership and good will with the Rotarians, the Kiwanians, the Lions, the Masons, the Odd

Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, and the Elks. We have been called to lead civic movements, to speak at high school and college assemblies, to preach baccalaureate sermons, to be in the forefront of church councils and other interdenominational organizations, to attend countless meetings.

"No one knows better than I that civic organizations are essential to our community well-being. They should have the blessing and support of church leaders. However, it is equally true that the minister of Jesus Christ cannot major in two fields of interest. He must major in one and minor in the other, and there is no question as to which must be the major field of operation.

"The minister must take time to pray, to cultivate his own spiritual life, and prepare to lead his people in high moments of worship. He cannot lead if he does not know the way."

## Asheboro Church Building Has Methodist Murals

In the recently completed educational building of First Church, Asheboro, are nine murals portraying Methodist institutions. These are located in the fellowship hall.

Says the Rev. Cecil G. Hefner, pastor, "The new educational building is the first phase of the extensive program which is being carried out at First Methodist Church. The next phase is the renovation of the old building. The entire program will cost \$300,000. With the new facilities, First Church can take care of 1,000 in Sunday School. A few years ago this church constructed a new parsonage at a cost of \$65,000."

## New Parsonage Dedicated In Asheville District

On Sunday, December 13, 1959, at 3 p.m., the dedicatory service for the new parsonage of Bell Methodist Church in Leicester was held. Around 65 persons were able to get into the living room, hall and kitchen to witness the beautiful service which was conducted by the Rev. Robert G. Tuttle, Asheville district superintendent. The Rev. W. Stanley Baker, Jr. and his wife along with former pastors, Tracy H. Streater and D. P. Grant, assisted in the ceremony.

Following the dedication service the Woman's Society of Christian Service held an open house at which time all members were enabled to see their beautiful, six-room, well-furnished parsonage. The brick parsonage was completed about two years ago and has now been completely furnished and the over-all debt of approximately \$15,500 has been paid in full.

Another job well done by Methodist laymen so as to insure their clergy proper and adequate housing.

## Board of Missions Has New Address

For the first time in 69 years, the general offices of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church; and of all its Divisions, have a new address. They are now at *475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N. Y.* All mail should now be sent to the new address.

Into this new and efficiently-equipped office building have moved all the offices of the Board of Missions and some related agencies formerly at the Methodist building, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York. Methodists occupy the 13th, 14th and 15th floors of this new 19-story edifice.

To facilitate handling and delivery, the floor number should also be used, as for example:

Editorial Department, Joint Section of Education and Cultivation,  
Board of Missions, Methodist Church,  
13th Floor,

475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N. Y.

At the new address, the *Thirteenth Floor* (of the Interchurch Center) will house: The Joint Section of Education and Cultivation (General and Woman's Section); the Library of the Board of Missions; the Office of the History of Missions; the Editorial Department of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Also on the *Thirteenth Floor* will be located the headquarters of three related Methodist bodies: the New York City Society; the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief; the New York office of Methodist Information.

The *Fourteenth Floor* will have the offices of the Woman's Division of Christian Service (other than the Editorial Department); the Business Office of the Board; the Office of Missionary Personnel.

The *Fifteenth Floor* will house the offices and departments of the Division of World Missions; the office of the Division of National Missions; the office of the President of the Board of Missions; the accounting office of the Board.



# News From the Districts

## Thomasville

*Rev. John H. Carper, D. S.*

The Thomasville District Conference was held at Jordan Memorial Methodist Church in Ramseur on December 6, 1959, with the Rev. John H. Carper, district superintendent, presiding.

The welcome was extended by the host pastor, the Rev. Worth Sweet; the mayor of Ramseur, Fred Thomas; and chairman of the Jordan Memorial's Official Board, W. I. Jones.

Dr. Harold N. Brewster, medical secretary of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, and formerly for seventeen years a medical missionary in China, was the main speaker of the Conference.

In his address Dr. Brewster stressed the importance of the healing ministry in spreading the Christian gospel throughout the world. He pointed out that medical missionaries are following the example of Christ who, also, devoted much time and effort to the healing of the sick and suffering. Where Christian love and compassion are exhibited, hostile areas and nations respond to those who come to teach and heal, thus helping to break down the barriers. Dr. Brewster stated that there is a need for greater emphasis to be placed upon medical missions among all denominations. He added that the next year the Methodist Church is sending out ten new medical missionaries, four of whom specialize in surgery.

Also, included on the agenda of District Conference was a special memorial service honoring the late I. F. Craven of Ramseur. Besides filling many offices in the local church, Mr. Craven was a member of the World Service and Finance Commission of the Western North Carolina Conference and in the district served as trustee, lay leader, and steward. In the memorial it was stated that Brother Craven's "influence will mark the progress of Christianity in our district in future years."

Since June a total of 515 new members have been received into churches in the Thomasville District, some 190 new members having been received by profession of faith. Pastors' salaries in the district averaged \$310 higher this year than last. World Service askings this year are increased by \$4,756. The churches have also accepted an increase of \$4,052 in Mission Specials. The district had 161 more people receiving training school credits this year than last.

The following persons were licensed to preach: Fred Albert Carlisle, Jr. of First Methodist Church, Thomasville; Rodney Cain Brown of Jordan Memorial Methodist Church, Ramseur; Archie Lee Spurgeon Disher of Center Methodist Church in Welcome; and William Homer Osborne, Jr. of Central Methodist Church, Asheboro.

Because three other district conferences were held on Sunday, December 6, not all representatives from various Conference boards and agencies were able to be present

for this session. The Reverend A. L. Chamberlee, Jr., pastor of the Children's Home in Winston-Salem, informed the delegates that nine of their boys and girls were from the Thomasville District. Other conference personnel recognized were Dr. Horace McSwain, executive secretary of Missions; Dr. Romey P. Marshall, editor of the N. C. Christian Advocate; Mrs. Clarence Cranford, conference president of the W.S.C.S.; and presidents of Brevard, Pfeiffer and Greensboro colleges.

—ROBERT J. GOLDSTON, Reporter

## Waynesville

*Rev. Frank C. Smathers, D.S.*

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon was present at the December 6 session of the Waynesville District Conference held at Waynesville First Church. The bishop not only brought the message at the evening worship hour but addressed a large class of Certified Lay Speakers, and added greatly to the reports and discussions. The conference was under the leadership of the Rev. Frank C. Smathers, district superintendent.

Attendance was good in spite of snow which prevented some delegates from being present.

Carl Judy, missionary to Korea, gave an interesting talk on his work which he illustrated by the use of colored slides.

Supper was served in the new three-story educational building of the host church.

Among the many items reported were: 184 members have been received by profession of faith since June; \$22, 650 has been accepted for General, Conference, and District Advance Mission Specials; World Service has been accepted in full and half of it has been paid; every charge contributed to the District Mission Society last year and reports indicate 100% participation again this year; the district missionary society has contributed \$7,400 for assistance in the building of five churches.

Each delegate received a twenty-four page booklet of reports indicating the extent of the work of the church in the district.

—AUBREY L. BROWN, Reporter

## Winston-Salem

*Rev. Lee F. Tuttle, D. S.*

The Winston-Salem District Conference was held in the Sedge Garden Methodist Church near Winston-Salem, Wednesday, December 9, with the superintendent, Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, presiding. The devotional opening was conducted by the host pastor, Earle R. Haire. Aubert M. Smith was elected secretary.

High Point College was represented by Dr. Herbert H. Peterson, director of Endowment and Development. Pfeiffer College was represented by Dr. J. Lem Stokes II, president. He stated that Pfeiffer has just been accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools as a

full fledged senior college and told of the 1½ million-dollar building program presently under way for the enlargement of facilities and for additions to the college. Dr. J. S. Hiatt, superintendent of the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital of Elkin, said the Hospital had just completed a \$250,000 renovation program, including extensive installation of new equipment and furnishings and the building of a chapel. In representing the Children's Home, J. S. Hoyle stated that the Home is in its 51st year of service and is now serving approximately 300 boys and girls. Of this number, he declared, 17 are in college and 32 are members of the senior class in high school.

Dr. H. G. Allen, told of the work of the Conference Brotherhood. The Wesley Foundation of Wake Forest College, Baptist Hospital, and Salem College of Winston-Salem was represented by its director, Robert W. Yountz. Mrs. H. B. Simpson, president, spoke for the Woman's Society of Christian Service for the district. The N. C. Christian Advocate was represented by Harley M. Williams. Ernest U. Stephens spoke of the work of the Commission on Town and Country Work.

The district director of World Peace, Gene H. Little, stated that the Conference School on Social Concerns will be held in Broad Street Church of Statesville, January 25-27; and that the Washington-United Nations World Peace Seminar for the youth of the Annual Conference will be conducted April 19-23.

The superintendent, Dr. Tuttle, called attention to plans for Open House on Sunday, December 20 for the lovely new building of First Church, Elkin. He also stated that within the Winston-Salem District there is presently under way over three and one half million dollars in construction on churches and parsonages.

An appeal for help from the Winston-Salem District was made by the St. Paul's Methodist Church of Winston-Salem, Central Jurisdiction, which is being forced to relocate its building. The district superintendent stated he hoped this church might be made a district mission special next year, thus giving necessary assistance.

The District Program of Evangelism was described by Horace E. Bolick. He declared that thus far this year 476 persons have been received by transfer, 178 persons by profession of faith, a total of 654 people, or an increase of 86 new members over the number received by the date of the last district conference.

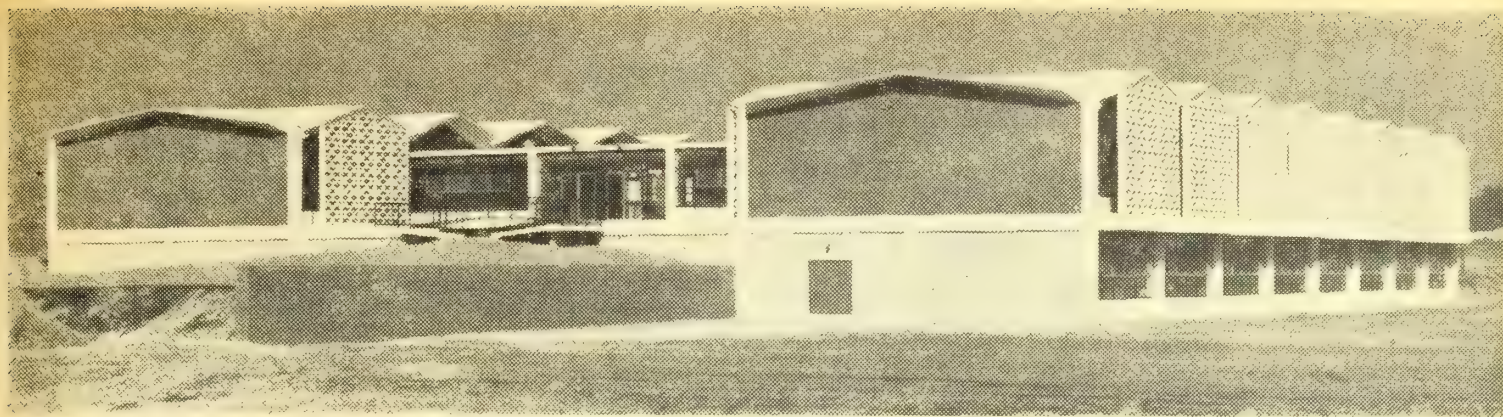
H. B. Simpson, treasurer of the Children's Home and W. B. Thompson, pastor of Sedge Garden Church when the present sanctuary was erected, were presented to the district conference.

In describing the Christian Higher Education Program, the district superintendent stated that on a district goal of \$342,000 a total of \$407,250 had been pledged with \$71,179.01 having been paid to date. He also stressed the importance of endeavoring to keep pledge payments current.

Robert F. Nay spoke of the Temperance program for the district and Earle R. Haire encouraged the holding of a School of Missions in each local church. C. Jack Caudill, district director of Christian Vocations, called attention to a Career Clinic

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*Classroom Building, Methodist College, Fayetteville*

# Methodist College Completes First Building

The Board of Trustees of Methodist College in Fayetteville meeting on November 24, 1959, approved the report and recommendation of the Building and Grounds Committee of the board, and in so doing, approved the acceptance of the newly completed Classroom Building. The meeting was presided over by Terry Sanford, chairman of the board.

The Classroom Building, with 23 large classrooms and 42 faculty offices, is built around an open court which, in addition to affording natural light for the inside offices, will afford a beautiful setting for formal and informal teas, receptions, and other social events. The administrative offices and library facilities will be set up in this building until such time as the Administration Building and the Library may be built.

Other buildings under construction are the Science Building and the Student Union-Cafeteria, both of which are about one-half completed, and are scheduled for completion by early spring. The heating plant is also under construction and will be completed by late spring of 1960.

Upon recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board of Trustees has established tuition and fees for the first year as follows:

Tuition ..... \$200.00 per semester  
Fees ..... \$ 50.00 per semester

The following items of student aid also have been established:

Five Merit Scholarships granting full tuition will be awarded annually by the college to high school seniors on the basis of scholastic records, competitive examinations, Christian character, and financial need.

Remission of one-half tuition will be granted to the following:

1. Sons and daughters of ministers of the North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church.

2. Sons and daughters of ministers of any faith in Cumberland County.

3. Students preparing to enter full time work in the church such as the preaching or teaching ministry, directors of Christian education, and overseas missionary service.

The report of the Academic Affairs Committee, as adopted by the board, establishes the curriculum in six areas of concentration as follows: (1) Languages; (2) Religion and Philosophy; (3) Education and Psychology; (4) Mathematics and Science; (5) Social Studies; and (6) Fine Arts. The college catalogue will be available for distribution in January 1960.

The report of the Development Committee stressed the importance of keeping our people informed as to ways by which they may become benefactors of the college and help in the future development. The committee pointed out that gifts may be made to the college through paid up life insurance, stocks, real estate, bonds, cash gifts, wills, and through any other available channel.

Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, president, in his report to the board, stressed the importance and urgency of finding ways and means by which the Library may be built at an early date. He pointed out the importance and vital role which the Library, with all of its facilities, will play in the total program of instruction and also in the accreditation requirements for the college. Dr. Weaver presented Dr. Elbert Wethington, assistant to the president; and Charles K. McAdams, director of Public Relations and Development, as new members of the staff since the last meeting of the board.

He announced also that Frank H. Eason, currently superintendent of schools in Franklinton, would assume the position of comptroller of the college on January 1, 1960.

Visitors present for the meeting included the Reverend Paul Carruth, executive director of the Commission on Christian Higher Education of the North Carolina Methodist Conference; Alton Murchison, president, and Frank Jeter, executive director, of the Fayetteville College Foundation; and several members of the College Foundation.

An indication of the need for and interest in this new college is the fact that more than 200 written inquiries have already been received requesting catalogue and registration information, and a number of these requests have come from as far as New York State and Pennsylvania. As we participate in the College Day programs in this area, we are finding enthusiastic interest on the part of high school students, faculty, administration and guidance counselors.

## Church Integration Makes Some Progress

*Nashville, Tenn. Methodist Information*)—Scores of Methodist churches have become interracial in the last five years, and the rate is accelerating.

This was announced here by the Rev. Dr. A. Dudley Ward, Chicago, general secretary of the Board of Social and Economic Relations of The Methodist Church. He was a speaker at the annual meeting Committee December 7-11 at the Methodist Publishing House.

Much of the integration in the churches has been in some large cities outside of the South, said Dr. Ward, and most of the Negroes involved are better educated and have better incomes than the average Negro.



# Woman's Society News



## Duke Graduate To Work In Sweden

BY MARY GARDNER

The North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service has long since considered its investment in youth one of its more important projects. It is not surprising therefore, that the conference executive committee has voted to pay the transportation expenses of a 1959 Duke University graduate when she leaves this month to do special work in four countries in Europe.

The story of Margaret Beatty's opportunity for service in foreign lands makes interesting news. While employed last summer in a school for emotionally disturbed children in Dobbs Ferry, near New York City, the young Raleigh girl, through Miss Ruth Lawrance, executive secretary of work in Africa and Europe, Woman's Division of Christian Service, made contact with Methodist Bishop Odd Hagen in Sweden. This correspondence with Bishop Hagen has resulted in Margaret's subsequent employment as secretary to the bishop. In addition to her secretarial work, Margaret will be engaged in interpreting to the Methodist youth in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and parts of Finland the great impact of the Methodist youth program in America. The youth work in these four countries is now at an exceedingly low ebb. Margaret will remain in Europe through the summer of 1961, during which time she will be helping to formulate and execute plans for the Methodist World Conference to be held in Oslo, Norway, that summer.

Following a recent talk before the Methodist Youth Fellowship of her church, the Fairmont Methodist in Raleigh, Margaret was presented an Honorary Youth Membership pin and certificate by the church's Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy B. Beatty, of Raleigh, Margaret for some years has been a leader in the Methodist Youth Fellowship, having held offices on local subdistrict, and conference levels.

## Unity and New Hope Women Organize

BY MARY GARDNER

The women of Goldsboro District's two newer Methodist churches have organized Woman's Societies of Christian Service. They are Unity and New Hope.

Assisting in the organizational meeting at the Unity church were Mrs. Cecil Pate, and Mrs. Shelton Boyd, district president and secretary of promotion, respectively.

Officers elected included president, and secretary of promotion, Mrs. Wilma Herring; vice-president, Mrs. Hazel Holland; recording secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Olive Redge; missionary education and service, Mrs. Eunice Brock; spiritual life,

Mrs. Lucy Lanier; literature and publication, Mrs. Walter Herring, Jr., all addresses RFD 2, Warsaw, N. C.

The Rev. C. G. Nickens is the church's pastor.

Encouraged by District Superintendent Howard M. McLamb and assisted by Mrs. Cecil Pate, the women of New Hope Methodist Church organized a Woman's Society of Christian Service on the evening following a recent quarterly conference of the church.

Officers of the New Hope society are president, Mrs. Alton Boyd, Snow Hill Road; Goldsboro; vice-president, Mrs. Henry Coltraine; secretary, Mrs. George Lewis, New Hope Rd., Goldsboro; treasurer, Mrs. Vernon Woodard; spiritual life, Mrs. Charles Britt; reporter, Mrs. William Britt.

The Rev. C. R. Hollowell is pastor of the New Hope Church.

## Conference on World Affairs Set for Chapel Hill

BY MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

The Conference on World Affairs will be held on February 11 and 12 at Carroll Hall at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, using as its theme, "The World We Have and the World We Want: U. S. Foreign Policy, 1960-1970."

The Hon. Chester Bowles, a member of the United States House of Representatives, will be the featured speaker for the two day program.

The program, arranged by the Extension Division of the University of North Carolina, will be as follows:

- Thursday, Feb. 11
- 9:00 a.m. Registration, Carroll Hall Lobby.
  - 10:00 a.m. Conference convenes.
  - 10:30 a.m. *The World We Have*—Chester Bowles, speaker. Questions and discussion.
  - 12:00 Lunch
  - 2:30 p.m. *Private Enterprise and International Development*  
Speaker to be announced.
  - 3:30 p.m. Discussion groups centered around North Carolina aspects of world trade.
  - 8:00 p.m. *The World We Want*. Gale McGee, senator from Wyoming, speaker. Question and Discussion.

- Friday, Feb. 12
- 9:00 a.m. Film in Carroll Hall Auditorium.
  - 10:00 a.m. Conference reconvenes.  
*The Moscow—Peiping Axis*, Robert Rupen, associate professor of Political Science, University of North Carolina, speaker.  
*Free Asia and the Free World*, Ralph Braibanti, professor of Political Science, Duke University, speaker.  
Questions and Discussion.

- 11:15 a.m. *The United Nations and You*, Speaker to be announced.
- 12:00 noon Conference closes.
- 1:00 p.m. Post-Conference Luncheon.  
North Carolina Conference of Women's Organizations.  
Mrs. Mamerta Bloch of the International Christian Center, Washington D. C., speaker.

There will be an extensive display of materials suggesting ways in which every citizen of North Carolina may become an individual ambassador of good foreign relations for the United States.

The afternoon session on Private Enterprise Development is designed to be of interest to the men of the state as well as to the women. E. E. Schnellbacher, who is director of the Office of Trade Promotion of the Bureau of Foreign Commerce in the United States Department of Commerce will serve as roving consultant for the discussion groups, which will be conducted by men well acquainted with the export-import picture in North Carolina.

One of the sponsoring organization for this conference is the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference.

Further information may be secured by writing Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford, Route 3, Asheboro.

## SeJ. WSCS to Hold Meeting in Lexington, Ky.

Nashville, Tenn.—The annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church will be held February 16-18 at First Methodist Church, Lexington, Ky.

Attendance is expected to be about 350, including delegates, missionaries, and others.

Among the principal speakers will be Mrs. E. L. Hillman, Rocky Mount, N. C., a former president of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service, and the Rev. Dr. Tracey K. Jones, Jr., New York City, an executive of the Methodist Board of Missions.

General chairman of the meeting is Mrs. John A. Creech, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at First Methodist Church, Lexington.

Presiding officer will be Mrs. David J. Cathcart, Lakeland, Fla., president of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society.

Theme of the 20th annual meeting will be "With Thy Church Abide."

Mrs. Dow Hamrick, Ellijay, Ga, is chairman of the program committee, and other committee members are Mrs. William B. Bourne, Brunswick Ga.; Mrs. O. D. Thomas, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and Mrs. Charles M. Henderson, Memphis, Tenn.

Hostesses for the meeting will be Mrs. J. W. Holbrook, Morehead, Ky., president of the Kentucky Conference Woman's Society, and members of that conference society.

The meeting will begin at 4 p.m. Tuesday, February 16, and the closing session will be at 7:45 p.m. Thursday, February 18.

Delegates will represent 16 Methodist



annual conferences in nine southeastern states.

A communion service is scheduled for Tuesday night, February 16, and Wednesday and Thursday nights will be devoted to missions programs.

A World Federation dinner is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 17, at the Phoenix Hotel.

Headquarters hotel for the meeting will be the Lafayette.

The Methodist Southeastern Jurisdiction Deaconess Association will meet from 2 p.m. Monday, February 15, till noon Tuesday, the 16th. Miss Rosamond Johnson, president, will preside. She is director of Wesley Community House, Atlanta, Ga.

A Methodist deaconess is a woman commissioned to give full-time Christian service under the direction of the church.

## N. C. Ministers' Wives Study Parsonage Situation

At the annual luncheon meeting of the North Carolina Conference Ministers' Wives held in Wilmington, June 24, 1959, the president was authorized to appoint a committee to study the recommendations concerning parsonages, adopted by the 1948 Annual Conference, with the view of revision. (See report of Commission on Town and Country Work, page 129, 1948 Journal, and page 132, 1949 Journal).

The committee, composed of Mrs. R. G. Dawson, Mrs. A. J. Hobbs, Mrs. C. S. Hubbard, Mrs. L. C. Larkin, Mrs. McMillan, Mrs. V. E. Queen, Mrs. H. G. Ruark, and Mrs. C. D. Barclift, recently met in the parsonage in Chapel Hill. Mrs. Larkin was elected chairman, Mrs. Hubbard, vice-chairman, and Mrs. Barclift, secretary. The chairman was authorized to confer with Bishop Garber to determine the proper procedure to get the Conference Parsonage Committee re-activated, in order that a report, containing the revised recommendations for parsonages, could be presented to the 1960 session of the Annual Conference.

The committee will meet again in February.

MRS. C. D. BARCLIFT, *Secretary*

## Churches Asked to Fight "Smut"

Washington, D. C.—Dealers in smut who peddle their obscene wares by mail are the U. S. Post Office's biggest problem, Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield told a church group here.

"I hope that all churches will wake up to the seriousness of this widespread evil and help arouse public opinion," he told representatives of the interdenominational Churchmen's Commission for Decent Publications.

Members of the commission, headed by their president, the Rev. Dr. Caradine R. Hooton of Washington, general secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance, called upon the Postmaster General during a meeting here Dec. 14.

The commission is composed of leaders of 15 agencies which, in turn, represent some 70 Protestant denominations.

The Postmaster General unlocked a "Chamber of Horrors" to show the churchmen samples of lewd pictures, magazines and films his department had seized in the mails.

Pointing out that thousands of teenagers are the targets for a thriving mail order business, Summerfield urged the group to alert parents to check their incoming mail, especially "plain wrappers" and envelopes with no return address. All obscene material should be taken to the local post office, he said.

Meanwhile, a House subcommittee is due to open hearings here Feb. 2 on the need for publishers and motion picture producers to clean up "overdramatization of sex and the spread of obscenity."

## Parents Fight Lewd Movies In Winston-Salem

Instead of resorting to censorship of unsuitable movies, Winston-Salem parents have organized to combat such showings by positive action. The first step was to obtain signatures of theater managers to a promise that lewd advertising and the showing of lewd and suggestive pictures would be voluntarily discontinued.

An editorial in *Charity and Children*, Baptist weekly published in Thomasville, suggests that such an approach could be used to the problem of newsstand filth.

## Mrs. Minnie Lee Hammer

She was witty, intelligent and full of the grace of God. She had a sharp sense of humor. I heard her tell the story of an automobile accident in which she was involved while in the company of two Methodist preachers. She would laugh and say, "I wouldn't have gotten into all this trouble if it hadn't been for two Methodist preachers."

With her keen mind and vivid memory, Mrs. Minnie Lee Hancock Hammer liked to recall the days of her childhood during the period of reconstruction following the War between the States. But she also was modern and progressive in her outlook, always giving herself freely to a lifetime of leadership in religious, civic, cultural and political affairs of her home, community, state and nation.

Mrs. Hammer was a national figure in The Methodist Church. She was a delegate to the Uniting Conference of the Methodist Protestant, the Methodist Episcopal, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South when they gathered in Kansas City in 1939. During her student days at Salem College, she developed an abiding interest in missions which never waned.

She was made corresponding secretary of the North Carolina Branch of the Woman's Foreign Mission and for twenty-five years was president of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Later she served as president of the United Branch of Missions of the Methodist Protestant Church. She was the first woman to be appointed to the Executive Committee of the General Conference to the Methodist Protestant Church.

It was Mrs. Hammer who conceived the idea of establishing and carrying on the

work of the Methodist Protestant Children's Home at High Point.

Whatever else she was, and she was much more, she was a great churchwoman. As the scripture says of Christ, she also "loved the church and gave herself for it." She lived a beautiful full life; always courteous, always thankful for the blessings which God had bestowed upon her; strong in her convictions and her love of God. She died on October 30, 1959.—Brunson Wallace

## N. C. Missionaries Leave For Africa

Mr. and Mrs. Seavey A. Carroll sailed from England to their new home in Mutambara, Southern Rhodesia, where they will be stationed as missionaries. Their address will be: Mutambara Mission, Mutambara, Southern Rhodesia, Africa.

In a letter to the *ADVOCATE*, Mrs. Carroll said, "We shall sail on the Carnarvon Castle from Southampton, England, on Dec. 17, for Capetown, Africa. We shall then proceed by rail to Umtali and then by any means we can find for Mutambara."

The *ADVOCATE* will carry reports from the Carrolls from time to time. The story of their decision to enter missionary work was carried in the September 3 issue.

## News From the Districts

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on Christian Vocations to be held for senior youth only, at Maple Springs Methodist Church of Winston-Salem Sunday afternoon and evening, March 6, 1960. He also stressed the high importance of helping youth to witness with their lives.

Carefully prepared reports were given by Paul S. Nunn, district treasurer, and Harley M. William, district statistician.

Re-elected as district trustees were Norman V. Stockton, Mrs. Paul Jones, Robert M. Smith, Ira G. Shamel, and Paul S. Nunn as trustee and treasurer.

The district superintendent stressed the importance of proper official representation at the district-wide stewardship seminar, Sunday afternoon, February 14, and the Interboard meeting Monday afternoon and evening, February 22, both meetings to be held in Centenary Church of Winston-Salem.

William R. Chatham of Winston-Salem and Wallace Ryals of Kernersville were granted license to preach. Mark Spurgeon Rose, Jr. was recommended for admission to the Annual Conference on trial and Oscar E. Merritt for local elder's orders.

At the hour of worship the Reverend James H. Coleman, pastor of Mt. Tabor Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, preached, using as his subject, "Indirect Evangelism."

The conference accepted the invitation of Edward O. Temple to hold the next session of the district conference in the Bunker Hill Methodist Church.

—AUBERT M. SMITH, *Reporter*

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# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## The Night After Christmas

By GAIL BRADSHAW  
(Age 15)

"Mommy, is Christmas really over?" Susan asked as she stood at the window watching the snowflakes drifting lazily to the ground.

"Yes, dear, I'm afraid so." Mrs. Stone took the last string of lights off the Christmas tree and put it in the over-stuffed box on the floor.

"Gee, Mom, you'd think with all the fuss people make about Christmas it would last longer. Just when you get to enjoying it, it's over."

Mrs. Stone smiled. "Come over here and sit down beside me, darling. I think there's something you should understand."

Susan crawled up in her mother's lap and laid her head on the reassuring shoulder that had always been there.

"Christmas holds a spirit that you should feel the whole year round. When Jesus was born, His birth marked the beginning of real love and kindness in the world. That's why we have Christmas—to give thanks for Jesus' coming. But the true meaning of Christmas may be shown every day throughout the year. Every time you smile at the new girl across the street; every time you forgive someone who has hurt you; and every time you go out of your way to help someone else, you are spreading the Christmas spirit, for that's what Christmas really is."

Susan threw her arms around her mother's neck. "I see now, Mommy. I understand."

And that night, as a tired but happy little girl slipped under the covers of her bed, she wasn't so sorry to see Christmas go, because deep in her heart she understood—she'd have Christmas all year round.

## The Big New Book

"Mother," said Patty, on the evening of December 31, "why do people think so much of New Year's Eve?"

"Well," said Mother, smiling, "it's really because it is the end of one year and the beginning of another. The old year has gone with all its joys and troubles, all its mistakes and successes,

and everyone is filled with hopes of a new year, which they trust will bring them joy and happiness, and enable them to do worth-while things. It's a time when many people, asking God to help them, make up their minds to do better, and to get rid of any bad habits they may have."

"Like forgetting to hang up my hat and coat when I come home from school?"

"Yes, dear," and Mother smiled, "that is one bad habit you have."

"And when does the New Year really start, Mother?"

"It really starts December 31, at midnight, Patty, when you are fast asleep."

## LITTLE BEAU

*Here comes my beau in shorty pants,  
feet so brown and bare;*

*Dirty smudges on his cheeks, tousled,  
sun-burned hair.*

*He holds a weird collection of grass  
and weeds and fern,*

*And the proffered sunny smile, it  
gives my heart a turn.*

*For happy smile, and smudges, too, and  
small boy's heart so fine,*

*Go with this lovely, dear bouquet,  
tied with dingy twine.*

—ELIZABETH F. CAVINESS

"I'm going to try to do better, too," said the little girl, and she was still thinking about it when she went to bed.

And then she fell asleep.

Suddenly she had such a wonderful dream. A beautiful angel stood before her, holding a big book.

"Oh," said Patty, shyly. "Who are you?"

"I am the Angel of Life. I have come to give you a New Year." And so saying, the angel handed her a book, open at the first page.

Patty took it gently, wondering. "But the first page is blank," she said, looking up at the lovely angel.

"Yes, and so are all the others. They are the three hundred and sixty-five days of the year."

"Oh!" exclaimed the child. "And what will I do with them?"

"You will be filling each page as you fill each day," said the angel, "as you do in your writing book at school. And this is the pen with which you will write. You can use only one page a day, and you cannot go back, and you cannot go forward. Good thoughts, gentle words and loving deeds will make a neat page in your book. But unkind thoughts and acts this pen will find very hard to write and the pen will scratch and make blots."

"And when the book is finished?" asked Patty.

"At the end of the year the great King will take it back, and give you a new one."

"Oh!" replied the little girl, wide-eyed with wonder, "I do so want to be able to give the King a book full of beautiful pages. Thank you for telling me how to write in it."

Then Patty suddenly woke to find the sun streaming in her window, and Mother bending over her, saying, "Good morning, and Happy New Year, my dear!"

And Patty resolved then and there that she would keep each day like a neat page in the book, of which the King would feel proud when He called for it.

—From Ivy Trail

## Riddle

Bill: Why is a baseball game like a pancake?

Jill: I don't know. Tell me.

Bill: Because its success depends on the batter.

## Bible Quiz

(Animals mentioned in the Bible)

1. A great Hebrew prophet was miraculously delivered from these beasts. . . . .
2. This animal is connected with the death of Jezebel. . . . .
3. The flesh of this animal was forbidden to the Jews. . . . .
4. Rebekah rode this animal to meet Isaac. . . . .
5. The prophet Amos once took care of these animals. . . . .

## Answers to December 10th Quiz

1. False Joel 3:4
2. False
3. True Galatians 1:19, Jude 1:1
4. False Esther 4:16
5. True



By RAYMOND A. SMITH

Head, Department of Religious Education, Greensboro College

## Strengthening Our Churches

Background Scripture: Acts 14

Lesson Scripture: Acts 14:19-28

This is the second session on the unit "The Church Shares Its Concern." Whoever wishes to get the most from this lesson should read and study the entire 14th chapter of Acts. He will then be in a better position to understand the selected verses. As in last Sunday's lesson, we are following Paul and Barnabas in their missionary activity.

First, we notice that this early missionary effort resulted in so much opposition that in one place Paul nearly lost his life. However, in other places success crowned their efforts and many **were brought into the church. It is important** to remember that opposition may be a way of actually strengthening the church, rather than weakening it. There are times when popularity may be a liability, especially if people flock into the church's membership with little or no understanding of its history and purpose. "The churches never had it so good" is a statement one sometimes hears with regard to the all-time high membership and attendance at the present time. But, as astute observers of the religious situation **have seen, crowded churches do not necessarily** mean a real revival of religion.

That this fact was well known to Paul and Barnabas is shown in verse 22, where it is recorded that they "preached the gospel . . . strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying that *through many tribulations we must enter the Kingdom of God.*" This does not mean that membership in the Kingdom is something that is dreary and sad. Far from it. There is a kind of joy in it that cannot be experienced in any other way. But the way into the Kingdom, and the requirements for "staying in it" are not to be thought of as easy. It was said of the composer Beethoven that the motto of his life was "Joy through suffering." This is a possibility for us only when we suffer for the right things. Jesus said to the persecuted: "Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for so persecuted they the prophets who were before you." They were, in other words, in good company—distinguished company!

We notice (in verse 23) that another way of strengthening the church was to choose leaders carefully—"with prayer and fasting." Here is something worth considering: do we sometimes get people into positions of leadership only because they are willing to try the job? We know that uninterested and unqualified people in positions of leadership in the church is one reason why it is sometimes ineffective. Here is a place where the modern church might do well to imitate the example of the ancient church; choose their leaders with care, and with prayer!

When Paul and Barnabas got back to the home base in Antioch and reported on their trip, "they gathered the church together and declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the "Gentiles" (verse 27).

Notice there is no boasting here. The emphasis is on "what God had done *with them*" and upon *God's opening the doors for them*. Saint Paul made this clear in I Corinthians 3:6 when he said: I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase."

No church can be strong when there is too much concern about which members get the credit for what is done. The task is so great that

even those who do the most have no grounds for boasting. In the words of Jesus (Matthew 17:10) "So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, we are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do."

## In Memoriam

**COOPER**—Once again death has invaded the ranks of our Official Board and has claimed our oldest official member in the person of Brother W. B. Cooper, an honorary steward.

Brother Cooper, who would have been 93 in January, was blessed with extended years. He lived not only an unusually long period of time, but a most useful life in so many avenues of service. He loved his Lord, and his beloved Grace Church to the end.

In due recognition of his passing we the members of the Official Board of Grace Methodist Church, in regular session, do duly record the following resolution:

I. We express our Christian sympathy to the members of his family who feel this loss so keenly.

II. We remember with high appreciation his many years of service to Grace Church, and to the North Carolina Annual Conference, where he served with distinction as a trustee and on committees.

III. We record a copy of this resolution in our minutes and send a copy to his family, and also to the "Christian Advocate."

Respectfully submitted, J. V. Early, Pastor; L. C. French, Chairman, Official Board.

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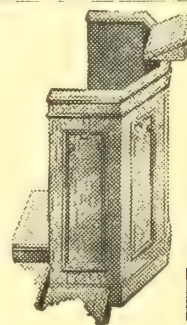
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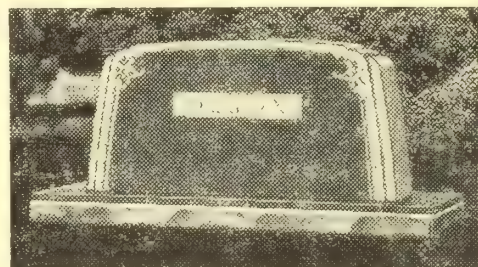
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## The Eternal City

John, the beloved disciple, in Revelations 21: 19-20, endeavors to express in human language the most transcendent spiritual beauty and permanence of the heavenly city—the everlasting city. He selected, singularly enough, to describe the foundations thereof, beautiful crystalline gems: Jasper, Sapphire, Chalcedony, Emerald, Sardonyx, Sardius, Chrysolyte, Beryl, Topaz, Chrysoprasus, Jacinth, Amethyst, every one of which appears in the minute crystals of



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# Carolina Briefs

Dr. Carl Sanders, superintendent of the Richmond District, will be the speaker in Fellowship Church, Hamlet, Jan. 31—Feb. 5. Dr. Sanders is a native of North Carolina, having been born in Star. Before coming to his present position, he was pastor of Broad Street Church, Richmond, Va., and "night pastor" of radio station WRVA. The Rev. R. T. Commander is pastor of the Hamlet church.

Grace Church, Wilmington, celebrated its 162nd birthday on Dec. 26. In his sermon, the pastor, the Rev. Joyce V. Early, commented that Grace Church is only 13 years younger than the Methodist denomination.

Wares Chapel Church, on the Washington Circuit, not only pledged its entire goal for the N. C. Conference Campaign for Christian Education, but has completed payment on its pledge within one-third of the three-year period, according to the Rev. Paul Carruth, executive Director of the campaign.

Methodist Men of Laurinburg's First Church have sent 17½ tons of food overseas through the government surplus program.

The Rev. John A. Cooper, pastor of the Pollocksville Charge, died Dec. 15 following a stroke. The funeral was held in Belgrade Church on Dec. 17. Dr. A. J. Hobbs, district superintendent, was in charge. Mr. Cooper had been pastor at Pollocksville since July. Surviving him are his widow and three children.

Members of Gibson Memorial Methodist Church in Spring Hope and the Rev. Eugene Tisdale, pastor, joined in a service of dedication for their educational building Sunday, December 13. In charge of the service was Dr. W. A. Kale of Duke Divinity School who assisted in this project. Also taking part were the Rev. R. S. Brodie of Tarboro, pastor here at the time of its construction, and E. H. Vester, chairman of the building committee.

Radio Station WKRK, Murphy, carried a Christmas Day program by the choir of



James Lee Powell, 15, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Powell, grandson of Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Powell, received his Eagle Scout Award, Sunday, December 13, at Mount Olivet Methodist Church in Concord. The special ceremony presenting to Scout Powell this highest rank in the scouting program was conducted by his uncle, Hubert H. Powell of Kannapolis. Others taking part in the ceremony where his parents, Scoutmaster Glen Davis of the Mount Olivet troop, and Scoutmaster Woodrow Blanton of Troop 1, Boger City, where he had been an active Scout prior to moving to Concord. Scout Powell holds forty-one merit badges, and also the God and Country Award.

First Church, Hayesville. Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist churches in that town presented a Christmas play on December 21, which was attended by 600 persons, and 2,000 persons witnessed the presentation of an outdoor Nativity pageant presented by the same churches, on three nights preceding Christmas.

Dr. Paul Hardin of First Church, Birmingham, was the guest speaker at the Christmas banquet in First Church, Gastonia, sponsored by the Methodist Men and the J. Wilson Smith Bible Class.

The New Bern District Conference will

meet in Atlantic, January 29, at 9:30 a.m., with Nelson Gibson, Conference Lay Leader, as featured speaker. The conference will be under the direction of District Superintendent A. J. Hobbs.

The Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Young, Jr., of First Church, Hayesville, are pleased to announce their adoption of an infant daughter, Betty Ann.

More than 50 people attended the service in Pink Hill Church on Christmas Day. This is the first such service to be held in the history of the church, according to the pastor, the Rev. Dr. H. L. Harrell. Three young boys were received into membership at the close of the service.

## Richard F. Munns, Retired, Dies in Raleigh

The Rev. Richard Floyd Munns, retired member of the N. C. Conference, passed away on Saturday, December 12. Funeral services were conducted from Trinity Church, Raleigh, on December 14 by the Rev. R. E. L. Moser, and burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Raleigh.

Survivors include his wife, the former Lillie A. Rogers, and six children: Mrs. John C. Mullen of Raleigh, Mrs. Arthur Wold, Raleigh, Mrs. Lois Mock, Clearwater, Fla., Robert F. Munns, High Point, and Jack Munns, Raleigh.

Brother Munns was admitted on trial in the North Carolina Conference at Washington in November 1914, and was brought into full connection in November of the following year. He retired from the active ministry in November 1950. During his active service, he served the following churches: Magnolia Ct., Roseboro Ct., Gatesville Ct., Maxton, St. John's (Goldsboro), Beaufort, Calvary (Durham), Clinton, Hertford, Laurinburg, Trinity (Raleigh). Following his retirement, he served as pastor at Coats.

During his years of retirement, he and Mrs. Munns made their home at 2104 Pelham Road, Raleigh.—R. E. L. MOSER

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## Thomas Coke, LL.D.

First World Traveler of Methodism  
First Methodist Bishop in America  
First Methodist Missionary Pioneer

Dr. Thomas Coke, organizer and first bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is shown here in a new portrait by Britain's renowned painter, Frank, O. Salisbury. It was commissioned by Dr. Elmer T. Clark, a secretary of the World Methodist Council, and now hangs in the Council's headquarters at Lake Junaluska, N. C., along with portraits of other Methodist leaders, past and present.

The Coke name has been kept before the church in the word "Cokesbury." This word, coined from the names of Bishop Coke and Asbury as the name for Methodism's first college, has more recently designated both the denomination's press and its book stores.

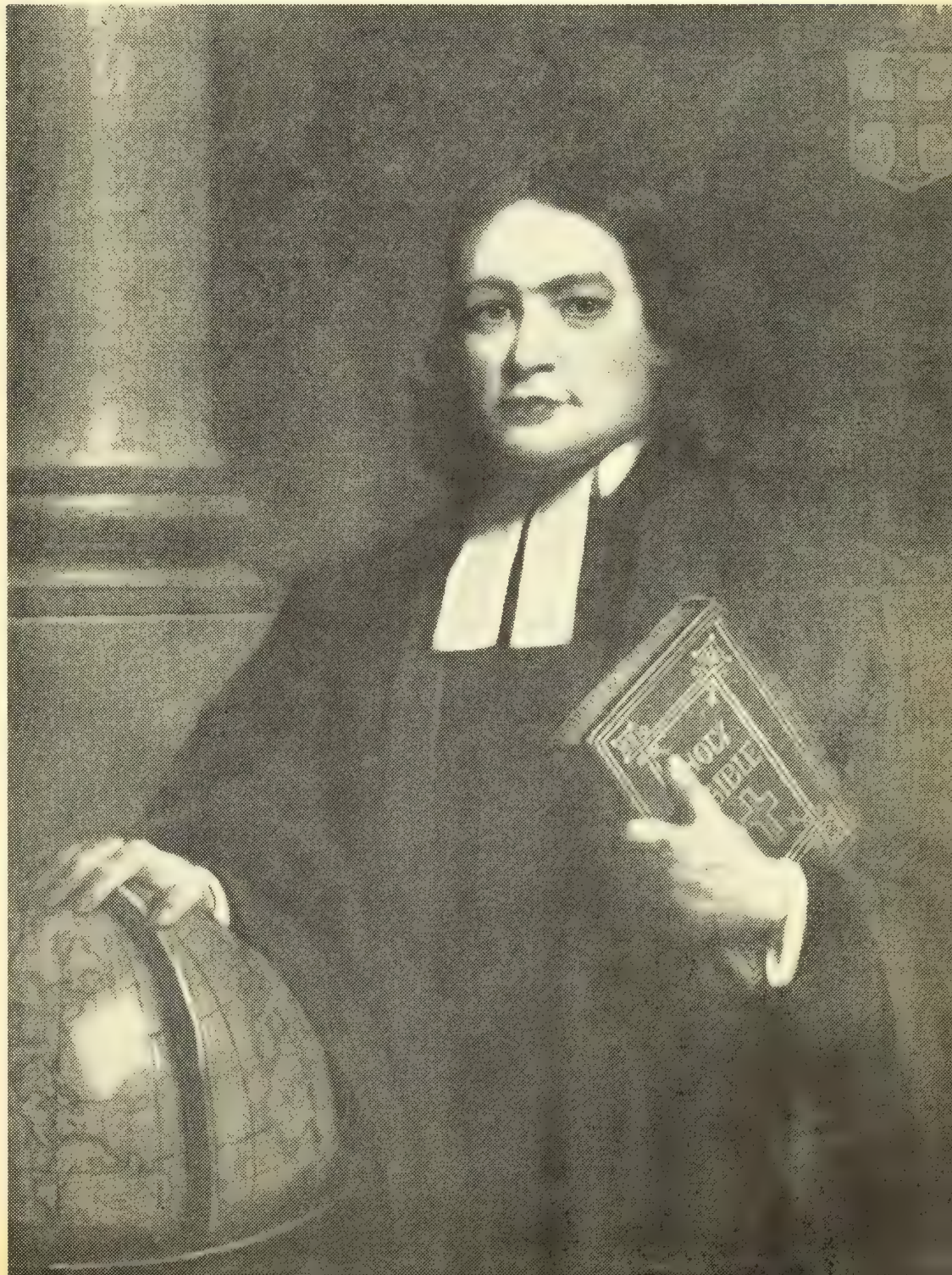
Bishop Coke was educated in Jesus College, Oxford University, receiving a doctor's degree in civil law. He quickly became a chief magistrate, but left the law to enter the Church of England. Because of his religious fervor he was soon dismissed. Then, associating himself with John Wesley, he preached in the fields, held the first Irish Conference, and headed the London circuit. At Wesley's death he became in many respects his successor.

When it became apparent that an independent church was indicated for his American followers, Wesley ordained Dr. Coke as general superintendent and sent him to organize the church and to ordain Francis Asbury and his colleague. This was done at the famous Christmas conference in Lovely Lane, Baltimore, in 1784.

While Bishop Coke did not remain permanently in the United States, he spent a total of three years here at one time or another, crossing the Atlantic eighteen times.

Bishop Coke and Bishop Asbury conveyed the greetings of their recently-founded church to President George Washington shortly after his inauguration, and received the well wishes of the chief executive of the new republic.

Missionary endeavors later took Dr. Coke to Nova Scotia and the West Indies. When he died at sea at the age of 67 he was enroute to India.





# LETTERS

## What a Suggestion Started

Dear Editor:

This is to say that we appreciate and enjoy the *ADVOCATE*, especially Dr. R. P. Marshall's accounts of his travels around England and Wesley's home, and to tell you of a special benefit we have derived from our beloved church magazine.

Some three years ago its pages held a few lines by Reverend Wayne N. Woodward citing two young Filipino Methodist ministers who wished for reading materials.

We wrote one of these young ministers who is now stationed as follows: Reverend Alfredo B. Funiña, the Methodist Church, Tuao, Cagayan, the Philippines. The letter led to a correspondence and projects of sending him our used Sunday school quarterlies by the gross, also teachers' magazines, Bibles and other literature which, he thankfully relates, have been a blessing to the work in our church there.

The bundling in heavy cotton sacks, the sewing up and mailing of so much material finally led to a division of the project among the M.Y.F. in one church, an Intermediate Sunday school class in another, and several assistants in still another, with three Woman's Societies co-operating.

Three churches of the four on our charge are enjoying this sideline to our giving with the personal gratification his fine letters bring to us, making us feel that we are indeed "going into all the world" for Christ.

We have his baby's photo. She is Rose Betty, now about a year and a half of age. His wife was a deaconess. His letters are beautifully written in excellent English, and how the stamp collectors do beg the stamps from us!

At the moment we are engaged in "Operation Horse" so Mr. Zuñiga can get around his far-flung circuit more quickly and easily. It didn't all get collected by Christmas as we wished, but it is awaited by him with much hope. Anybody want to help us buy him a horse? We now have thirty-five dollars. Horse costs one hundred and twenty-five.

Too long a letter here but we want you to know that the *CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE* must keep on coming.

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## Bishop Oxnam to Speak at Bennett College, Jan. 17

Greensboro, N. C. — Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, head of the Washington Area of the Methodist Church, will be the speaker when the annual service of remembrance for Dr. David D. Jones is held at Bennett College, Sunday, January 17, in Pfeiffer Chapel.

Dr. Jones, who headed the college from 1926 — when it became a woman's college — until his death in 1956, was frequently associated with Bishop Oxnam in educational and religious endeavors, and they became close friends. Injuries sustained in an accident prevented Bishop Oxnam from filling an engagement to speak at last year's service.

A native Californian and a graduate of the University of Southern California and of Boston University, Bishop Oxnam is the recipient of more than a score of honorary degrees, one of them the LL.D. awarded him by Bennett College in 1951. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

In addition to presiding over the Washington Area, which embraces the District of Columbia, Delaware, most of Maryland, and parts of Pennsylvania and West Virginia, the prelate is president of the Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church; a member of the executive and central committees of the World Council of Churches, and vice-president of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

Founder-pastor and director of the Church of All Nations at Los Angeles, Bishop Oxnam served for a number of years as a college professor and later as president of DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, before being elected to the bishopric in 1936. Before coming to the Washington Area, he served in Omaha, Boston and New York.

Representing the graduates of the college on the program will be Dr. Thelma Adair, of New York City, a member of the class of '38, who will give a tribute to Dr. Jones.

## Book Reviews

**The Upper Room Companion.** Gerald O. McCulloh. The Upper Room, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee. 336 pages. Paperback. \$1.00 each; \$10.00 per dozen.

*The Upper Room Companion* is a new adventure in the publication of devotional literature. Here is a book that covers the entire year; a book with weekly topics that parallel those found in *The Upper Room* bi-monthly devotional guide. How then does it differ from *The Upper Room*?

Each weekly topic is covered not by seven different writers but by one writer, who devotes the entire week in the development of the topic—not in writing seven individual meditations on the subject. Each of the 34 writers are outstanding theologians—college and seminary presidents, deans, and professors; ministers; chaplains; and administrative heads of boards and agencies.

Dr. Gerald O. McCulloh, Director of Theological Education, Methodist Board of Education, Nashville, Tennessee, is the editor of *The Upper Room Companion*, which seeks to fill the wider demands and fuller implications lifted up in *The Upper Room*. This new book is de-

signed especially for ministers, theological students, professors, chaplains, and all whose vocations lie particularly within the program and structure of the Church.

There is a pocket within the front cover of *The Upper Room Companion*. This is provided so that you may keep your copy of *The Upper Room* handy. You keep in daily touch with God through the companionship of the Bible, *The Upper Room*, and *The Upper Room Companion*.

**Teach Me to Pray.** W. E. Sangster. The Upper Room, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee. 64 pages. Paperback. 35¢ each; 3 for \$1.00; \$3.50 per dozen.

Millions of people neglect prayer because they think it is "just pious talk and we ought to be 'up and doing.'" Dr. W. E. Sangster, an outstanding clergyman and writer of our day, declares: "Only when men listen to God can they learn what they should be 'up and doing.'" Dr. Sangster, author of *The Upper Room* Book for Lent, 1960, is a member of the British Methodist Conference. He has held several outstanding pastorates. Best known of these, perhaps, is his sixteen-year pastorate at Westminster Central Hall, London. *Teach Me to Pray* represents the writings of Dr. Sangster as published by The Epworth Press of England, to whom we are grateful, under the titles: "Teach Us to Pray," "How to Form a Prayer Cell," and "How to Live in Christ." It is our hope to increase the usefulness of these three booklets through this one-volume publication.

*Teach Me to Pray* is a challenging book for Christians. Besides being a useful Lenten reading book, this book continues its usefulness each day of the year. Most of us would admit that we are beginners in praying, even after years of trying to pray. This book helps us "think together about prayer—not the problems of it, but the practice of it." Dr. Sangster reminds us that giving our minds to Christ is not as difficult as it appears: "All our school days our teachers urge us 'to give our minds' to things. . . . We give our minds to Christ when we attend to Him, think of Him, talk to Him, work with Him, rest with Him, walk with Him—and the more we give our minds, the more He gives us His."

**Graces and Prayers,** by John Lewis Sandlin. Fleming H. Revell Co. Westwood, N. J., 125 pp. \$1.95

Mr. Sandlin's former volume, "Prayer for Every Day in the Year," has been a constant companion at this reviewer's breakfast table. An examination of "Graces and Prayers" gives assurance that it, too, will be a highly valued and enjoyed breakfast devotional aid.—O. D. P.

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☞ ONE OF the goals A. D. Byrd's people at Plymouth have set for the year is evangelism through the Sunday school.

☞ C. FRANKLIN GRILL, through personal evangelism, recently received eight new members on one Sunday at Burgaw.

☞ THE ROCKY MOUNT District Conference will be held in First Church, Wilson, Sunday, January 24, from 2:00 to 5:30 p.m.

☞ CHURCHES throughout the state are conducting Church Attendance campaigns. Readers of the ADVOCATE are urged to assist in this good work.

☞ BISHOP GARBER formally opened the beautiful new church at Garner on Sunday, January 3. Johnny Joyce and his people have received ninety new members at Garner so far this year.

☞ MISS ELIZABETH LEE, secretary of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, was the featured speaker at the recent Mission Rally for the Marion District which was held at First Church, Forest City.

☞ DEMOLITION of the old building which formerly housed First Church, High Point, and which had been re-purchased from the Masonic Order, began on Jan. 4. As soon as this is torn down, work will begin on the new education building.

☞ DR. EMBREE H. BLACKARD, pastor of Central Church, Asheville, has been given a four-week vacation during this month. Part of this time will be spent at the annual meeting of the Board of Missions in Buck Hill Falls, Pa., and the rest as chaplain on the SS Oslo-Fjord on a Caribbean cruise.

☞ THE CHOIR and pastor, Chaplain Richard Braunstein, of the Cokesbury Church, Middleburg Charge, have planned a monthly visit to the Vance County Home. A program of music and message is presented, both of which are enjoyed by the family in residence, especially the singing in which all join.

☞ DR. JOHN H. CARPER will be the preacher for a preaching mission to be held in First Church, Randleman, beginning Friday, Feb. 26, and continuing through the following Sunday. The Rev. Worth Sweet of Ramseur will be the preacher for the "Week of Evangelism" to be held in this church, April 3-8.

☞ EDGAR BILLUPS, son of the late Rev. Edgar Parke Billups, presented a recital on the new organ of Leaksville Church, Sunday, Jan. 3. His father was pastor of the

*This 89-voice choir of Aldersgate Methodist Church, Shelby, presented an inspiring program of Christmas music at the evening service on December 20. The church now has three choirs—the Celestial, Carol, and Chancel—these were combined for this outstanding service.*

*This congregation, organized only five years ago with 52 members, now has a very attractive parsonage, a fellowship hall, and two educational units. The sanctuary is the next project and will probably be erected within the next two or three years. The present membership is 358.*

## Carolina Briefs

Leaksville Church at the time of his death and had made plans for the building of the organ to be placed in the church which was erected during his pastorate.

☞ ST. LUKE CHURCH, Goldsboro, has issued a report on progress during the last six months which reveals that 47 new members have been received, with a net gain of 23 for a total of 591. With a total budget of \$43,124, for the year, \$16,939 has been raised and paid. The pastor, the Rev. George C. McGill, asks for 40 more tithers.

☞ BEGINNING SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, and continuing through Friday, Dr. Harry Denman, of the General Board of Evangelism will preach daily at 7:30 p.m. in Edenton Street Church, and Monday through Friday at 10:00 a.m. in Hayes Barton Church. Pastors and people in the Raleigh and neighboring districts are invited to attend. Indeed, any who would like to come from whatever distance will be welcomed.

☞ METHODIST COLLEGE, Fayetteville, last week began distribution of its first catalogue. The catalogue, together with an application form, is being sent to the more than 200 persons who have requested information. Prospective students interested in having a catalogue and application form are requested to write to the Registrar, Methodist College, P. O. Box 592, Fayetteville, N. C.

☞ THE REV. GEORGE B. STARLING, eighty-seven, a retired minister living in Kenly, N. C., died Saturday, Dec. 12, at Lumberton. He served 48 years in the Methodist ministry, retiring in 1948. Funeral services were held at Kenly Methodist Church Sunday, Dec. 13, by the Rev. H. F. Pollock, pastor, and the Rev. H. M. McLamb, superintendent of the Goldsboro

District. Burial was in the Fremont Cemetery.

☞ THE NATIONAL FEDERATION of Methodist Musicians of the WNC Conference held a Church Music Institute in Myers Park Church, Charlotte, on Jan. 8-9, with Dr. Bliss Wiant as principal speaker. The institute was under the sponsorship of the Conference Board of Education. Mr. W. Howard Coble, minister of music at Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, is the Conference chairman. Walter Ball of Myers Park Church was in charge of local arrangements.

☞ THE MARRIAGE of the Rev. Robert Johnson Ralls, pastor of St. Mark's Methodist Church, Belmont, and Miss Aileen Fox of Inman was solemnized in Myers Park Church, Charlotte, on December 24. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Walter J. Miller, district superintendent, and Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, pastor. An attractive feature of the ceremony was the singing by the congregation of processional and recessional hymns: "Love Divine" and "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee." Mrs. Ralls is a native of Inman, S. C., and is a teacher in the Myers Park Through-the-Week School.

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## British Minister Finds Upper Room in Australia

The American Methodist publication, *The Upper Room*, is being used for family devotions in many Australian Methodist homes, reports Dr. Irvonwy Morgan, secretary of the London Mission, who recently returned from a speaking tour of Australia.

"I stayed," he said, "in numbers of houses, both with ministers and laymen, and in every case, without exception, prayers were held at the breakfast table. The prayers were simple, a Bible reading often read by one of the children, a comment on the passage taken from some book, a simple prayer and the Lord's Prayer. Often the American Methodist publication, *The Upper Room*, was used . . ."

Dr. Morgan commented, in an article written for *The Methodist Recorder* (London), "I thought at first that this was a carry-over from the simple Victorian piety which I remember as a boy, but I was assured by more than one that ten years ago hardly a Methodist family would have had family prayers."

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There will be no peace so long as God remains unseated at the conference table.



## A Catholic View of Tithing

Protestants who think that "I believe in Bingo" is an article in the Roman Catholic creed would be surprised to read a recent issue of *Our Sunday Visitor* (an official newspaper of the Catholic Church) which devotes much of its space to the subject of tithing—and to the criticism of bingo, fairs, and other commercialized forms of money-raising.

Too often we look down our noses at our Catholic friends with their supposed deviations from the faith and their laxity of practice. We condemn (and rightly so) the excess of intolerance practiced by some Catholic governments, and we fail to see the "beam" of intolerance and persecution in our own eyes. Roman Catholics have much to teach us, and we have much to teach them. It is encouraging to note that, in these days, the traffic seems to be coming both ways.

Bingo games have been fair targets for our criticism, and the fact that many Catholic churches depend upon them for revenue seems almost incredible. But we are not alone in our criticism; Catholics are waking up to their fantastic futility and searching for a better way to finance their churches.

The Rev. Winfred Herbst, a columnist in the above mentioned newspaper, writing in favor of systematic giving, concludes that such giving would do away with the necessity of "such things as bingo parties, fairs and fiestas, raffles and rummage sales, campaigns and chances, cake sales and socials, dinners and drives—which neither the pastor nor the laity likes but which are necessary in most parishes today."

And another writer in the same issue contrasted the approach of Catholics and Baptists in the following story:

"A priest-friend of mine was sent out to a suburban area to start a new parish. The Sunday after he announced his first bingo game the neighboring Protestant minister preached to his congregation on church support and a copy of his church bulletin headlined this question, 'Shall we give a bingo or shall we give a tithe?' Needless to say, the Baptists didn't give a bingo. They read the Bible, and the law of God, expressed 46 times, clearly says that 1/10 of a man's earning goes back to God."

The Rev. Martin Muller goes on to say, "I am personally convinced that God never intended His Church to de-



## How One Pastor Did It

Dr. A. J. Hobbs, superintendent of the New Bern District, tells how, during his pastorate at First Church, Wilson, he secured, during a period of four weeks, more than 200 new, full-rate subscriptions to the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

How did he do it?

The explanation is simple. He worked at the job. Presenting the church paper from the pulpit and to individuals, he did 98 per cent of the work himself, and, incidentally, led the whole state in number of individual subscriptions secured.

Who will match that record this year?

## January Is Advocate Month!



pend on the outcome of a raffle, or a bingo game, for its survival." He reports that in Mobile, (Ala.) diocese there are 30 parishes which employ God's plan for church support and have found God's way the best way.

The Rev. John A. O'Brien calls attention to the fact that the average smoker spends about \$100 a year for tobacco, the drinker averages about \$600 for liquor, and suggests that if every Catholic contributed as much as that \$700 the resulting \$7 billion dollars per year would free the Church from ever needing to worry about finances.

We are happy to know that the Roman Catholics are becoming aware of the scandal of much of the common methods of fund-raising, and we hope that Protestants will continue to emphasize tithing, despite the fact that much of our emphasis is by word only and not by deed.

Perhaps the two great religious groups, working together, can do something about the problem of inadequate giving.

## Too Many Births or Not Enough Deaths?

The current controversy over the problems of overpopulation bids fair to cause considerable trouble for at least one presidential candidate. Perhaps there is some reason for the sudden emergence of the debate in the fact that Senator Jack Kennedy, as a good Roman Catholic may be expected to uphold the position of his church. That he has already done

so is an indication of his honesty and courage. True, he has not taken the extreme position held by some of the clergy, but he has frankly expressed his opposition to the dissemination of birth control information in other lands.

The controversy will rage on and on, for neither side is likely to give ground. The majority of Protestant theologians seem to feel that Rome's unbending opposition to birth control by contraceptive means is unrealistic, and Catholics are united in their position that such interference with natural processes is immoral and to be condemned. Protestants hint that Rome's interest in larger families is conditioned by a desire to grow more Catholics and thus out-propagate them, while Catholics see in the Protestant attitude a failure to understand the situation in the light of religion.

Recently, a Roman Catholic writer has plausibly suggested that the problem is not so much that of too many births but of not enough deaths. The Rev. Anthony Zimmerman contends that the present population explosion will taper off in about 70 years (after the start of the present cycle) and population will decline. This is explained by the fact that people cannot expect to live much longer than the present average age of 65. He also suggests that it might be disastrous if the nations of the West who have already "advanced farther along than have the Asians and Africans," should curtail their birth rate just as the other nations are increasing theirs.

It is an interesting discussion, and the arguments are not all on one side.

Perhaps God may take a hand in the situation. He made the world and all the people in it. Do we believe that man must take everything into his own hands?

## Who Got Billy's Sins?

Helen O'Hare Downs, writing in *Our Sunday Visitor*, tells of her son, Billy, 7, who went to confession and returned home very much disturbed. He had written down his sins, so as not to overlook any of them, and then had left the list in the church with his name on it. When he went to look for it, it had disappeared. "We never found out," said Mrs. Downs, "who walked off with Billy's sins."

Wonder what would happen if some Methodists followed that practice?



# DEVOTIONAL

## "The '60 Outlook"

By ALBERT F. FISHER

A recent issue of *U. S. News and World Report* looks into the new year and the new decade that we are entering. Here are some of the interesting subjects studied: "How Big the Boom Will Be." "Spending Will Break All Records." "For Most Americans the Best Year Ever." "What the Census Will Show." "Can Ike End the Cold War?" "World Peace in Our Time?" "Who's Likely to Win the Election?" These are just some samples of what is discussed at length. And from this magazine it appears that this next year will be another prosperous one. The experts are predicting with great optimism.

One disquieting thought came to my mind as I read through this periodical—nowhere was there any mention of religion. Naturally, this vexed me considerably. These editors have doubtless studied the areas of greatest concern in the new year and new decade. Should not the church be included?

My reasoning leads me to conclusions that have disturbed me—disturbed me so much that I feel compelled to share them with you. Could the reason for the Church's exclusion be that nothing is expected of it? If we study the Church over the past few years, analyzing its contributions, we are rather brutally awakened. The Church has operated through the years in much the same pattern. It has made some steady progress, but it has seldom "shaken the world." The stock market in New York can create greater change in one day than the Church has in a year or even years. Here without doubt is the reason that nothing is said about the Church. These men examine the past and project into the future. They do not expect much of us. These men are writing about exciting things that will take place, and apparently they foresee nothing exciting from the Church.

We all know that there is much that is thrilling taking place. Yet, we must also admit that the Church has not conquered the world as it should. In the vein of the articles in *U. S. News and World Report* and in the light of past achievements, one can understand why the Church was omitted. We must alter this. We can make the news, good news, big news, news that can and will change the world. Don't you think this is the year to start in earnest?



## A Prayer

*My Father help me trustfully to accept this which Thou hast allowed to come to me. Help me to know that behind and within it is the same Fatherly love and wisdom that I am learning to recognize in all the orderings of my life. If this be the Cross that now is appointed for me, help me to carry it without complaining, knowing that I shall not carry it alone, but supported by Thy strength and blessed by Thy companionship. Show me, if Thou wilt, what it is that Thou wouldst have me to learn or to receive through the Cross. But where I cannot even begin to understand, help me still to trust and still to obey. Amen.—Methodist Recorder.*



## Anything of Your Father?

A friend told me that once he found himself with an evening on his hands between trains in a city away from home. He thought of going to a movie but he remembered that an old gentleman, a friend and contemporary of his father's, lived there. His father had died some years before, and he thought it would be like a visit with his father to go out and see the old friend. So he telephoned, told the old gentleman who he was, and asked if he might come out. He took a cab to the address and rang the doorbell. The old gentleman answered the door and swung it open. Before shaking hands or speaking any word of greeting, he stood back and looked his guest up and down. My friend said he began to wonder if his suit was not pressed or his hair not combed, or just what was the matter. He said he had never been subjected to such close examination. Finally the old man shook his hand and said, "Well I was just looking to see if there is anything of your father in you."

I've thought a lot about that: "Just wanted to see if there is anything of your father in you." "That which is born of the spirit is spirit." He that is born from above will have something of the life that comes from above . . .

How can I know that I have been born again? Well, it is really very simple. Sit down and close your eyes and see yourself in the mirror of memory, and find out if there is anything of your Father in you.—JOHN A. REDHEAD in *Putting Your Faith to Work*, published by Abingdon Press, Nashville, Tenn.

## Steeple Echoes

By T. R. JENKINS

There is the story of the farmer who imported some especially fine corn seed and produced a crop that was the envy of his neighbors. When they sought some of the seed, he refused them, fearing to lose the competitive advantage he had gained. The second year his crop was not so good; the third year results were even worse. Suddenly, it dawned upon him that the poor-grade corn of his neighbors was pollinating his own prize crop. His selfishness had caught up with him, so that his corn was no better than that of the other farmers about him.

It was a bad way for him to have to be taught, but his own crop suffered as a result of the natural process of life.

The law of living, as Jesus has taught us, is that we can have life in its fullest only by giving it away. The saddest failures among human creatures are those who, like the Dead Sea, take, but do not give; and want, but will not share. The reason for it is that they are trying to live contrary to the way life was intended to be lived.

Man was made by his Creator in such a way that he cannot be content when he stoops to the low, the mean, the selfish. He is so constructed that he has most when he is giving, happiest when he is sharing of himself, and is most gloriously true when he becomes the servant of his fellowman and his God.

"Lives of great men all remind us  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And departing, leave behind us,  
Footprints on the sands of time."

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"Karl Barth, in a speech read over the British Broadcasting Corporation a few years ago, said he would ask the churches of the land the following questions: 'Why are you not saying what you ought to say, and saying it with power and eloquence? Why don't you force us to pay attention to you and listen to you? We should like to see you less timid, more consistent, bolder. We often have the impression that you are afraid—of what really? And you spread so little light and joy around you. When you make yourselves heard, it is usually with cares and complaints, lamentation and accusations.' That is something to think about. We have inverted the gospel of 'good tidings of great joy,' the note of gladness has soured, and the buoyancy, vivacity, and rejoicing have gone out of our witness."—Copied



# Statesville Becomes Methodist Mecca

In a recent issue of the Statesville Record and Landmark, L. F. Amburn, Jr., called attention to the fact that seven retired Methodist ministers make Statesville their home and called the town a "Mecca of Retired Methodist Ministers."

Mr. Amburn added up the years of service which these men have given to Methodism and came up with a total of 351½. That's a lot of experience, and all but one of the men are still active as retired supplies. (The word "active" is used in the usual way, for they are working hard at the job they love. The official term "active ministry" refers to a certain status in the Conference, and according to that meaning, these men are "inactive" in that they are supposed to be retired, or, as we used to say, "superannuated.")

The writer of the article expressed surprise that such a small city should attract so many preachers and remarks that in their ministry six of the men have traveled throughout North Carolina and the seventh, Dr. B. R. Turnipseed, was one of the "most successful Methodist clergymen in the state of South Carolina." Most of them have spent no more than four years in a charge, and only a few had been pastors in Statesville. One had never preached there until he retired.

Amburn suggests that it might have been the central location of the town which brought them there, in addition to other considerations of family ties and the friendly atmosphere. He does not mention the fact that Statesville is rapidly becoming the center of WNC Conference activities, as the new headquarters takes shape.

We are indebted to the author of the article for information regarding these men which might otherwise be forgotten, and we shall condense some of these stories to fit our space.

Mr. Fox, 88, the oldest of the group, came to Statesville in 1940. That was 37 years after he had been told that he might have to retire because of ill health. He had disregarded the prediction, made in 1903, that he might never preach again and had spent the years in active service, preaching throughout the Conference. He was pastor in Statesville during the Twenties and came back to live upon retirement because it was near to many of his former pastorates. Mrs. Fox died this year, but Mr. Fox con-

tinues to live in his house, doing his own cooking, canning, and gardening—and getting in some fishing on the side.

Dr. Turnipseed, who is 82, retired ten years ago, but continued to do supply work in Greenville, S. C. He came to Statesville last year and makes his home with his son. His record includes service as president of Lander College and pastor of some of the great churches of the South.

The Rev. Y. D. Poole, at 75, has been forced to take things easy this year because of a heart condition. He came to his present home in 1953 from Midland Church in Catawba County, to be near his son, who lives next door. Mr. Poole's ministry included churches in Randolph County and three churches in the Statesville District, as well as what he calls his "most challenging appointment" on the Outer Banks at Ocracoke.

The Rev. A. C. Gibbs is the newcomer to the group. He retired last October from a pastorate at High Point, in order to be able to look after Mrs. Gibbs, who had suffered severe injuries in an accident. At 71, he was almost ready for the compulsory retirement, in point of years, but not in capacity for work and his calendar age seemed to his friends to be completely at variance with his appearance and activity. But now he is settled in a home near his daughter. Broad Street Church, Statesville, was one of his most enjoyable pastorates in the Thirties. His ministerial career extended along the lines of the Southern Railroad and Old Number 10 between Greensboro and Asheville, says Mr. Amburn.

Mr. Gibbs can look back, with pride not only on his own 48 years of experience, but on his connection with a long line of Methodist ministers, for his grandfather was one of Asbury's helpers, and his father also was a minister.

The Rev. D. H. Dennis, 70, was one of the founders of Pfeiffer College. At the time he was pastor of a charge in Wilkes County, he took some of the mountain boys and girls to the school. His first pastorate was at Cape Hatteras. Retiring in 1956, he built a home in what he thought was the country, but now finds himself only 200 feet outside the city. He explains that it was the network of highways and the hospital which brought him to Statesville.

The Rev. H. M. Wellman, 70, is one of the most active of the ministers, says Mr. Amburn. He retired in 1954, after serving two years at Harmony and be-

came associate pastor at Rose Chapel, where he served five years. Licensed to preach in 1909, he taught school for a number of years and then went to Duke University where he was graduated in 1924. He is proud of the fact that he "built something at about every place he held a pastorate."

Dr. H. G. Allen, at 68, is the youngest of the group. He retired in 1958. Looking for a place to live, he selected Statesville because it was centrally located and a central location was what he needed, for retirement for him did not mean quitting work. President of the Conference Brotherhood for 28 years, he still gives most of his time to the task of promoting it, and the *ADVOCATE* carries frequent notes about his travels and successes in raising funds for this organization. In addition, he is becoming a world traveler to mission posts and has preached in several different countries.

Mr. Amburn concludes his story with this observation:

"They (the ministers) still enjoy preaching, like Mr. Fox, who said recently that a Presbyterian pastor asked him if he was still preaching. 'I told him I was never too good at it, but if he didn't want to hear me try, he'd better not ask me,' he said."

That remark, no doubt, would apply to all the "Statesville bunch" and probably also to all the retired men in the country.

## Retired Minister's Wife Dies in Raleigh

Mrs. Bettie L. Bradley, wife of the Rev. J. W. Bradley, retired, died on Monday, January 4, in Raleigh. Mrs. Bradley had been ill for a long time and was a patient at the Glenwood Hills Nursing Home at the time of her death.

Mrs. Bradley and Mr. Bradley were married in 1909. She was a good wife of a good Methodist preacher. She was from Stanly County. Her activities in the churches where her husband served as pastor made a great contribution to the people they served.

Funeral services were conducted at the Hayes Barton Methodist Church on Tuesday at 2 p.m. by Dr. W. L. Clegg, her pastor, assisted by Dr. W. A. Cade, longtime friend of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley.

Surviving are her husband; the two children, Mrs. John L. Cameron and J. W. Bradley, Jr., of Raleigh; one brother, L. A. Lentz of Raleigh; and four sisters, Mrs. B. W. Lanier of Norwood, Mrs. C. S. Bennett of High Point, Mrs. Leslie Bennett of Fayetteville, and Mrs. John K. McNeill, Sr. of Raeford; and five grandchildren.

Mr. Bradley is a patient of the Glenwood Hills Nursing Home, Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh.



# Dr. Clarence E. Ficken to Serve As Dean of Methodist College

Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, president of Methodist College, has announced the appointment of Dr. Clarence E. Ficken as the first dean of the new college which will open in September of 1960.

Dr. Ficken has for the past 14 years served as dean of Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio. During a portion of this time, he also served as acting president of the University. Prior to his association with Ohio Wesleyan, he was dean of Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota. As teacher of English, French and German, Dr. Ficken has also taught in a number of other schools and colleges.

The new dean holds an A.B. degree from Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio; M.A. degree from Northwestern University; and the Ph.D. degree from the University of Wisconsin. He also studied for a year at the University of Paris, France.

He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Kappa Delta Pi, Omicron Delta Kappa, and a number of professional associations. He is a Methodist and a member of the Kiwanis organization.

Commenting on the appointment, President Weaver said, "We are very pleased that we have been able to secure an educator of Dr. Ficken's stature for the important position of dean of the college. His long experience and fine ability will be of invaluable assistance to us in organizing and beginning the type of college which we wish to create."

As dean of the college, Dr. Ficken will give general supervision to the college's academic life and will be director of the curriculum. He will also have considerable authority in the employment of teaching



DR. FICKEN

personnel and will give supervision to campus student activities.

"I have long admired at a distance the venturesome spirit which seems to characterize the people of North Carolina," Dr. Ficken states in accepting this new position. "The prospects of being a part of the state's new beginnings in higher education is exciting indeed. Participating in the launching of Methodist College should be a unique challenge to teachers and students who are resolved to build a Christian community of learning which practices the worth of the individual."

"Coming as I do, from a state where relations among colleges, both public and private, are most cordial, I also hope to find myself at home in a similar atmosphere of good will among my new neighbors."

## Chaplains Needed for Civil Air Patrol

The Rev. Claude E. Williams, Deputy Wing Chaplain, and pastor of Center Methodist Church, Welcome, N. C., calls attention to the need for more chaplains for the Civil Air Patrol.

"Methodism has a real opportunity to do good through the efforts of ministers serving as chaplains in this group. Many of the boys go into the Air Force and it is the only religious influence some of them have. Right now they are in desperate need for chaplains in Greensboro and in a number of other cities . . . The work takes only a few hours each week, and opportunity is given to attend camp each summer with the cadets, and to attend chaplains' conferences."

For full information, ministers are asked to write Chaplain Williams, Box 50, Welcome, N. C., or Lt. Col. Edwin Stanyon, Box 3246, Charlotte.

Among the Methodist ministers serving as chaplains in this area are: Prof. C. E. Roy, Brevard College; Clyde Faulkner, Winston-Salem; and Roy Houts, Jr., Murphy.

## Proper Use of Ritual

By BISHOP J. W. C. BOWEN

In moving through the area preaching and worshipping in our churches, I notice a disposition among some of our ministers toward carelessness in handling the sentences and words in the ritual in the services that call for use of the ritual. Particularly is this apparent in the service of the Holy Communion.

Frequently in these instances the minister uses sentences clearly made up by him out of phrases from the ritual and phrases of his own invention. A similar practice is evident in the benediction where they are part scriptural, part ritualistic, and part made up by the minister—all put together without order and therefore without meaning.

The ritual is there for guidance, and the language is generally scriptural or it comes from the historic past connecting our service with the universal church of the past and present.

Besides, there is scarcely a minister among us so gifted in the use of religious language that he can create benedictions and invitations more beautiful, expressive, and forceful than Scripture or the ancient sentences.

Our worshipers will be uplifted and inspired more by the ritualistic sentences than by our homemade ones.

## Thomasville District Youth Hold Rally-Workshop

Youth from all over the Thomasville District assembled in First Church, Ashboro, on Jan. 3 for a combination rally and workshop. The workshop, which began at 3 p.m., was designed to help leaders of the local churches and district to develop a better understanding of their jobs and thus become better leaders, according to the announcement by the district director, the Rev. Worth Sweet of Ramseur.

Following a supper served by the host church, the rally began at 7 p.m. Dr. J. Lem Stokes was the speaker.



*The Faithful: In a little wooden church near Greensboro, some 60 years ago, says Fannie K. Blackwood in the "Greensboro Record," several children made their profession of faith and joined Rehobeth Church. Seen above are four of the group, who, along with three more who were not present for the picture, were honored recently because of their long membership of more than 60 years. They are, left to right, Oliver S. Short (62 years a member), Mrs. J. Grier Gray, (61), Mrs. William O. Little (65), and Mrs. Everett C. Hodgins, Sr. (62). (Photo by Mrs. Blackwood, from "Greensboro Record.")*



# A Bold New Stroke in Helping New Churches

By DALLAS MALLISON

Since money—and a plenty of it, too — is an absolute must in any extensive and effective church extension program, means of securing adequate financing must be provided.

Besides increased conference and district mission specials, and hundreds of thousands of dollars raised by the new churches themselves, the N. C. Conference has found the Ten Dollar Club which it first developed on on a conference-wide scale an indispensable financial arm of its most successful church-wide extension program.

During the past seven years the N. C. Conference Board of Missions has expended over \$2,000,000 in promoting church extension, including expenditures for all types of church extension both old and new, salaries to pastors, and purchases of sites. The Ten Dollar Club alone has supplied about \$450,000 in aid to new churches, which it specializes in helping.

However, the total figure is substantially beyond the \$3,000,000 mark, if to the amount expended directly or through the Conference Board of Missions is added all monies raised and expended district-wide or by the new churches or older churches "mothering" the new congregations. Bishop Garber has used the expression or figure, "millions of dollars for church extension in the N. C. Conference," and he is correct.

## RAPID GROWTH OF FUNDS

Indicating the rapidity with which church extension has grown in the N. C. Conference is the almost unbelievable manner in which the annual budget of the N. C. Conference Board of Missions has expanded in recent years. The greatest part of these expenditures, of course, goes for church extension in all of its many phases.

In 1935 the total budget was only \$16,967.96. Some 20 years later it had grown many times to \$421,655.00. The total budget for the conference year 1957-58 reached almost \$400,000.00, and for the present year it is nearing the half-million dollar mark.

Previous to the date when the Ten Dollar Club was organized, which was in October 1953, five new churches had been formed and aided since the church-wide emphasis on church extension began in April 1952. Through the current or November 1959 call, the Ten Dollar Club has aided 37 formally designated "Ten Dollar Club churches" in the construction of their first permanent buildings. It has aided with small amounts two other new churches.

From its beginning and through the November 1959 call the Ten Dollar Club as-

sistance has totaled about \$450,000. Thus, the Club has aided half of the more than 70 new congregations which have been formed since April 1952. Yet, despite this assistance, there are nearly 40 new churches awaiting Ten Dollar Club aid.

These figures show graphically and dramatically the importance of the Ten Dollar Club in church extension in the N. C. Conference. It can be stated emphatically and dogmatically that without the Ten Dollar Club or some similar agency, the present extensive N. C. Conference church extension program simply could not be carried on.

## THE DRAMA OF CHURCH EXTENSION

The Ten Dollar Club catches the drama of church extension and holds it in a way that nothing else has been able to do in any fund-raising for the promotion of new churches. It undoubtedly dramatizes the whole concept of church extension for the average Methodist, and gives it a more personal and vivid meaning than anything

else has been able to do. The Club offers a simple and direct way the Conference, through its Mission Board, can appeal to the average Methodist member to aid in church extension.

Including the first call in April 1954 and the current or November 1959 call, the N. C. Conference Ten Dollar Club has made a total of 18 calls in six years. At least two, and sometimes three, churches are included in each call.

A maximum 5,200 members have belonged to the Ten Dollar Club in the N. C. Conference. However, the membership of the Club has now reached its lowest point, too low to offer effective aid to a minimum of two new churches for each call. The idea has now become an old one and has lost its newness, but attention to other important programs, such as the college fund campaign and the Evangelism Emphasis, has prevented any sustained effort to recoup new members.

This is the reason the current emphasis on the recruitment of at least 1,000 new members is under way. Without their assistance the aid the Ten Dollar Club has been extending new churches cannot continue. It is as simple as that.

## A SIMPLE PLAN

Under the plan Methodist laymen and ministers band themselves together with the pledge that they will give \$10.00 or more when called on—not to exceed three times during any one year—by the Conference Board of Missions to aid a new church in building its first permanent unit.



*Sarecta Methodist Church, located near Beulaville in Duplin County, illustrates how Ten Dollar Club aid helps new churches. This view shows "before" and "after"—before the new church, and after it was completed. Needless to say, the transformation is great.*



# THE LAST STRAW

By RICHARD BRAUNSTEIN

It is a common saying that it is the last straw which breaks the camel's back. In other words, we all have our limits in every walk of life. Anything beyond that limit, however trivial it may be in itself, crushes us, makes for our complete disorganization.

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, we have a picture of a man preparing himself in advance against the last straw, so that he will not be overwhelmed by it when it is laid on his shoulder.

Surely the Samaritan had done all he could — all that could be reasonably expected of him — while he was still on the Jericho road. After rendering first aid to the man who had got into difficulties, he put him on his own beast and carried him to the inn and made necessary arrangements for his entertainment. He would have suffered no loss of reputation had he gone on his way with the glowing sense of a fine bit of service magnificently and fully accomplished.

But here was a man who knew life. He knew that life never stops with reasonable demands on us. It was unreasonable to expect his generosity and interest to extend beyond the arrival at the inn. But here was the actual situation, — the man and his future needs, the possibility that he might continue in need and no one else be able or willing to meet the further demand should it come.

The Samaritan said to the host: "If you are put to any extra expense, I will refund you."

If our enthusiasm for social welfare runs out before the demands upon it are met, if we have any complaints with which to greet what we may consider unreasonable requests for financial appeals, if the last blow which has fallen upon us seems to be a crushing disaster, may it not be because these demands or requests find us spiritually unprepared by a conquering faith?

Especially is our interpretation of the parable of the Good Samaritan relevant to these days. The temptation is to declare: "We are a driven people." Red Cross Drive, Community Chest, local and national Bond Drives, Cancer and other Funds. Then there is income tax and the church appeals for the budget. Every day brings a challenge, not to our wealth, but to our generosity. The stick-up man flourishes his gun and demands

"Your money or your life." But history and experience has always made this demand. Civilization demands that we support such movements and institutions for the uplift of human kind. Rub out the school and college, the church and library, the hospital and the clinic and what have you?

The idea is of course better living conditions, sanitary housing, helpful legislation, more readable books and cleaner entertainment. We were never in sympathy with the philosophy, "The best things in life are free." Aside from God's wondrous creation as manifest in the everywhere grandeurs of nature, or a parent's devotion or a teacher's dedication, the world is no bargain basement. "Salvation is free" we are told. Yes, but the "water of life" calls for some sacrificial plumbing and holy engineering. The writer once served a church within the environs of the New York State Oshokan Dam. The streams that tumbled down from the springs in the eternal hills made us think with Job and query, "Hath the rain a father?" And the answer is of course it has. But it costs several billions of dollars, not to mention men's lives, to pipe that beneficence several hundred miles to the city.

The doctrine of stewardship is based on the statement: "If there is any extra expense I will help." The Christian life does not call for us to do the unnatural but the unusual. Life is stewardship. It calls for our overflow. It is sharing all along the line. Some houses still have cellars. These can be approached from the outside by means of steps covered by sloping doors. One pastime of the small fry was — and probably still is — sliding down these doors. A song once in vogue was "You can't slide down my cellar door." It still can be the theme of the selfishness prevailing both in low and high places.

One of our poets gives us a hint of this business of sharing what we have found and possess:

A tree, a road, a hillside,  
And a white cloud drifting by —  
Ten men passed along that road,  
And all but one passed by.  
He saw the tree, the road, the hillside  
And the cloud,  
With an artist's mind and eye.  
And he put them on canvas  
For the other nine men to buy.

The New Testament tells us about strangers, not knowing certain routes,

who could compel those who did know the way, to go with them one mile. Jesus, as usual, improving the *status quo*, said: "Whosoever shall compel thee to go one mile, go with him twain." He went beyond the law, from things required to things volunteered. Duty is a big word; love is a bigger word. Duty is represented by Sinai; love is represented by Calvary.

Love creates Exponents of Overtime, the Pilgrims of the Second Mile, the Disciples of the Last Straw. If the world is appealing, at least in spots, it is because, in the words of Emerson, thinking of those who met extra expense, wrote, "While here and there others have slid into cautious graves, they lost themselves into immortality."

Somewhere along the line we heard the statement: "You cannot take it with you but you can send it on ahead." And that is what untold numbers are doing. James Hilton sums it up in a beautiful story about the late Harry Houdini, the famous magician. After his death a letter was found among his effects. The letter was from an old lady. She wrote that she attended one of his performances because she was lonely and wanted to be among people. In the course of one of his tricks he caused a rose to fall in her lap. She wrote: "How did you know I needed a rose?" The story continues and ends with: "Perhaps he didn't. But in that chance gesture from the stage, so casual, perhaps in a way so accidental and impersonal, there was a contact never to be forgotten — a touch on the nerve of life itself."

So the Good Samaritan touched life here and there as he walked daily through a heaven which he built with his kindly thoughts and goodly deeds. A rose was tossed by Houdini but a man in dire distress was succored by *one whose name is not given* in the history books. Perhaps like the rest of us he went about, but he went about doing good. Edwin Markham reminds us:

"There is a destiny that makes us brothers,  
None goes his way alone;  
All that we send into the lives of others  
Comes back into our own."

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## GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

I know not by what methods rare,  
But this I know; God answers prayer  
I know not when he sends the word  
That tells us fervent prayer is heard  
I know it cometh soon or late;  
Therefore, we need to pray and wait  
I know not if the blessing sought  
Will come in just the guise I thought.  
I leave my prayers with Him alone  
Whose will is wiser than my own.

—Selected.



# News From the Districts

## Elizabeth City

REV. R. L. JEROME, D. S.

The Elizabeth City Conference will meet at Plymouth on Jan. 19 at 10 a.m. This is a change of date occasioned by the need to avoid conflict with the Duke Seminar.

## Fayetteville

Millard C. Dunn, D. S.

The Fayetteville District Conference was held in Mt. Gilead Church on Jan. 5, under the leadership of the Rev. Millard C. Dunn. The Rev. L. C. Larkin, who is serving his sixth year as pastor, was the host.

Beginning at 10 a.m., the Conference heard reports from the various committees and agencies and a sermon by the Rev. Gunter Sommer of Germany.

Reports showed that a total of \$492,751 had been pledged to the College Fund and of this amount \$152,573 had been paid to date. One hundred nine new members had been received on profession of faith, and 340 by letter of transfer, making a total of 449 accessions to the churches. Against this figure is placed the number of losses in membership of 351. Four new members have joined the \$10 club. Almost all the pastors have secured assistance for the coming revival meetings.

## Waynesville

Frank C. Smathers, D. S.

### WAYNESVILLE

On December 6, Waynesville First Church, under the leadership of the Rev. R. H. Nicholson, was host for the Waynesville District Conference. Bishop Nolan B. Harmon was present at the Conference and delivered the message at the evening worship service.

### SYLVA

On December 6, a dream of several years materialized for the people of the Sylva and Dillsboro churches. A new parsonage was dedicated by Bishop Nolan B. Harmon. The parsonage project was started under the leadership of Dr. L. B. Hayes. The building was completed while the Rev. Roy Bell was pastor. The pledges amounting to some \$18,000 were taken to be paid over a period of years. Under the leadership of the Rev. Asmond Maxwell, the present pastor, the people continued to meet their obligations and on September 5, 1959, in a morning service, Dr. W. P. McGuire and Woody Hampton burned the final note of indebtedness. In addition to many contributions of different kinds, the new parsonage, property and furnishings cost \$21,500.

Among the guests present for the dedication of the parsonage were Mrs. Nolan B. Harmon and the Rev. and Mrs. Frank C. Smathers, District Superintendent

Smathers states that this parsonage is one of the best in the Conference.

### WHITTIER

Among the recent improvements at the Whittier Church is the extensive change in the sanctuary. The pine altar rail and choir skirting have been replaced by a custom made white oak altar rail with a communion trough. The choir skirting, also of white oak, completes a design similar to the pulpit furniture and communion furniture. The oak replacements completed a project for making all furniture in the sanctuary of oak, except the piano.

The first rise of the chancel was extended forward to allow more adequate space for the observance of Holy Communion.

The exterior of the church has been painted. The kitchen was painted and a new electric water heater installed.

The Whittier Woman's Society of Christian Service had their December meeting at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Sherman L. Beird. The annual Christmas party was observed with a shower for the facilities of the Whittier Church kitchen.

### CANTON CENTRAL

Canton Central Church under the leadership of the Rev. J. W. Braxton witnessed much activity during the month of December. In addition to the Christmas Tree Festival on December 18, and the Christmas Eve worship service, there was a special candlelight carol service on December 20. The three choirs participated in the program. A brass ensemble under the leadership of Wayne Pressley played early Christmas music as a prelude. At the close of the service the choirs and their guests enjoyed a Fellowship Hour sponsored by the Choir Mothers' Guild.

On December 16, a "Golden Age" party was held at Canton Central. The men under seventy years of age invited men and women over seventy to attend.

On December 27 the Woman's Society of Christian Service gave a dinner in recognition of the college students, servicemen, Intermediate and Senior MYFers. Following the dinner, a Student Recognition Service was held in the Fellowship Hall.

### FRANKLIN FIRST

Handel's Messiah was presented by the combined choirs of the Franklin Churches at the First Methodist Church to a capacity audience on December 13. The Rev. Robert Early, pastor, was among the Methodists who participated in this Christmas music.

### CLARK'S CHAPEL

A subdistrict Methodist Youth Fellowship Watch-Night service was observed at the Clark's Chapel Church on the Franklin Circuit on December 31. The program began with a period of recreation followed by refreshments and closed with midnight Communion. The special worship service was prepared by the Rev. Aubrey L. Brown, pastor of the host church. The Rev. Robert Early, pastor of First Church, Franklin, and Director of the Greater Parish Plan of Macon County, assisted by other ministers in the subdistrict, administered Holy Communion.

—AUBREY L. BROWN, Reporter

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## The Great Pearl Must Be Bought

It is irresponsible to think that Christians can find time and money and strength for everything that everybody else does, and that with spare money in spare time with spare strength they can serve the ends of God's kingdom.

The great pearl is bought only by selling small pearls. Where no pearl has been sold, there obedience to the demand of the Kingdom has not begun. —D. T. Niles



Groundbreaking for the new building at Pinnacle Methodist Church in McDowell County was held Sunday, December 13, 1959. In the picture, taking part (l. to r.) C. F. Biddix, Mrs. Biddix, Miss Mary Epley (church secretary), the Rev. E. F. Kale (pastor) Carroll Mangum, J. E. Yountz (district superintendent), C. J. Sigmon, Ralph Watson and Mrs. Dan Crawley and Vicki Watson in front of Mr. Watson. Building of the new church is already started. (Photo by Jack Reynolds, Marion).



# Methodism Faces the Future

By BISHOP G. BROMLEY OXNAM

The Methodist Church was formally organized in Lovely Lane Chapel, Baltimore, Maryland, 175 years ago. Not one of the young ministers who attended the organizational Conference during the Christmas season of 1784 had seen a steamboat, traveled upon steam trains, sent a message by telegraph, talked over a telephone, or had even conceived radio, television, or flying. So far as I know, no one addressed the Christmas Conference upon the theme, "Methodism Faces the Future." It was taken for granted that preaching men were to conquer a continent in the name of Jesus. These men of the saddle bags, who were men of message and mission, were hardly ready for what was then the present, much less the future.

The future will be at least a period of the stretched-mind, with fundamental readjustments in the realm of philosophy and of course theology. Before another 175 years have passed, we will have conquered space and come to know the thinking, the culture, the dreams, the problems, the limitations of the people who populate the great planets of the universe.

Surely, God the Father Almighty did not devote all of His creative power to an unpopulated universe and did not place the climax of creation, which we believe is the human being, solely upon the earth.

Is Methodism ready for the intellectual stretching necessary to re-examine its missionary program and to ask, Must the old command be revised to read, "Go ye into the universe and preach the gospel to every creature." What are these creatures like? Did the Eternal reveal Himself to them? If so, how? Could He have sent His Son to each one of the planets? Were there other methods of revelation? How is the Eternal known in Mars, in Venus, in Jupiter? Was the whole terrible enactment that we call "Calvary" requisite for other human beings to learn the meaning of "love so amazing, so divine," that it does demand "soul, life, and all?" Are the theological seminaries of The Methodist Church preparing men and women for the conversations and the conferences that are necessary as we seek to share the riches that are ours and to receive from others the riches that are theirs to the end that we may come to know

the Father of us all? Is the message that we are to speak to the universe a neat little set of dogmatic propositions which we in our limitations have worked out to answer the baffling problems that now confront us? Are there answers that we have never heard? Are we ready to hear them, and to act upon them if they appeal to the minds God has given to us?

The future will be a period of abundant power. Splitting the atom eventuates not alone in missiles but in machines such as supersonic aircraft or perhaps even the space ships that will fly from New York to the Pacific Coast in twenty minutes. Is physical transportation of this kind for which we must be ready? Or will there be communication of such nature that we can talk to the peoples of the other planets and see them and be in conference in fact, even though not in physical proximity?

With the basic question of power production answered, are we to develop men who will dedicate their competency to the tasks of using power to produce that which is necessary, useful, or beautiful for the enrichment of personality? Does this mark the passing of mining coal and releasing oil from the hidden confines of the present?

Is Methodism ready for a day in which the source of power—bountiful, endless, ready for any command—is upon us? Is it to be a universe crowded with missile launching bases, or will all of that be behind us? What kind of evangelism must Methodism espouse to make men ready for the stretched mind or the fuller understanding of philosophy, ready for a day of power that awaits the command of intelligent humans?

It will be a period of peace. It must be. To shut our minds to the philosophical contributions of human beings on other planets, to prostitute power for purposes of destruction is inconceivable. Peace must cease to be political propaganda. It must become the practice of practical men of religion.

Methodism confronts a new world, but a new world that will be dependent upon the unchanging truths of the old world. It is a future in which there must be light, in which there will be leisure, in which love shall rule.

Is Methodism to contribute the type of mind found in laboratories where men are tracking diseases back to their

causes, or discovering the means to destroy the causes, and what is more important, laboratories where men seek to understand the nature of life itself?

This is a moral universe. There is intelligence upon which we are dependent, a moral purpose upon which we rely.

There will be leisure. Unlimited power will ensure that. People who have sought satisfaction in over-eating, over-display, the abuse of physical powers will find the new world an unpleasant society. There is a limit to what can be reached in the realm of the physical, but in the life of the spirit, advance is unending. Thus the leisure of the future is to be a leisure of opportunity to become cultured in the true sense of the term.

It will be a future of light and of leisure and, above all else, of love. Strange, is it not, that the attempts of the theologians at the beginning when they sought to define the faith within the compass of a creed should not have mentioned love. It is not in the Apostle's Creed nor in the Nicene Creed. The Christian faith insists that it was out of love that the Eternal sent His Son that He might be truly revealed in a Person. Love is the cohesive force that will unite not only the peoples of the earth but the peoples of the universe. It is a universe that is made for love.

As Methodism faces the future, we must ask once again, What are the priorities. Do we put things first, and what do we mean by "first." It is not simply a question of abundant power but a question also of power over ourselves. Natural limitations will no longer stand as barriers that keep us from reaching the Promised Land. The limitations of nature can be overcome. The fundamental question is the limitations upon our own selfishness. It is here that the message of the gospel may well become the message of the universe.

The next 175 years must be characterized by an intellect big enough to speak out a new philosophy, to use new power to create and to maintain peace. It must be mind and heart and will, full of light, that in leisure can lift mankind to the practice of love.

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## BLESSED ARE THEY

Blessed are they who sing in the morning,  
Whose faces have smiles for their early  
adorning;  
Who come down to breakfast accompanied with  
cheer,  
Who don't dwell on trouble or entertain fear;  
Who bestow love on others throughout the  
long day.  
Pleasant to live with, and blessed are they.  
—Clipped.



# WSCS Activities

## N. C. Conference Women to Attend SeJ. Meeting

By MARY GARDNER

North Carolina Conference delegates to the Southeastern Jurisdiction Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, which meets in Lexington, Ky., February 16-18, are Mrs. Pierce Johnson, Weldon, president; Mrs. L. G. Vereen, Durham, treasurer; Mrs. C. H. Boyd, New Bern, secretary of promotion; Mrs. Sam A. Dunn, Enfield, Missionary Education and Service; Mrs. T. S. Newbold, Rocky Mount, Status of Women, and Mrs. Harriett Fralix, Fayetteville, secretary Wesleyan Service Guild. Also attending from the N. C. Conference will be Mrs. Hubert Davis, of Raleigh, the Jurisdiction treasurer.

The Southeastern Jurisdiction Deaconess Association will meet on February 15-16, immediately preceding the Annual Jurisdiction WSCS meeting, with Miss Rosamond Johnson, director of Wesley Community House, Atlanta, Ga., presiding. Miss Mamie Chandler, director of the Methodist Student Center, East Carolina College, Greenville, will attend the meeting.

The delegates from the Western North Carolina Conference, as reported by Mrs. J. C. Wright, are Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford of Asheboro, Mrs. S. Ray Lowder of Lincolnton, Mrs. Gilmer Harris of Cherryville, Mrs. I. L. Sharpe of Albemarle, Mrs. James W. Fowler, Jr. of Lake Junaluska, and Mrs. M. H. White of Charlotte.

The alternates are Mrs. Arnold Kirk of Cooleemee and Mrs. Hugh W. Wilkin of Charlotte.

## Charlotte District W.S.C.S. Reports

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

The Charlotte District Woman's Society will have a district-wide study on Town and Country on January 25-28 at the Purcell Methodist Church in Charlotte with Tom Stockton as teacher. Classes will be held each morning at 10:30 o'clock and each evening at 7:30.

A Day-Apart Service has been planned for April 8 at 10 a.m. with Miss Florence Dixon in charge of the program.

The Charlotte District will be hostess for the Annual Meeting of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service to be held at Lake Junaluska in June. Already they are making plans for their special events at the meeting.

The good New Year news is that the Charlotte District has two NEW societies—one at St. Mark's Church in Mecklenburg subdistrict and one at St. Andrews Church.

The officers at St. Mark's Woman's Society are Mrs. Sam C. Morris, president; Mrs. J. William Foster, vice-president; Mrs. E. D. Bullington, recording secretary; Mrs. David MacKord, treasurer; Mrs. Dewey C. Stanley, secretary of promotion; Mrs. Jerry Smith, missionary education and service; Mrs. B. M. Blair, Christian social relations; Mrs. Hollis Forrester, student work; Mrs.



*Dr. Roland W. Scott, executive secretary for Southern Asia of the Division of World Missions, Methodist Board of Missions, receives a gift from a young girl at Madar Union Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Ajmer, India, one of the major institutions of the Methodist Church in India. Dr. Scott returned in December after a three-month official tour of Methodist work in India, Pakistan and Nepal, during which he dedicated four new buildings at Madar.*

John S. King, Jr., youth work; Mrs. Ralph F. Cline, children's work; Mrs. Curtis Wilder, spiritual life; Mrs. Jack L. Ersley, literature and publications; Mrs. Alvin D. Seagle, supply work, and Mrs. W. A. Arthur, status of women.

The Rev. Kenneth Moore, pastor of the church, and Mrs. Lyle Beman, president of the Charlotte District, and Mrs. J. B. Davis, district secretary of promotion, conducted the organizational meeting.

The officers of the St. Andrew's Society are: Mrs. Kenneth Wilkins, president; Mrs. David Mehaffey, vice-president; Mrs. Fred Jones, recording secretary; Mrs. James Smith, treasurer; Mrs. Robert B. Ferguson, secretary of promotion; Mrs. William Butler, Christian social relations; Mrs. Ray Mercer, missionary education and service; Mrs. Douglas Park, youth work; Mrs. William Fletcher, children's work; Mrs. Robert Fortenberry, literature and publications; Mrs. Thomas Price, supply work; Mrs. Barry Miller, spiritual life; and Mrs. William Meacham, status of women.

## Inventory Time!

Now is the time for all good women to come to the aid of their societies!

This is the time for the executive committee of EVERY local society to inspect carefully and prayerfully the Standard of Excellence for 1959-1960. It is inventory time for each of the seven Goals!

These items are: 1. The Spirit of Christ; 2. The Total Program of Local Church; 3. Educational Institutions of the Woman's Division; 4. Challenge for Missionaries and Deaconesses; 5. Fellowship Without Bar-

riers; 6. World Brotherhood; 7. For All of Life.

These topics have from three to eight points, specific things a local society should do to attain recognition by the Conference . . . thirty-three points in all . . . and twenty-eight is the passing grade!

It is the half-way mark until June and the end of the Conference year.

—MRS. J. C. WRIGHT

## January is Guild Month

This is the month when all eyes are focused on the Wesleyan Service Guilds of our Church, for January is Guild Month.

All Guilds are to plan a joint meeting with the WSCS of their churches. Each Guild will join with other Guilds in their city or church for a celebration. Ministers are asked to give recognition to the Guild at a Sunday service—some Guilders have been invited to tell of their work at this time. Some are placing flowers in the sanctuary one Sunday. Some are promoting the organization of a new Guild in a place where one is needed.

"BEGIN RIGHT NOW TO MAKE JANUARY A NEW MEMBER MONTH," says the Guild-O-Gram.

## Division Officers Warn Against Diverting Funds

This message is prompted by the disturbing reports which continue to come to us about the various agencies which are making requests for funds to our local societies. Some of these are within the church and some are without. Though all represent worthy projects, it seems undeniable that literally hundreds of thousands of dollars are being syphoned away in this manner from work and institutions which are solely dependent on us for their very lives.

The time has come when we feel that we must be quite forthright and specific in sharing this serious problem with you. During the past month we have received documented instances of Woman's Societies of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guilds making sizeable gifts to both national and local organizations, many of which conduct well organized financial programs. At the same time, we are having to cut our appropriations for the Woman's Division. Because of increased costs, we can meet little more than half of the requests received as urgent from our representatives at home and overseas.

Some of our women do not know that the Woman's Division has effective literacy work in operation both in this country among our foreign born and around the world where the Woman's Division has missionaries at work for us . . . If any Guild or Society has money which it would like to give to such causes we strongly suggest that it be given after careful consideration through regular channels to the recognized Literature and Literacy Programs of our Church and not upon appeals through outside channels . . .

As to the use of Woman's Society funds for other agencies, may we suggest that many of these undoubtedly are worthy of our support *as individuals* but since funds for the Woman's Societies are usually



# Just A Wet Match

BY J. DANIEL BARRON

The woods are full of "members" of The Methodist Church who are no more Methodists than a bug is a Buick or a cricket is a Chrysler.

They do not attend the worship services of The Methodist Church. They do not take part in any phase of that church's life. They do not support it with anything—gifts, presence, prayers, services.

Were the last one of them to drop into eternity on any given day, Methodism would be just as strong—or maybe stronger—the next morning. They count ZERO in the church they claim to be their church.

"I am a Methodist and a member of your church," one of these alias Methodists says to the pastor of a local church. He then sounds off, "Ha! ha! ha!"

"I'm busy Sunday mornings and I play golf Sunday afternoons," the phony says, "and can't make it to church." Again goes off the moronic mockery, "Ha! ha! ha!"

The pastor laughs not; neither does he smile. He glares at the giggler and says not a word. But if what he does not say were to be said, the pitiable parasite would look like Hiroshima.

It is not the fact that the man is an ex-Methodist or a non-Methodist or a disconnected Methodist or pure pewter that riles the pastor. It is his ribald hypocrisy, his callous effrontery.

He claims to be a light when he is but a wet match.

"I'm a stinker, pastor, hold your nose." Let these masses of non-operative "Methodists" so say to their pastors, and then their pastors will not have to exhaust themselves in the task of loving them.

—Texas Christian Advocate

## "Lord, Save Me!"

(St. Matthew 14:28)

By DERMONT J. REID

"And beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me." These words belong to a warm-hearted man known to us as the Apostle Peter. While they belong to him, they echo the prayerful plea of all of us at one time or another in our life. In this case, the disciples of Jesus were in a ship on the sea of Gallilee and a storm had arisen and the disciples were fearful that they would be lost. At last they saw through the mist of the storm a figure coming to them walking on the water. Some of the disciples declared that they were seeing a ghost. But Peter cried, "Lord, if it be thou, bid me come to thee on the water." Jesus simply said "come" and Peter climbed over the side of the ship and started his walk of faith. The tossing waves were too much for him and his faith gave way and he began to sink. It is here that he cried, "Lord, save me."

The rich and abiding lessons in this story are many. You see a miraculous Christ doing the miraculous and calling on His followers to do the same! Not only that, but there is another lesson that sings its melody to our troubled souls—it is the fact that in the midst of our most dreaded and dreary storms we may find the precious presence of a compassionate Christ! And furthermore, there is a lesson of faith cradled here—as long as Peter kept his eyes and heart focused on The Lord Christ, he *did* walk on that sea—but when he cast his gaze on the churning sea with its tossing waves—when the central view of his life became the storm rather than the Saviour, he began to sink!

I ask you frankly if you have not repeated this scene many times in your life. Isn't it perfectly true that when our life is caught in a raging tempest, we have sensed the Holy Presence of a concerned Christ who was saying to us — "be not afraid, it is I?" And so long as we keep our gaze fixed on Him we weather the storm and are stronger for it. Then, in a fearful moment, we take a fleeting glance at the storm about us we begin to sink and cry out — "Lord, save me!"

No night is so dark and no storm so dismal that it blots out the compassion of our Lord. When life is too much for us and the burdens too heavy to bear, there is a waiting Christ to stretch forth His hand to catch us.

"Lord, save me" expresses faith in all that God has done for us through Christ.

pledged for the support of our work, their use for any other purpose might be construed to be a misappropriation of funds.

We know that your concern for our institutions and their needs is as great as ours, hence our desire to bring this important matter to your attention. Will you be the "voice of the Woman's Division" at every opportunity to interpret our policy and to give guidance in local and district societies where, because urgent, professional appeals, well-meaning societies sometimes use their money in ways which do not best serve the interests of our Church and of our Woman's Work?

MRS. J. FOUNT TILLMAN, Pres.  
MRS. PORTER BROWN, Treas.

## Korean Students Present The Messiah

A choir of more than 90 Korean students and teachers at Holston Girls' School, Taejon, Korea, presented Handel's Messiah during the Christmas season just past. The third annual presentation of this world famous cantata in Taejon was under the direction of one of Korea's young church leaders who has studied at Scarritt and Emory Colleges in America.

This news of one of several of the Woman's Division of Christian Service's projects in Korea was received recently from Miss Marjorie Yarborough by mem-

bers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh. Miss Yarborough's work at the Holston Girls' School is sponsored by the Edenton Street society.

Currently on vacation, Miss Yarborough is visiting Methodist missionaries and work in Hong Kong, and Taiwan. She expects to return to Taejon on January 16.

—MARY GARDNER

## Annual W.S.C.S. Report Off the Press

The 19th Annual Report of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference was one of the very fine messages received in the Christmas mail.

Within its covers may be found information of wondrous value to every officer and every member of the Woman's Society and of the Wesleyan Service Guild. Every department of work is clearly described in the reports of the Conference officers. Programs of inspiration and value may be planned from this book.

Sincere appreciation and congratulations are extended to Mrs. Hugh W. Wilkin of Charlotte, recording secretary, for her fine work of organization and arrangement of materials in the report. This is a major task to assemble the data and to arrange it into a book. It is a task *well* done!

—MRS. J. C. WRIGHT





# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## Polly's Missionary Money

"Now, Polly," said her brother Sam, as they started home from Sunday School, "why did you promise twenty-five cents? You know you haven't five cents in the world, and you can't earn any."

"I can, too," retorted Polly. But she was really troubled. Her father and mother believed that if they fed and clothed their children, that was enough. She didn't have five cents, nor even one. And her mother said, "Since you have promised twenty-five cents missionary money, you'll have to earn it yourself. You shouldn't have promised until you asked."

After dinner Polly looked at the things in the house, wondering what she could sell for a quarter. Her only doll was older than she was — at least its body was. Polly knew that dear old Ellen Frances was not worth a quarter.

On the parlor shelf were two lovely vases which Aunt Sophia had brought her from the world's fair. But it would never do to sell these.

Then she thought of her black hen. "Mother," she asked, "can I sell Carraway?" Her mother laughed, "People won't buy hens at that age."

"Father, will you hire me to pick potatoes?" was Polly's next question.

"That's my job!" cried Sam. "I'm already hired, at two cents a bushel."

"I think you're selfish, Sam," said Polly, turning to the window with quivering lips.

As she brushed the tears from her eyes, she looked through the rows of maples and saw Uncle Adam's potato field. Then she had a bright idea — an idea that she did not share with Sam. Early next morning she plodded across the field to her uncle's house.

"Uncle Adam, wouldn't you like to hire me to pick up potatoes?" she asked.

"What? A little girl? You couldn't do much," said the farmer.

"You just try me!" cried Polly, with tears in her eyes. "I'll work every minute."

"I was going to hire a boy, but I'd have to pay a boy two cents a bushel," said Uncle Adam thoughtfully.

"I'll bet you'd pay me two cents a bushel, too," she replied.

"Oh, you're a little girl; I guess you'd work for a cent a bushel."

Polly was puzzled. She followed her uncle from one barn to another, and then said, "If a basket is full of potatoes, does it make any difference if a boy picks 'em or a girl?"

The tall man looked at her for a minute, then laughed, and patted her pretty hair. "I declare, Polly, you've got a head, haven't you? You ought to get a patent on it."

"Oh, no!" protested the little girl, "only dolls have patent heads. But will you hire me?"

"Yes, and I'll pay you the same as I would pay Sam if you work well."

The second afternoon Polly counted

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## Hardly Knew You!

*A foolish little maiden  
Bought a foolish little bonnet,  
With a ribbon and a feather  
And a bit of lace upon it.  
And so all the other maidens  
In the little town might know it,  
She thought she'd go along to church  
Next Sunday just to show it.  
"Alleluia, Alleluia,"  
Sang the choir above her head;  
"Hardly knew you! Hardly knew you!"  
Were the words she thought they said.*  
— Selected

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the straight marks she had made on the edge of the basket, and there were twenty-five. She stood beside Uncle Adam, tired and dirty, but very happy, as he counted out five bright dimes for her.

"That's a lot of money for a little girl to spend," said he.

"It isn't to spend," said Polly. "I'll give twenty-five cents as a missionary offering for this year. And the other twenty-five cents I'm going to give for last year, because I didn't know how much the missionaries needed money."

— From *Missionary Banner*

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## THAT'S ENOUGH FOR ME

"What do you do without a mother to tell all your troubles to?" asked a child who had a mother, of one who had none.

"My mother told me who to go to,

before she died," answered the little orphan. "I go to the Lord Jesus. He was my mother's friend, and He is mine, too."

"But Jesus is in the sky," replied the other boy. "He is away off, and he has a lot of things to attend to in heaven. It's not likely that He can stop and pay attention to you."

"I don't know anything about that," replied the orphan. "All I know is, He says He will, and that's enough for me."

—From the *Sunday School Visitor*  
November 1873

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## MR. MOON

Mr. Moon is a jolly old fellow,  
He shines in the sky, bright and yellow;  
At night when I go to bed,  
I look for Mr. Moon so shiny and red.

Do you know why he has such a glow?  
In the morning, that comes so slow,  
Mr. Moon, he's lost his glow!  
At night sometimes I think,  
Does he ever turn to ink?

—PEGGY GRAVES—Age 9  
Children's Home

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## CHUCKLES

When dessert was served, young Jimmy finally reached what threatened to be his limit of expansion. He reached for his belt buckle and explained, "Guess I'll have to move the decimal point two places."

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"Why were you kept in after school?" the father asked his young son.

"I didn't know where the Azores were," replied the youngster.

"In the future, son, please try to remember where you put things."

—Exchange

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## Bible Quiz

(Birds of the Bible)

1. These birds fed Elijah by the brook Cherith. ....

2. Christ speaks of God's care for these birds, though they were sold very cheap. ....

3. The psalmist speaks of this bird as having found a nest for herself in God's altar. ....

4. This bird was used as a sacrifice in the temple. ....

5. The Lord reminded the Israelites how He had borne them on wings, as this bird does its young. ....

## Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Lions—Daniel 6:19-24.
2. Dog—II Kings 9:35-36.
3. Hog—Leviticus 11:7-8.
4. Camel—Genesis 24:61-64.
5. Sheep—Amos 7:14-15.



# International Sunday School Lesson

By RAYMOND A. SMITH

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for January 17

## THE GOSPEL VERSUS LEGALISM

*Background Scripture:* Acts 15:1-35; Galatians 2:1-6.

*Lesson Scripture:* Acts 15:1-2, 12-21.

With today's lesson we bring to a close the unit of study entitled "The Church Shares Its Concern." In this unit we have been discussing (1) the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church and (2) the strengthening of the Church through the development of leaders. In this lesson we turn to the struggle within the early fellowship to keep Christ central in the developing doctrine and practice of these early followers.

It is necessary to remind ourselves once again that the earliest Christians were Jews. They had, like Jesus himself, been brought up to revere the law of Moses. A great many of the regulations that had grown out of the Mosaic law had to do with outward rites and observances such as Sabbath observance, dietary laws and circumcision. So naturally one of the major problems to be encountered by the first Christians was this: To what extent are those who entered the fellowship of Christ's followers still bound by these ancient laws? Evidently James, the brother of Jesus and the head of the Jerusalem church, believed it was obligatory for them to continue to obey these regulations. This attitude on his part no doubt was valuable at first, because it tended to allay suspicion and persecution by the Jewish authorities.

The reader will recall, however, that the new liberal attitude toward Gentiles had already been seen in Peter's vision on the house-top where he became convinced that the old laws had been too narrow. Then, too, the Gentile converts that Paul and Barnabas were bringing into the church must have resented the idea of their having first to become Jews in order to become Christians. Even James, conservative though he was, came to see that, if the Jewish law were to be insisted upon in the case of the Gentiles, the strangulation of the beginning church would be certain. Knowing the prophetic writings well, he recalled a passage from Amos (cf. 9:11-12) which teaches that the temple will be rebuilt so that "the rest of the men may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles who are called by my name." James concluded, therefore, that "we should not trouble those of the Gentiles who turn to God, but should write to them to abstain from pollution of idols and from unchastity and from what is strangled and from blood." Notice that the rite of circumcision is not mentioned in this list. Thus the liberals won a victory and the early fellowship of Christians was permitted to grow without the legalism of the mother religion being forced upon it.

In closing this lesson we need to consider some of the legalisms that tend to divide Christians today. We think of such things as baptism, ordination and apostolic succession. The meaning of baptism, for example, has often been lost in arguments about the *method* of baptism. The rule of our Methodist Church provides that the convert may be baptized in any manner which he desires, thus refusing to become legalistic about this sacred rite. At the great gatherings of the World Council of Churches it is still necessary to have a number of communion services, because many will refuse to take the sacrament from the hands of those whom they regard as not properly ordained.

We notice that the thing which carried the most weight at the meeting described in our Scripture lesson was the *results*. It has been said that it is hard to argue with a saintly life. So, when Paul and Barnabas reported that the Gentiles were responding warmly to the appeal of the gospel, the others were convinced of the rightness of carrying the gospel to these people. "And all the assembly listened to Barnabas and Paul as they related what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles" (Acts 15:2).

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## Honor Roll Churches

Four churches have qualified for Honor Roll mention since our last report. Churches or charges qualify for the Honor Roll when the number of subscribers on the charge is equal to or exceeds 10 per cent of the reported membership.

The four reported this week are: Kadesh-Belwood, Rev. Fred A. Hill, 23; Beech Grove, Rev. E. J. Bedsworth, 20; Harlowe, Rev. Jack Hunter, 17; Friendship on Haw River Ct., Rev. G. A. Hovis, 15.

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## In Memoriam

**AVERY.**—Olin M. Avery, well known Morganton resident, died at 12:30 a.m., November 10, at Grace Hospital. Mr. Avery, who was 89 years old, was a member of a prominent Burke County family. He was a retired farmer and former school teacher. Mr. Avery was one of the organizers of North Morganton Methodist Church, and served as teacher of the Adult Bible Class for many years. Funeral services were held at North Morganton Methodist Church on Nov. 11, of which he was a charter member. Mr. Avery was a long time member of the Morganton City School Board. Officiating at the funeral were the pastor, Rev. P. F. Snider and former pastors, W. Grady Burgin and V. P. Crowder. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Lou Kincaid Avery, seven daughters, three sons, sixteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren, also three sisters. Members of the Adult Bible Class served as pallbearers. Burial was in Forest Hill Cemetery in Morganton.

**CARTER.**—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Corinth Methodist Church, wish to express our deep sorrow at the passing of our beloved member, Mrs. Hettie Winburne Carter, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Morris, on Wednesday, October 28, 1959. She will be remembered for her loyalty to her church and for her devotion to her family and friends. Her life was a shining example of Christian living. Mrs. Carter came to our community as a young bride and resided here continuously throughout her adult life. She identified herself with Corinth Methodist Church and was active in all phases of church work, and her splendid ministrations will be greatly missed.

Therefore, be it resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to members of the family, a copy to the N. C. Christian Advocate, a copy recorded in the minutes of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. — Mrs. Roy Glasgow, Mrs. D. J. Walker, Mrs. B. F. Morris.

**McKINNEY.**—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Watson's Chapel Methodist Church, wish to pay loving tribute to Mrs. Ella B. McKinney, who answered God's call to heaven September 26, 1959.

Mrs. McKinney was one of the charter members of our society and served as treasurer for several years. She was a member of the church since childhood, a teacher in the Sunday School for twenty-five years and on the board of stewards at the time of her death. She was very active in all phases of the church work as long as her health permitted and was deeply interested to the last. Her faithful loyalty and service to the church and her Christian character caused her to be loved by all who came in contact with her. While she isn't with us any longer in body we feel her spirit lingers with us still, and we are sure her influence will live on. We do not have words to express our feelings of appreciation for the life she lived among us. Therefore be it resolved:

First, That her way of living has been a blessing to us all, and that we thank God for her life and her devotion to the church.

Second, That we extend to her loved ones our love and sympathy, and that we remember them as she remembered us.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the "North Carolina Christian Advocate" for publication, that a copy be sent to her husband, Mr. Mayhew McKinney, and that a copy be recorded in our minutes.

Resolutions Committee,

Mrs. Geneva M. Payne, Chairman

Mrs. Grace W. McKinney

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# Methodists Launch Decade of Prayer

Knoxville, Tenn. — The clock struck midnight. In the distance, firecrackers popped. In the sanctuary of Central Methodist Church here, 700 persons were on their knees praying the Lord's Prayer.

Thus entered a new decade, and thus was launched a new Methodist-sponsored international "Decade of Prayer."

Earlier on New Year's Eve, nearly 1,100 persons from at least 23 states were at the church to hear the Rev. E. Stanley Jones speak on "Prayer and Conversion in the New Decade."

After midnight, as the early minutes of the new decade ticked by, the 700 went to the altar and knelt for Holy Communion. And then in the wee hours — one a.m., two a.m., three a.m. — and on throughout the meeting people took turns keeping a prayer vigil going every minute, praying for world peace and world revival.

At 9 a.m. New Year's Day, the delegates, rubbing their sleepy eyes, were on hand for a school of prayer. Through the day, they heard talks on prayer and discussed prayer, and in the closing service of the meeting that night, they dedicated themselves to a life of prayer in a "Decade of Dynamic Discipleship."

The Decade of Prayer is a part of the Decade of Dynamic Discipleship which the Methodist General Board of Evangelism is promoting during the 1960's. In addition to prayer, the discipleship program will emphasize Bible reading, Christian beliefs, starting new churches, and recruitment of preachers and missionaries.

The Decade of Prayer will include prayer vigils and various prayer programs, said the Rev. Dr. Thomas A. Carruth, Nashville, director of the prayer life movement of the General Board of Evangelism. It is expected that individuals, families, churches, other organizations, and communities around the world will participate.

The high point of the opening session New Year's Eve was the message by Dr. Jones, a Christian leader known around the world.

"No greater contribution could be made during the next ten years," said Dr. Jones, "than to undergird the world situation with prayer."

The Rev. A. B. Wing, superintendent of the Knoxville Methodist District, said, in opening the program, "I have a feeling that there is something tremendously significant happening here tonight."

A telegram from Vice-President Richard Nixon said in part, "As you pray, I know you will be serving the cause of peace throughout the world."

The Rev. J. T. Seamands, a Methodist missionary to India, said in the midnight service, "I believe with all my heart we are on the verge of something tremendous."

At the closing session, the delegates agreed that they would all pray for the summit conference next May and voted to send a telegram to President Eisenhower informing him of their action.

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In Gethsemane, Jesus knelt to pray.  
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## Time Changes All Things

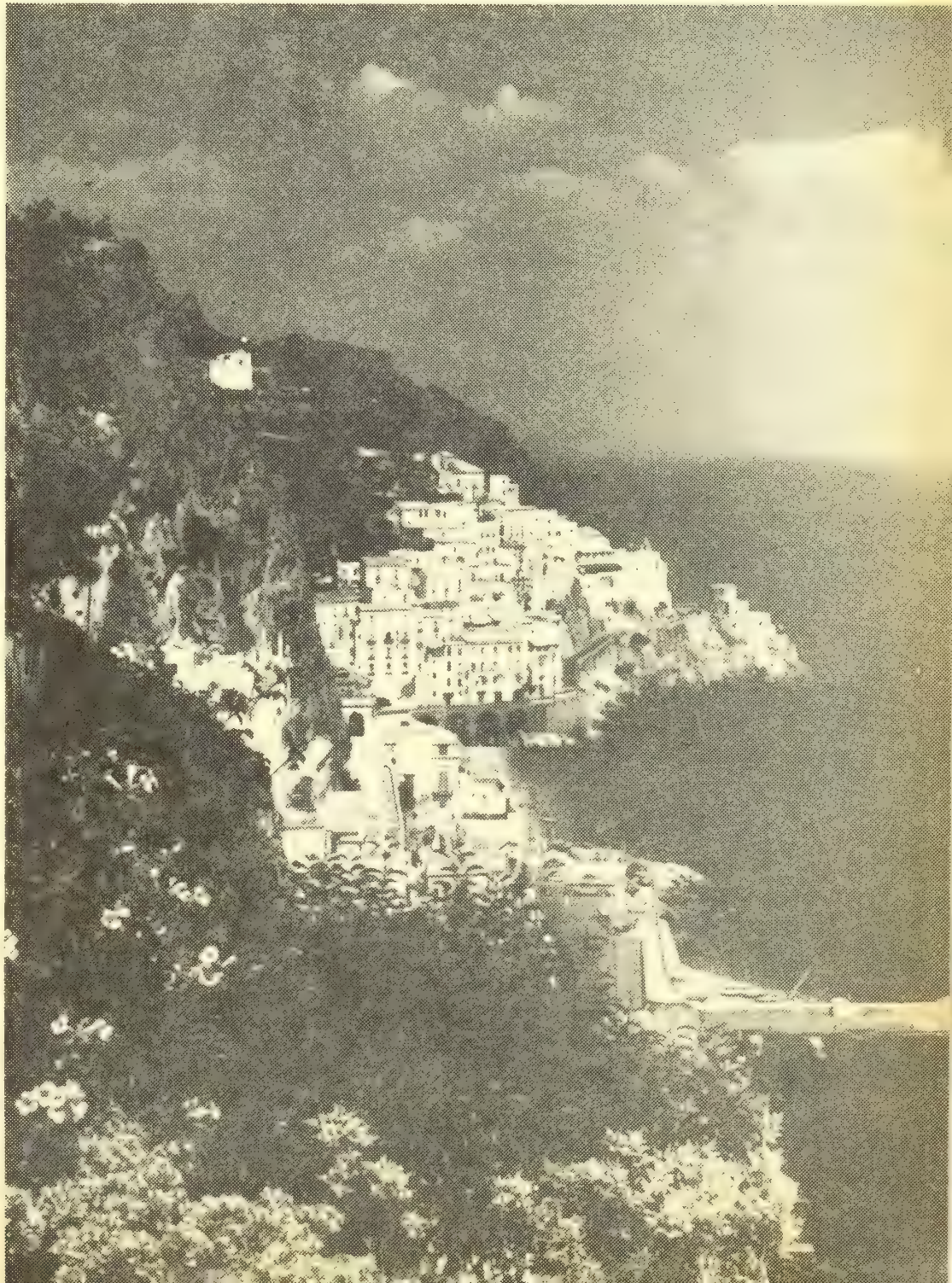
A thousand years ago Amalfi was an independent republic, with 50,000 population engaged in trade with Egypt and the East. Today it is a small town of around 6,000, whose inhabitants live by fishing and catering to tourists.

The modern tourist enters the town over the famed Amalfi drive, one of the most awe-inspiring roads in the world, with more than 1300 curves in a distance of little more than 30 miles from Naples. But once there, one finds little of interest except the beauty of bouganvillea and white stone houses and the blue-black water of the Gulf of Salerno.

Founded by Constantine, it withstood the advances of the barbarians in the Dark Ages, and was one of the first Italian towns to recover from their depredations. But in 1135 it was plundered by the Pisans and soon after came under the domination of Naples.

Like many other once-great cities of Italy, Amalfi lives now in the glory of its past, reminding us that "these things too shall pass away."

*Sic transit gloria mundi.*





# LETTERS

## The Sunday School Lessons

Dear Editor:

I think our church paper is better than ever and I am enjoying every department, especially the Sunday School lessons.

I note that the publishing date is Thursday. My copy arrives on Saturday or Monday, so I do not always get the benefit of the lesson. I teach a Men's Bible Class and use material from *The Wesley Quarterly*, *Adult Teacher* and *The International Lesson Annual*, but Dr. Smith's treatment of the lesson is usually very good, and I like to use it in the class.

If it can be done, could you print this lesson one week in advance, so that I and others could use this good material?

Sincerely,

H. R. LEWIS

Asheville, N. C.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is a recurring problem which we have tried to solve, but failed. The paper is mailed on Wednesday, but many subscribers do not receive it until Saturday or Monday. For several years we printed the lessons a week ahead, but received so many letters of protest that we went back to the former practice. Perhaps there are others who feel as Mr. Lewis does and will make themselves heard on the matter. We will be glad to co-operate with the majority. Personally, we feel that Mr. Lewis is right, but others say they lose the paper before they can use the lesson.

## From an Advocate Booster

Dear Editor:

Across the years the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE has filled a need. It has stood for moral and spiritual righteousness. Back in the days when the Plylers were editors, I can still see those two great men as they stood before legislative hearings on liquor. They stood with the "dry" forces of North Carolina. When they came out, they came out for something! There have been other good editors, Cecil Robbins, Henry Sprinkle and our dear brother from the North has filled a needed spot.

I hear preachers say, "Do away with the ADVOCATE." I say, "Support the ADVOCATE." Get an editor born and raised between the sandhills and the mountains, one who

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## A Word of Appreciation

Elsewhere in this issue will be found an announcement by Dr. Marshall of his resignation as of the end of the Conference year 1959-60 as editor of the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. His self-initiated resignation is based on a strong personal love for and desire to return to the active pastoral ministry.

The Methodist Board of Publication made up of an equal representation of ministers and laymen from the two North Carolina Methodist Conferences wishes to publicly record its appreciation of Dr. Marshall's services during the five-year period of his holding this responsible and difficult assignment. In all of its relationships with him, the Board has found Dr. Marshall to be lovable, patient, charitably disposed toward critics and unsparing of self in his desire to serve and promote the ADVOCATE's best interests. For his tolerance and willing cooperation, we the Board are grateful.

On behalf of the Board and the many friends which he has made for the ADVOCATE and for himself, we express thanks and wish for Dr. Marshall and his family a full measure of contentment and happiness now and always.

—CHARLES E. JORDAN, President

knows the people of our state, and we will back him.

I am not on the Board, but I hope that, instead of closing shop, we will move forward with an editor who does not have anything to do but edit and write and a business manager who does not write but covers the state and keeps subscriptions on the upgrade. One man cannot and should not be asked to run the ADVOCATE.

I believe in the ADVOCATE, and I believe the Board and the Bishop and Cabinet will produce a plan and a long-range program, and that the N. C. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, which many call a "dead duck," will have a day of resurrection, and that we will be able to sell it with pride.

On with the N. C. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

Sincerely,

—ROBERT M. HARDEE

Troutman, N. C.

EDITOR'S NOTE: We agree with Brother Hardee—all except that bit about the "brother from the North." While not a Tar Heel, this editor was born and raised in a Southern briar patch and has spent 50 years in the South. According to Brother Bob's definition, if a man walks through a turnip patch he is a turnip. Seriously, however, we believe that the next editor should be more conversant with North Carolina Methodism than this one, and that he should be without "foreign taint," for the mere fact of his having come from another state makes it hard for some people to accept him as a representative of the Tar Heel ways—even if he does love ham biscuits!

Mrs. Louise H. Knapp of Richmond Hill, N. Y., died Dec. 18. She was assistant secretary of missionary education for the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

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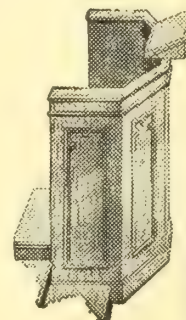
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# Carolina Briefs

THE REV. ORION N. HUTCHINSON gave an illustrated address on his recent South American Mission at the evening service of First Church, Thomasville, on Jan. 3.

THE REV. JOSEPH R. BOGLE of Rutherfordton made it easy to subscribe for the ADVOCATE on a recent Sunday by placing special coin envelopes in the pews.

THE FORMAL OPENING of the new educational building of Central Church, Concord, will be held on January 31, according to the bulletin.

THE REV. LEON COUCH of St. Paul Church, Goldsboro, was one of the speakers at the recent Princess Anne Christian Workers' School in Norfolk, Va.

LOOKING OVER the church bulletins, the editor noted the report of a flourishing congregation which showed 302 members, a splendid report on finances—and one subscriber to the Conference Organ!

THE FORMAL OPENING of the Hickory Grove Church, Charlotte, was held last Sunday, Jan. 17, when Bishop Nolan B. Harmon and Dr. Walter Miller presided over the ceremonies.

MISS EUNICE BLAIR FLOYD, formerly director of Christian Education at First Church, Salisbury, has joined the staff of West Market St. Church, Greensboro, as director of Christian Education of Children.

MRS. H. C. TURLINGTON, vice-president of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, underwent surgery at Duke Hospital, Durham, on January 9. She is currently recuperating at her home in Durham, N. C.

WEST MARKET STREET CHURCH, Greensboro, has added to the large number of special interest groups a course in Motor Tune-up, and two expert motor mechanics, Bill Carrier and J. H. Slack, will meet with students each Wednesday night.

DR. W. KENNETH GOODSON of First Church, Charlotte, was the speaker at the mobilization meeting of the S. C. Campaign for Christian Higher Education at Columbia. Following this, he delivered three addresses at the Religious Emphasis Week at Darlington School, Rome, Ga.

THE NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING at Casar (Gastonia District) was dedicated by Bishop Nolan B. Harmon recently. The sermon was given by Superintendent Eugene C. Few. Also participating in the ceremony were Pastor W. C. Anderson, the Rev. Floyd Bottoms, former pastor who had led in the building campaign, Mr. Paul White, and Mrs. Ezelle Walker.

BISHOP NOLAN B. HARMON will dedicate the new building at Friendship Church (Greensboro District) on Feb. 7 at 3 p.m. He will be assisted by the district superintendent, Dr. J. Clay Madison, and the pastor, the Rev. G. A. Hovis. All former pastors and members are invited to attend. The church is on the Haw River Charge and is located near Monticello, on highway 150 just off highway 29 North.

AMONG THE CHURCHES observing Student Day was St. James Church at Newport, where the guest preacher was the Rev. Pat DeMestral, a student at Garrett Bibli-

cal Institute, who is a native of Zurich, Switzerland. Other speakers were Miss Marianne Streller also of Zurich and Miss Betty Jo Hill of Newport, both of whom are also students at Garrett. Mr. DeMestral and Miss Streller will enter the mission field next year and Miss Hill will become a Methodist student worker. The pastor, the Rev. Ralph L. Fleming, Jr., recognized 20 students from the Newport Church who were present for the service.

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## A Word from the Editor

The last of June will mark the end of five years which I have spent as editor of this magazine. It will also mark the end of my service in the field of editorial work, for I expect to return to the pastoral ministry.

The years with the ADVOCATE have been pleasant and rewarding. Especially has this been true of my relations with the Board of Directors and officials of both Conferences. As for the pastors and people of more than 500 churches which I have visited, words could not express my gratitude to them for their kindnesses. Southern hospitality is all that it is supposed to be and Southern Methodist hospitality is really something! I have eaten more ham biscuits, fried chicken and pound cake than I ought to have done, and my waistline proves that statement. I have swapped stories with the preachers and laymen, preached in the pulpits, addressed innumerable dinner meetings, met the finest children and young people in the world, and had a wonderful time doing it.

But the desire to return to the pastorate is too strong to resist. Therefore I have given my resignation to the Board and my services will terminate in June. My address after that will be announced by the bishop in the proper time.

I would like to pay tribute at this time to the wonderful attitude of the Board of Directors, who have at all times displayed the most Christian spirit of brotherly love and co-operation, to the officials of the Conferences, and to the pastors and people, and all readers of this magazine.

The reason for announcing my resignation now is that I feel that sufficient time should be given for the selection of my successor and an opportunity to make any necessary changes in the set-up of the ADVOCATE management.

I have been encouraged by the response to the subscription campaign and I believe that this year will mark the turning point in the affairs of your church paper. There are indications that North Carolina Methodism has realized that the Conference Organ is a necessary part of the program of the Church and will support it in an adequate fashion.

—R. P. MARSHALL

THE DURHAM DISTRICT CONFERENCE will be held at Bethany Methodist Church on Guess Road, February 2nd, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

CLARENCE E. WHITEMAN, Bennett College organist will be presented in a vesper musicale in Pfeiffer Chapel, Sunday, January 24, at 11 a.m. This program takes the place of the usual afternoon vesper service.

DR. WILSON O. WELDON, pastor of Myers Park Church, Charlotte, returned home Jan. 11, after having represented the W.N.C. Conference at the meeting of the General Commission on Christian Higher Education in Atlantic City, N. J.

"THE MOST CHALLENGING GOAL ahead of us is not seeing how much farther we can go into outer space, but in learning how to live together in peace on this earth," the Rev. Morton R. Kurtz, of Durham declared in the first vesper service of the New Year at Bennett College Sunday. The minister, who is executive director of the North Carolina Council of Churches, says that present-day Christians lack "the love for each other and the zeal for the Master" which marked the lives of the early Christians.

GRACE METHODIST CHURCH, Wilmington, observed its 162nd anniversary on December 24, 1959. The new sanctuary was occupied for the first time nine years ago. Since then 728 persons have joined the church. The congregation has raised \$315,554 for buildings in 9 years. A grand total of \$653,575 has been raised during the past 3½ years. The handsome new education building was occupied for the first time November 10, 1957, and cost \$193,000. The present debt is \$77,000. Dr. J. V. Early, the 73rd pastor of this historic church, is in his fourth year.

"THE CHALLENGE OF CHANGE" was the subject of a panel discussion presented before the student body of Bennett College on Monday, Jan. 11, by four speakers representing the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Moderator was Dr. Gordon Lovejoy, Southeastern director of NCCJ, and panelists were Dr. David D. Stafford, sociologist, of Guilford College; Jack Berry, president of the Berry Coal and Oil Co.; and Dr. William Reed, dean of the school of agriculture at A&T. College. There was general agreement that the world of tomorrow will be more a woman's world and that the darker nations of the world will exercise more and more leadership.

DR. J. LEM STOKES II, president of Pfeiffer College, announced from Atlantic City, New Jersey, on January 13, that Pfeiffer College had been elected to membership in the Association of American Colleges. The membership of this association is made up of private and church related colleges and universities in the nation. On last Saturday, January 9, Pfeiffer College was accredited as a four year liberal arts school by the University Senate of The Methodist Church. This Senate is made up of representatives from the accredited Methodist Colleges and Universities throughout the United States. On December 4, Pfeiffer College was admitted as a member to the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.



## The Shadow of the Swastika

Those of us who lived through the Nazi era will recall the feeling of horror which came over us as we heard the screaming voice of Adolph Hitler as he proclaimed the supremacy of the Super-Race and shouted his hatred of the Jews. We remember the terror of those days, which came close to many of us through the reactions of our Jewish friends in this country. We remember the atrocities of Buchenwald and Belsen, and we remember the picture of the thousands of skeletons of the victims of the Nazi gas chambers and the deliberate program of starvation.

Will those days return?

It is almost inconceivable that the world will let that happen. For we know too much of the danger of race prejudice and terror when controlled and instigated by a lust for power.

But the swastika, the emblem of Hitler horror, is appearing as if by magic, on the walls of Jewish temples and Christian churches, all over the world. Is it a far-flung plot, or only the manifestation of juvenile criminals who, knowing nothing of the real facts, see in the goose-stepping Nazi terrorists the sort of men they'd like to be? Is the current wave of anti-Jewish slogans an indication of a widespread search for a scapegoat to atone for our own sins?

Two different kinds of situation bring about such manifestations of irrationality. One is a time of depression such as we went through in America and such as brought on the Hitler regime in Germany. Cold and hungry men seek for a reason for their misfortune and turn to all sorts of panaceas. Politicians make fantastic charges against individuals and groups as a means of gaining power for themselves. This is what happened in Germany and almost happened here.

The second type of situation which can produce a wave of anti-Semitism is found when prosperity and corruption go hand in hand, when moral values have been lost in the scramble for riches, and when a jaded public seeks for more sensation. Lacking moral scruples, some young hoodlums (and older leaders) see an opportunity to indulge in their sadistic impulses by attacking the Jews—or some other minorities.

Despite the fact that our loss of moral concern has given us a generation of hoodlums and thrill-seekers, it is probable that our very prosperity will be a

## A Prayer for Light

*O God, who hast made the eye to see, the ear to hear, and the heart to love; deliver us from inward blindness and hardness of heart, that seeing, we may perceive, and hearing we may understand the truth of thy Word, and with our whole heart love and obey it. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

—Meth. Recorder



damper on any anti-Semitic movement. Most people are not desperately seeking a scapegoat, nor are the majority so corrupted by the show of violence in movies and television that they will succumb to the attitude of ancient Rome and turn to persecution as a form of sport.

The shadow of the swastika is a direful omen of what could happen, but, so far, it is a shadow and no more.

## Lost Methodists

The *Christian Advocate* is currently in the midst of a discussion of "lost Methodists" and what to do with them. A recent issue carried two letters, one of which suggested that pastors and official boards should be very careful about "purging the rolls" and cautioned that many seemingly lost members might come home, in time. The other, while admitting the serious effects which indiscriminate dropping of names might produce, contended that Methodists should be made to realize that the vows which they take cannot be broken with impunity.

We wonder what our readers think.

For our part, we would side with the writer of the second letter mentioned. Church membership vows either mean something or they don't. When prospective members ask for church membership they promise to attend the services and support the institutions. If they have no intention of doing so, they should not take the solemn pledge.

But, on the other hand, there must be no careless "pruning" of the roll. Frequently, an official board becomes alarmed upon discovering that perhaps one-third of the membership never attends and never gives. They call for action by the Quarterly Conference and present a list of inactive members to be dropped, without first doing all in their power to see that these members are

given a chance to reform. Such a procedure is fatal to the fellowship of the church.

The greatest objection to this procedure rises from the crassly materialistic motive which often, quite mistakenly, motivates those who are in a hurry to get rid of inactive members in order to save money. Thousands of Official Boards are convinced that they are being "taxed" on the basis of membership. This is not true. As far as we can ascertain, there are no apportionments in North Carolina Methodism which are based entirely on membership. Most of them are set up on a complicated percentage which takes into consideration the ability of the people to give, as evidenced by what they have already done.

But if it *were* true that apportionments were greatly increased by the presence of inactive members on the rolls, the usual careless manner of "pruning" them is wrong because it shows little regard for the individual as a potential Christian. Seldom do we ask, "What can we do to bring John Jones back to Christ and the Church?" Usually we only ask, "Who will take these names and see if they want to stay dead-heads?"

Some have suggested that the General Conference should restore the inactive roll and allow the congregation to list such members without counting them in the official total. This would not help very much, except in the case of absentee members who have moved without leaving a forwarding address, for, as we have stated above, the money angle needs not to be taken into consideration.

Here is a suggestion which may be too Utopian for general use, but it can work for individual churches here and there. Let each congregation be divided into groups, as is being done in the current campaign for membership cultivation, and let these groups function as the old Class Meeting once did, giving to the leader of the group the responsibility of looking after his members. If this were done, and if, periodically, the class, or group, leaders would report to the pastor, we would be able to do a job which otherwise is totally impossible in the average church.

Such a plan cannot be worked in a church where the minister is considered the hired hand whose job is to do everything by himself. It can be done in a congregation which is concerned with the Kingdom of God.



## Children Must Learn to Worship

By JAMES C. STOKES

How old should a child be before he stays to the Sunday morning worship service? There are many different views on this. All the way from, "It should be left up to the child" to "I took my children to church while they were still babies."

Your view may lie somewhere between. Perhaps we could get more quickly to a reasonable answer by asking several further questions. When do our children begin going to the movies? If they are old enough to sit through a two-hour show, will it hurt them to sit through a one-hour worship service? If we keep our children out of church until they are twelve or older, are we not laying a pattern of non-attendance which may be fixed upon them for life? We don't leave it up to our children as to whether they shall go to school, eat properly, get enough sleep, etc. Why should you leave it up to them to decide whether or not they shall stay to the worship service?

In making your decision, consider these factors. If you yourself do not attend church, you are teaching your child that the worship of God is unimportant. If you do not start him in young, you are making it all the harder for him later on. Truly participating in a worship service is not easy. It requires discipline, and the development of skill. It's a lot more fun to read the comics and go fishing. Usually you can tell the difference in a child of twelve who has been attending worship services since he was six. If he is sixteen, and still doesn't know what it is to worship God in the sanctuary of a church, there is strong possibility that he has said good-bye to God for good.

Some of us should have been thinking about these matters yesterday. But we still have today. And tomorrow may well be too late.

## Steeple Echoes

By T. R. JENKINS

According to a supposedly true story, the French infidel Voltaire said to a friend: "It took twelve ignorant fishermen to establish Christianity; I will show the world how one Frenchman can destroy it." Setting to his task, he



## "Consolation"

By JANIE MAHAN

When I have lost my last grim stubborn fight,  
And Death, relentless, claims me for his own.  
Then waste no tears, when after life's harsh  
fight  
My body lies in darkness all alone.  
Think not, beloved, that I feared to go —  
Instead, I welcome, cool and quiet rest.  
So feel as I, that it is better so.  
Remember — God works all things for the  
best.

'Tis not to gloomy depths my body goes,  
But into Mother Earth's soft waiting arms.  
Clasp'd to her bosom safe from all my woes,  
Peace I shall find away from worldly harm.  
Imbibing life, no more myself I'll be,  
But of great nature's self a tiny part.  
My body kept by Mother Earth, while He,  
My Father, holds my soul to His great heart.

No horrors feel, as I am put away,  
For I am where there is no grinding care.  
You do not leave me lonely, as you say:  
The noises of the restless world, all there  
Do pass unheard above my sleeping face.  
There, can the grind of living wreck no ill;  
There, grief, despair, and sorrow, have no place;  
Contentment rules, my form is resting, still.

Think not I'm chilled when icy winds are  
drear:  
Warm breathes my Earth Mother across my  
face;  
Think not I'm scorch'd when heat, the land  
doth sear.  
Her hand passes over me with cooling grace.  
Snowbound, heat-parched, it matters not the  
day:  
Naught matters—there, beneath the cool,  
clean sod.  
The greening turf takes all the hurt away;  
And I am sheltered, safe, alone with God.



"If Christians will turn on enough *Love*  
and *Prayer*, they will find the answer to all  
human relationships."—*Frank Laubach*



openly ridiculed Sir Isaac Newton. One day Newton made the prophecy, "Man will some day be able to travel at the tremendous speed of forty miles an hour."

Voltaire replied with, "See what a fool Christianity makes of an otherwise brilliant man such as Sir Isaac Newton. Doesn't he know that if a man traveled at forty miles an hour, he would suffocate, and his heart would stop?"

To top the irony of Voltaire's futile efforts, twenty-five years after he died his home was purchased by the Geneva Bible Society and became a Bible storage building, while Voltaire's printing

press was used to print an entire edition of the Bible.

True Christianity has always encouraged discovery and the search for truth.

"Where are you going, holy man?" a peasant in India asked an old traveler as they stood in the shade of a tree. The old man replied: "To a city far away." "In India?" The answer was, "Farther," "In Asia?" "Farther, farther, friend; for the city I seek is TRUTH, and it is hidden in the heart of God."

The holy man was right, for wherever TRUTH has been discovered, the discoverer had to co-operate with the laws of God — whether physical, mental or spiritual.

AND IT WILL EVER BE SO!

## "Fret Not"

By WILSON O. WELDON

Late one evening I was reading from the Thirty-seventh Psalm and pondering those interesting words in verses one, seven and eight — "Fret not thyself because of evildoers . . . Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him; fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way . . . Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; fret not thyself in any wise to do evil."

What words of wisdom for us when we are so often tempted to compare our status in life with another. How temptingly easy it is to become all stirred up, fretting, fuming, because of the apparent injustice of life's rewards. As these thoughts coursed through my mind, just by chance I picked up a magazine and read some lines from an unknown writer. They spoke so eloquently and have continued to speak so effectively that I share them in the hope their message may tarry through all of our temptations to fret and fuss and complain.

"If you were busy being kind,  
Before you knew it, you would find  
You'd soon forget to think 'twas true  
That someone was unkind to you.

"If you were busy being glad,  
And cheering people who are sad,  
Although your heart might ache a bit,  
You'd soon forget to notice it.

"If you were busy being good,  
And doing just the best you could,  
You'd not have time to blame some man  
Who's doing just the best he can.

"If you were busy being right  
You'd find yourself too busy quite  
To criticize your neighbor long  
Because he's busy being wrong."



# Great Problems Topic For Conference Study

By DALLAS MALLISON

As a Christian approach or contribution to a solution of pressing social problems, especially juvenile delinquency, alcoholism, and war, the N. C. Methodist Conference will stage a one-day Christian Social Concerns Conference on Monday, February 29, 1960, at St. Paul's Church in Goldsboro.

Four boards of the Conference are co-operating in sponsoring this initial examinations of and approach to major



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social and economic problems of today. These are the boards of temperance, world peace, education, and social and economic relations. The sessions will be open to the general public and many Methodists from all over the N. C. Conference area are expected to attend.

The Christian Social Concerns Conference is to be held as a part of the The Methodist Church's 1960 emphasis on and study of "Christ and Our Freedoms," a subject which lends itself readily to a study of pressing social and economic problems which confront modern man and demand solution.

The conference reflects The Methodist Church's growing concern regarding the great problems being faced by modern man. The program is this church's effort to formulate an articulate position on three of the most pressing issues or problems, and to implement their solution by offering a concrete Christian approach to

them. The emphasis will be placed on workable and practical solutions.

The conference, which will run from 10:00 in the morning until 3:30 in the afternoon, will be divided into three main parts or segments, each devoted to a consideration of a specific problem or issue. A barbecue luncheon will be served dutch-style at one o'clock. Host pastor will be the Rev. Leon Couch, pastor of St. Paul's Church.

Following the opening devotional period from 10:00 to 10:15 a.m., the Board of Temperance will present its program on temperance and alcoholism. Presiding will be the board chairman, the Rev. D. W. Charlton, pastor of the Enfield Methodist Church.

A question-and-answer period, to be moderated by the Rev. Harold D. Minor, director of adult work of the Board of Education, will conclude this particular presentation.

The main speaker for this particular segment of the program will be Dr. Caradine R. Hooton of Washington, D. C., general secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance.

A prominent Methodist clergyman and educator, Dr. Hooton has served in his present position since 1949. He has gained worldwide recognition in his field, serving as an officer of the International Committee for the Prevention of Alcoholism.

## TO STUDY JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

Following a coffee break from 11:30 to 11:45 a.m., the Board of Social and Economic Relations will present its program on juvenile delinquency with the chairman, the Rev. T. J. Whitehead, pastor of Graham's First Methodist Church, presiding. This segment of the day's program will also end with a question-and-answer period moderated by Blaine M. Madison, executive director of the State Board of Corrections.

The main speaker for this particular segment of the program will be Dr. Haskell M. Miller, professor of Social Ethics at the Wesley Theological Seminary in the nation's capital. An educator who has specialized in a study of social

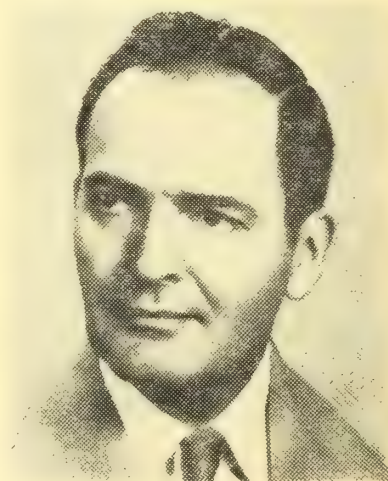
and economic relations, he is the author of a recent book, "Understanding and Preventing Juvenile Delinquency," written for the Methodist Board of Social and Economic Relations and published by Abingdon Press.

The final main part of the Conference will begin at 2:00 p.m. when the causes and prevention of war and the preservation of peace will be presented by the Board of World Peace with its chairman, the Rev. L. A. Watts, pastor of the Hope Mills Methodist Church, presiding.

The chief speaker for this concluding main segment of the Conference will be a prominent member of the N. C. Conference, Dr. C. D. Barclift, Durham District superintendent. He will speak in his role as a member of the Methodist General Board of World Peace.

## EVALUATION AND DEDICATION

The day's program will end with a 15-minute period which will be devoted



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to an evaluation of the program and a dedication or commissioning of those present to go forth to serve as informed missionaries in seeking the solution of the three problems examined that day.

## Kilgo Pastor Gives Money Away

Instead of asking for money for the church, the Rev. Ivan A. Stephens, on a recent Sunday morning, gave away 100 five-dollar bills to members of Kilgo Church Charlotte.

Of course, there were strings to this unusual generosity. With the money went the exhortation to stewardship, for these 100 persons are to be stewards of it until April 17, and it is expected to grow to a considerable sum by that time, when the augmented amount will be given to the building fund.

Mr. Stevens borrowed the \$500, but he is not worried about the outcome.



# The 1959 Lovely Lane Christmas Conference

By WILLIAM K. QUICK  
Zebulon, N. C.

The lengthened shadow of sixty-three Methodist circuit-riders who gathered at Lovely Lane Meeting House in Baltimore, December 24-January 2, 175 years ago, fell across the 300 young ministers and their wives at Lovely Lane two weeks ago. The spirit of the first Christmas Conference was a constant reminder to those present that only by "a strong witness of a sturdy people can the Methodist spirit be kept high in today's age of moon rockets and outer space."

The 1959 Lovely Lane Christmas Conference was part of a week-long celebration of Methodism's birth as an organized religious body in America. The ministers came from the Great Lakes to the bayou country bordering the Gulf and from the Atlantic seaboard to Hollywood, Cal. They represented thirty-five states and fifty-five annual conferences.

The site of the Conference (a staff member remarked, "It's a shame we had to call this a 'Conference'") was some twenty-two blocks removed from the downtown site of the original 1784 Conference. No building, ecclesiastical or otherwise, survives from that era along the street now called Redwood. The present church is the lineal successor to the original meeting house and bears the same quaint and beautiful name: Lovely Lane.

The present church building is the fifth to house the Lovely Lane congregations and was modeled by the famous architect, Stanford White, on the Campanile of Santa Maria in Ravenna, Italy. The building has been judged as the finest example of ecclesiastical Etruscan architecture in America. The domed ceiling shows the heavens as they appeared on the night of Christ's birth. The museum of this Methodist shrine houses many historical mementos of early Methodism, including the hand-hewn pulpit of Robert Strawbridge, the desk of Francis Asbury and the saddlebags of Freeborn Garrettson, "the Paul Revere of Methodism."

The site and setting of the original conference were indeed different from



*The present Lovely Lane Methodist Church in Baltimore*

the 1959 meet. The 63 preachers who journeyed on horseback to Baltimore 175 years ago gathered at the little stone meeting house representing an insignificant group of "Methodys" societies whose adherents numbered 15,000. The 300 preachers who "returned" to Baltimore in 1959 were representatives of the largest Protestant denomination in America, a distinction the Church has held since the 1850's.

Despite these differences, the spirit of the 1784 assemblage was imaginatively reconstructed in a fashion few had anticipated. From the most impressive reenactment of Asbury's ordination to the climactic "Watchnight" service, every session proved to be a spiritual feast. The young ministers and their wives (all were under 35 years old) felt a part of "this endless line of splendor" in Methodism.

The Conference explicitly sought to

explore the Methodist foundations, examine the faith, and to anticipate the future of the church.

## EXPLORING OUR FOUNDATIONS

"Young ministers today need discipline and freedom to seek new ways for communicating creatively the gospel to their people," declared the Rev. Dow Kirkpatrick, pastor of Atlanta's St. Marks Church, he spoke daily on the theme, "Exploring our Foundations." His theme centered around Jesus in Jerusalem, Wesley in England, and Asbury on the American frontier.

"Meeting Christ as a 'Living Person' must be basic in the life of the minister. Your faith, if it's to be meaningful and shared, must find its heart in the living Saviour," he declared.

The Atlanta pastor recalled to memory Wesley's parents at Epworth, the strict rules and religious observances when he was at Oxford and "his remarkable ability to break away from the traditions and formalities" of the Church when he was in London. He said, "Wesley, a high Anglican, preached to coal miners in the fields because he realized that they were not getting to the sanctuary . . . he broke many rules to communicate the gospel."

"Whereas, the Oxford Methodists used a method to worship, I'm afraid we American Methodists are worshipping the method," he emphasized.

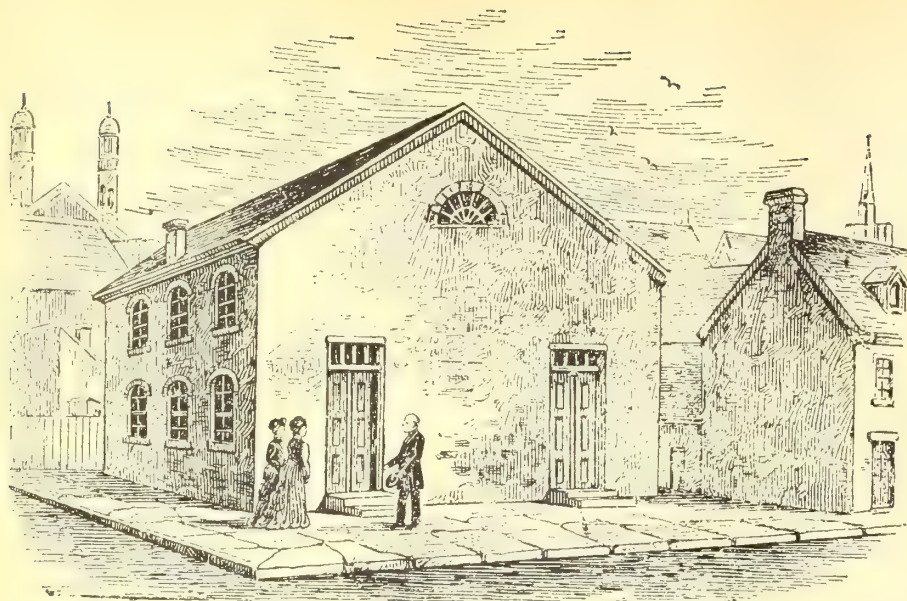
Kirkpatrick quoted the words of Bishop Hamilton at the dedication of the Asbury statue in Washington, "We build monuments to men who do not need them!"

Noting the famous words from Asbury's journal, "Live or die, I must ride," he queried, "Asbury had a compulsion to preach. Do you have that kind of a compulsion?"

"Asbury could find no substitute for soulwinning because he shared a deep concern for men to flee from the wrath to come. He preached that men were lost; we've been telling them from our pulpits that they aren't lost. They, in turn, have been telling us from their pulpits that they are lost. "Come Back, Little Sheba," "J. B.," "Death of a Salesman," "Baby Doll," the beatniks—all are testimonies of modern man as to his lostness. We should regain our fathers' confidence that men are lost without Christ and we need to tell them so!

"Man, today, is not prepared for eternity. We must show him the way. We should preach that just as death predates Judgment Day, the cross of Jesus Christ predates death. The call to Christ





*The Lovely Lane Meeting House in Baltimore as it appeared in 1784*

must be *from* those who know Christ. The voice we use should be the Voice of God, not the voice of the world!"

#### EXAMINING OUR FAITH

The Rev. Ronald Meredith, pastor of the First Church in Wichita, Kansas, brought a refreshing approach to the sessions, "Examining our Faith."

"The Faith of our fathers," he emphasized, "made the early Methodists do three things: examine themselves, examine their Bible, and examine the world."

"The most caustic words Jesus ever uttered were either to preachers or about them. Those words were meant for us as well as for the preachers of his own day. Too frequently do we have long periods of depression and touchiness, inability to handle authority or to face discipline."

"These emotional pains should give us pause to examine ourselves. Pain is God's greatest blessing if we respond to it."

In reference to the Bible, Meredith stated, "Our fathers not only possessed the Bible but the Bible possessed them. Many of us possess a Bible but the Conference Journal possesses us!"

"The problem they faced is the same as the one we encounter, that is, How can we communicate God's Word to men? In our communication of the gospel, we can make it receptive or offensive."

The Wichita pastor urged the ministers to study the great expositors and preach on the big themes of the Bible. "In preparation and in preaching, the minister must be constantly aware that the Bible is from a life, through a life,

to a life. The unforgivable sin of the ministry," he concluded, "is to take anything as fascinating as the New Testament and make it disgustingly uninteresting."

Meredith quipped, "Many a layman must quietly say, 'You know, my preacher would make a grand martyr. Why, he's so dry he'd burn well!'"

#### ANTICIPATING THE FUTURE

Dr. Earl Furgeson of the Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D. C., reiterated throughout his presentations that "the gospel is not an intellectual formulation but a living experience. The good news came as a gift from God, telling man of a loving, forgiving Father."

"The great divorce of the twentieth century is the divorce between the sanctuary and the marketplace. The marketplace sued the Church because it had become irrelevant to life," he expounded.

Furgeson pointed out that just a short time before the Communist Revolution in 1917, a conclave of the Archbishops of the Russian Orthodox Church gathered in St. Petersburg and for two days the divines debated the color of the robes the priest should wear in a certain rite. "While they were in debate, ten Russian children were dying of starvation just two blocks away. The Communists might have never come to power," he declared, "had the Church not forgotten the people."

#### THE EVENING SESSIONS

Special services of worship and inspiration were planned for the evening sessions. On Monday night, the Lovely

Lane Players re-enacted the ordination of Asbury after which Bishop Edgar A. Love spoke on "The Young Minister and His Spiritual Life."

The musical highlight of the Conference came on Tuesday evening when the "Great Hymns Choir," an interdenominational Negro group directed by Dr. Daniel Ridout, presented a concert of ancient hymns, carols and spirituals. The choir, made up primarily of public school music teachers in Baltimore and members of the city's choral societies, emphasized the hymns of Samuel, John, and Charles Wesley.

#### "A CONTINENT TO REFORM"

Bishop Fred P. Corson of Philadelphia declared, "There is still a continent to reform." He asked the young ministers, "What do you believe to be God's design for raising up the preachers called Methodists in the 1960's? Can you say with Wesley, Asbury and the early circuit riders, 'To reform the continent and to spread scriptural holiness?'"

"John Wesley loved his church, despite its weaknesses. He had a reason to complain because the Church had forgotten the people. But he loved his church enough to seek to try to reform it."

Bishop Corson cautioned, "You should never get to the point where you see no ill in the Church, but never get to the point where all you talk about is the Church's ill!"

"John Wesley said that the preacher's main business is to save souls. Is it a matter of real urgency to you that the people under your care are saved . . . or lost?"

#### "TODAY'S IMPERATIVES"

Bishop Roy Short of Nashville spoke prior to the Watchnight Service on New Year's eve. He stated, "The three imperatives of our day are the imperative needs of the world, the imperative of work itself, and the imperative of time."

He urged the preachers to look forward and to be faithful and hard workers for the Lord, "for the night cometh when no man shall work."

#### MEMORIAL SERVICE AT ASBURY'S GRAVE

One of the most moving experiences of the 1959 Christmas Conference was at the grave of Bishop Francis Asbury. Asbury, Jesse Lee, Robert Strawbridge, and over 300 early Methodist preachers are buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, owned and maintained by Lovely Lane Church.

At the grave a tribute to Asbury was made by Dr. Kenneth Rose, the present pastor of Lovely Lane. (Bishop Asbury





*Pictured here are four of the six couples from the Western N. C. Conference attending the 1959 Christmas Conference in Baltimore. Left to right: Rev. and Mrs. Earl Black, High Point; Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Bellamy, Claremont; Rev. and Mrs. C. N. Edwards, Charlotte; Rev. and Mrs. R. N. Bernson, Concord. Not present for the picture were Rev. and Mrs. Robert Richardson, Weaverville, and Rev. and Mrs. Henry Flowers, Asheville.*

was the first pastor of the church). The Rev. Olin Tunnell, Jr., a Methodist minister from Texas whose great-great-great uncle was ordained at the 1784 Christmas Conference, offered the prayer in which he said, "May the power that possessed Francis Asbury and the early Methodist circuit riders come to possess us so that we may go forth to preach Christ as man's only hope for salvation."

Truly the six hundred persons present felt the hovering of the Holy Spirit in this brief, yet powerfully moving, experience. Such a transcending experience defies any definitive attempt to explain.

#### STATEMENT OF AFFIRMATION ADOPTED

At the final session, the delegates adopted unanimously the following affirmation:

"On the 175th anniversary of the Christmas Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, we rejoice and give thanks to God for the witness of the gospel through The Methodist Church as it has related itself to the needs of the world.

"In exploring our foundations and examining our faith, we have sought the meaning of our discipleship, a discipleship common to all those throughout history who have responded to His call. We anticipate the need of the future for a dynamic discipleship in which we can day by day, moment by moment, surrender ourselves to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

"In realizing that Christ is the hope of the world, we affirm that our purpose is to expend ourselves in his ministry. To dying

men in an unstable world, we must proclaim hope and salvation."

(Adopted Dec. 31, 1959, Lovely Lane, Baltimore)

The 1959 Conference launched the evangelistic program of our Church for the 1960's — A DECADE OF DY-

NAMIC DISCIPLESHIP. Who knows the dynamic impact this Conference shall have in the life of The Methodist Church? The forthcoming results are beyond calculation. Many are praying that there may come to Methodism a new devotion to the Lord's work, an inner zeal to warm the heart of a cold world, and a strong, sturdy witness to "spread scriptural holiness."

May the evangelistic call of John Wesley, as he sought to bring man into a right relationship with God, become the persistent call of all Methodist preachers and laymen:

"Is thy heart right, as my heart is with thine? Dost thou love and serve God? It is enough. I give thee the right hand of fellowship."

### Dr. Lugg Reports 7-Month Receipts

The church's six general benevolence funds showed an 8.6 per cent gain and its basic World Service fund, a 4.33 per cent increase at the end of seven months of the current fiscal year, it was reported Jan. 6 by the Rev. Dr. Thomas B. Lugg of Chicago, general secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance. Receipts for the six benevolence funds totaled \$9,622,482 for the period from June 1 through Dec. 31 in comparison to \$8,860,300 for the same seven months of the previous year. Only two funds showed slight losses. All three administrative funds had gains.



*The N. C. Conference group at the 1959 Christmas Conference, Baltimore, Md. Left to right: Rev. and Mrs. William K. Quick, Zebulon; Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Tisdale, Spring Hope; and Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Thomson, Stantonsburg.*



# Leadership Training in the North Carolina Conference

By C. P. MORRIS, *Executive Secretary*

Twenty-four Christian Workers' Schools will be held in the North Carolina Conference during the first four months of 1960. One hundred and six courses will be taught in these schools by more than seventy-five certified instructors. It is estimated that at least 3,500 persons will attend these schools which will run from three to five nights each.

These schools will offer a variety of courses for workers with children, workers with youth, teachers and leaders of adults, parents, young people, etc. A partial list of these courses include:

**For Workers with Children:** Understanding Children, Teaching Children, Working with Children in the Small Church, Helping Children Grow in Christian Faith, The Use of the Bible with Children, Working with Nursery Children, Working with Kindergarten Children, Working with Primary Children, Working with Junior Children, and Music and Children in the Church.

**Courses for Workers with Youth:** The Methodist Youth Fellowship, Understanding Youth, Guiding Youth, Youth and Worship, The Use of the Bible in Teaching Youth, and Guiding Junior High Youth.

**Courses for Leaders of Adult Classes and Groups:** Understanding Adults, Helping Adults Learn, Adult Work in the Church School, Young Adult Work in the Church School, and Group Work with Adults.

**Courses for Young People:** Preparation for Marriage, Christian Love and the Facts of Life, and Finding Your Life Work.

**Bible Study Courses:** Understanding the Bible, How to Read and Study the Bible,

New Testament: Content and Values, The Teachings of Jesus, The Gospel of Luke, and The Acts of the Apostles.

**General Courses:** Christian Beliefs, Christian Stewardship, Christian Evangelism, Prayer, What it Means to Be a Christian, The Meaning of Methodism, The Story of Protestantism, and Your Home Can Be Christian.

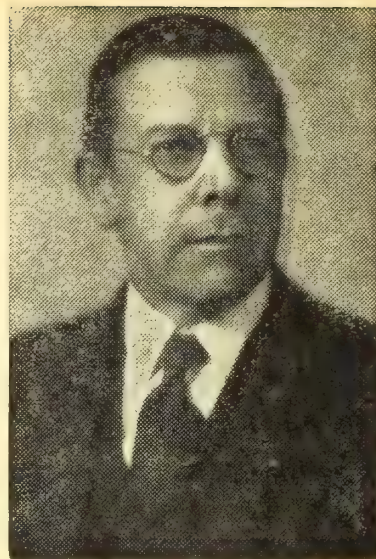
**Church Administration Courses:** How to Improve the Church School, Christian Education in the Small Church, The Church's Mission in Town and Country, The Work of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism, and Music in Christian Education.

Laboratory Observation Classes will be offered in three of these schools. The Alamance County School at Graham will offer two such classes, one for workers with Kindergarten Children and one for teachers and workers with Junior High boys and girls. The Durham Area School will offer laboratory observation classes for workers with nursery children and teachers and workers with Senior Young People. The Swan Quarter School will offer a Primary Laboratory Observation Class.

Thirteen instructors will come from outside the North Carolina Conference. Instructors from the Western North Carolina Conference will include Rev. Garland R. Stafford of North Wilkesboro, Rev. Sherrill Biggers of Kernersville, Rev. E. H. Neese, Jr., of Valdese, Dr. E. K. McLarty, Jr., of Brevard College, Dr. George Schreyer of Pfeiffer College, and Dr. W. R. Locke of High Point College. Instructors from the Virginia Conference include: Dr. R. M. White and Mrs. J. C. Goode of Richmond, Va., Miss Elizabeth Jarratt of Jarratt, Virginia, and Mrs. J. Melvin Trower of Salem, Virginia. Other out of state instructors include Mrs. C. A. Rauschenberg of Atlanta, Georgia, Rev. Brady Whitehead, Jr., of Martin, Tennessee, and Dr. A. C. Holler, Columbia, South Carolina.

Sixteen instructors will come from nine of our North Carolina Institutions of Higher Learning. Duke University will be represented by Dr. Clyde L. Manschreck, Dr. R. H. Sales, Dr. David G. Bradley, Dr. Thomas Langford, and Dr. Robert Osborn. The Duke Divinity School will be represented by Dr. McMurry Richey, Rev. Harmon L. Smith, Jr., and Rev. O. Kelly Ingram. Instructors from other colleges are as follows: High Point College, Dr. W. R. Locke; Pfeiffer College, Dr. George Schreyer; Louisburg College, Rev. C. Wade Goldston; Brevard College, Dr. E. K. McLarty, Jr., president; N. C. Wesleyan, Rev. T. A. Collins, president; Methodist College, Dr. Elbert Wethington; and Flora MacDonald College, Dr. Lawrence M. Skinner.

Additional instructors from the North Carolina Conference include: Rev. and Mrs. James A. Auman of Hertford, Rev. L. A. Aitken of Ayden, Rev. and Mrs. Wesley G. Brogan, Durham, Rev. R. L. Bame of Wilmington, Rev. and Mrs. Troy J. Barrett



Dr. R. M. White of Richmond, Virginia, former Executive Secretary of the Board of Education of the Virginia Conference, district superintendent and pastor, now retired, will teach in the Pungo-Mattamuskeet School at Swan Quarter, February 8-10, and the Gates Subdistrict School at Gates February 15-17.

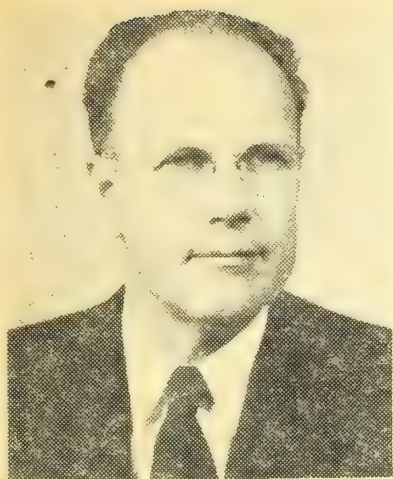
of Warrenton, Rev. F. E. Berry of Rougemont, Rev. Leon Couch of Goldsboro, Rev. J. C. Chaffin of Robbins, Rev. Jack Crum of Raleigh, Rev. R. G. Dawson of Wilson, Mrs. O. V. Elkins of Durham, Rev. Owen Fitzgerald of Murfreesboro, Rev. D. L. Fouts of Mt. Olive, Mrs. C. F. Grill of Burgaw, Miss Kay Greene of Rocky Mount, Miss Jean Griffith of Glendon, Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Hillman of Durham, Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Jerome of Elizabeth City, Rev. H. K. King of Raleigh, Rev. J. H. Lanning of Fayetteville, Rev. Robert McKenzie, Jr., of Durham, Rev. Robert F. McKee of New Bern, Mr. John M. Meares of Raleigh, Rev. Harold D. Minor of Durham, Dr. C. P. Morris of Durham, Rev. George Megill of Goldsboro, Rev. R. F. Moore of Carthage, Mrs. P. F. Newton of Weldon, Mrs. T. M. Maxwell of Rocky Mount, Mrs. T. S. Newbold of Rocky Mount, Mrs. H. R. Odom of Gibson, Rev. Brooks Patten of Aberdeen, Miss Selma Pritchard of New Bern, Mrs. V. E. Queen of Elizabeth City, Rev. Henry C. Ruark of Laurinburg, Rev. Clifford Shoal of Durham, Mrs. W. R. Stevens of Rockingham, Rev. Fred Still of Red Springs, Rev. E. R. Shuller of Swansboro, Mrs. E. I. Terry of Raleigh, Rev. Kermit Wheeler of Raeford, Rev. T. J. Whitehead of Graham, Miss Caroline Wright of Hertford, and Mrs. Herman Winberry of Louisburg.

The schedule of these schools follows:  
January 10-14—Warren County at Warrenton  
January 10-14—Lee County at Steele St Church, Sanford  
January 17-21—Zebulon-Wendell School at Mt. Pleasant Church  
January 24-28—Goldsboro Area at St. Paul Church, Goldsboro  
January 25-27—New Bern Area at Centenary Church, New Bern  
January 25-29—Cumberland County at Hay St. Church, Fayetteville  
January 31, Feb. 1, 2, 7, 8—Siler City Area at Siler City  
January 31-Feb. 3—Crusader Subdistrict at Tarboro



Mrs. R. L. Jerome of Elizabeth City, wife of the district superintendent of the Elizabeth City District, will teach in the Goldsboro Area School at St. Paul Church, Goldsboro, January 24-28, the Chowan-Perquimans School at Hertford, January 31-Feb. 4, and the Caswell County School at Prospect Church, February 7-8, 14-15.





Dr. A. C. Holler of Columbia, South Carolina, editor of the "South Carolina Methodist Advocate," former executive secretary of the Board of Education of the South Carolina Conference, and pastor in the North and South Carolina Conferences, will teach in the New Hanover County School at Grace Church, Wilmington, February 14-18.

January 31-Feb. 4—Perquimans County at Hertford  
 February 7-11—Laurinburg Area at First Church, Laurinburg  
 February 7-8, 14-15—Caswell County at Prospect Church  
 February 8-10—Upper Moore Subdistrict  
 February 8-10—Pungo-Mattamuskeet at Swan Quarter  
 February 14-18—New Hanover County at Grace Church, Wilmington  
 February 14-16—Washington-Tyrrell Subdistrict at Columbia  
 February 15-17—Gates Subdistrict at Gates  
 February 29-March 2—Bahama-Rougemont at Bahama  
 February 21-23, 28-29—Durham Area at Carr Church, Durham  
 March 7-9—Louisburg Subdistrict at Louisburg  
 March 6-10—Alamance County at Graham  
 March 13-15—Chatham-Orange School at Hillsboro  
 March 20-21, 27-28—Pittsboro Area at Pittsboro  
 March 27-29—Swansboro Area at Swansboro  
 April 17-19—Pender-Onslow School at Hampstead Church

## Urge Prayerful Planning For Week of Dedication

A message, described as "the most urgent since the inauguration of the Advance for Christ and His Church" 12 years ago, was sent to all pastors Jan. 5. The letter calls upon the ministers and their "choicest co-workers" to go all out in careful, prayerful planning for the Week of Dedication and Evangelism, Feb. 28-Mar. 6. The message says that "the churches are facing an unparalleled opportunity which they cannot meet without agonizing reappraisal and questing." It is signed by the Rev. Dr. E. Harold Mohn of Chicago, general secretary of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, on behalf of the Week of Dedication Committee, and Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, general secretary of the Board of Evangelism.

# News from the Districts

## Gastonia

Eugene C. Few, D. S.

The Gastonia District Conference met on December 6, 1959, in Central Methodist Church, Shelby.

Dr. Eugene C. Few, district superintendent, called the conference to order at 2:30 p.m. Dr. James C. Stokes, host pastor, opened the conference with a prayer and words of warm welcome.

Dr. Few had planned well for adequate presentation of every important phase of our work, and the various representatives of these interests gave stimulating and encouraging reports. These reports showed that the district is moving forward in a fine way.

There were a number of really high moments of the afternoon, but we shall mention only two or three of them here.

The report on Missions was certainly one of these, as the conference was moved by a message by Dr. Harold Brewster of New York.

Ten men were given Approved Supply status, one local Deacons Orders, two local Elders Orders, eight had local license renewed, and two were licensed to preach.

Another high moment was reached in the report of Evangelism and Total Enlistment. The Rev. H. D. Garmon, district director of Evangelism, brought a stirring message, challenging the district to make evangelism the main emphasis in all our work.

The conference adjourned at 5:30 p.m.  
 EDGAR C. PRICE, Secretary

## Greensboro

Dr. J. Clay Madison, D. S.

MINISTERS ENJOY MEETINGS! Sometimes a layman raises the question, "Why so many church meetings, preacher? The primary reason is that meetings are necessary to have an effective program in every area of the church's concern. A secondary reason discovered in this district is that ministers enjoy meetings. For a long time the High Point, Greensboro, and Reidsville subdistricts have had ministerial meetings varying from monthly to weekly in frequency. After a trial period of three months, the ministers had voted overwhelmingly to have, in addition to the other meetings, monthly district ministers' meetings.

The meeting begins with an informal period. The district superintendent presents the district program, and the ministers discuss freely its various aspects. An informative and inspirational address follows. Thus far the speakers have been: Rev. Dwight Mullis, pastor of College Place Church, Greensboro; Rev. A. W. Wellons, pastor of Mount Pleasant Circuit; Dr. Harold N. Brewster, medical secretary of the Board of Missions; and Rev. Mark Q. Tuttle, pastor of Main Street Church, Reidsville. To conclude the meeting, the ministers enjoy a fine meal, good humor, and splendid fellowship.

Muir's Chapel Church of Greensboro,

Rev. D. A. Hamilton, pastor, entertained the first three meetings. Oak Ridge Church, Rev. John Burton, pastor, was host at the January meeting. The next meeting will be February 8 at Christ Church of Greensboro, Rev. Melton E. Harbin, pastor.

TWO EVENTS STRESSED! Dr. J. Clay Madison stressed two vitally important events at the District Ministers' Meeting in January. First of all, as a part of the Interboard meetings across the conference, the Greensboro School will be held at West Market Church, February 19, from 2:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Those who are to attend from each church are: the pastor, the chairman of the official board, the chairmen of the four required commissions, and the chairman of the fifth commission on Social Action or a designated representative of that area of the church's program. Secondly, every church in the district is urged to participate in the simultaneous Every Member Canvass in May, offering material and spiritual values.

DR. MADISON TO BREAK 70! As a token of esteem and appreciation, the ministers and their wives of the district remembered Dr. and Mrs. J. Clay Madison with Christmas gifts. Mrs. Madison received a nice gift of money just off the press (probably the Piedmont Press), and Dr. Madison received a fine set of Spaulding golf clubs with a guarantee that he will be able to break 70 (on nine holes).

J. C. GROSE, JR., District Reporter

## Salisbury

Paul W. Townsend, D. S.

Meeting at Pfeiffer College on Dec. 12, the Salisbury District Conference made Missions the leading topic of the day, with an address by a former missionary, the Rev. Carl Judy of Asheboro, who was introduced by Dr. Horace R. McSwain, Conference Missionary Secretary, following the devotions led by the pastor of First Church, Salisbury, the Rev. Harold M. Robinson. Mr. Judy described the work in Korea, where he was formerly stationed and told of the needs of this field.

One of the first items of business was the election of district trustees, as follows: J. Giles Hudson, S. L. Gullledge, Robie Nash, J. M. McEachern, H. S. Melton, J. Carlyle Rutledge, F. J. Stanback, O. A. Swaringen, and J. U. Whitlock.

H. S. Melton was elected treasurer of district funds and J. F. Harrelson was named secretary for the 26th consecutive term.

Visitors to the conference included Dr. J. S. Hiatt of Elkin, Dr. H. G. Allen of Statesville, Dr. Peterson of High Point, and the Rev. W. W. Blanton and others who escaped notice of the secretary.

Dr. J. Lem Stokes, president of Pfeiffer, gave the sermon.

A collection of more than \$100 was received to be applied on district expense.

Announcement was made of a meeting on World Peace to be held in Washington, (Continued on page 13)



# The Women Make News

## WDCS Leader Scores Church Segregationists

*Buck Hill Falls, Pa., Jan. 12* — A Methodist woman leader spoke out here today against some unofficial laymen's groups which she said are trying to "preserve the segregated structure of the church" and against "propagandists who try to pin the communist label on any who works for racial integration."

In her annual report to the Methodist Woman's Division of Christian Service, Miss Thelma Stevens, of New York, said that Methodist women continue to be concerned about segregation in education, employment, and housing, and about "the pattern of segregation within the church, particularly The Methodist Church." Miss Stevens is the executive secretary for Christian social relations of the Woman's Division, which is both the national organization representing 1,800,000 Methodist women, and one of four divisions of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church. The Division is holding its annual meeting from January 12-16, with about 350 persons attending.

"The Commission to Study the Jurisdictional Structure of The Methodist Church, set up by the General Conference in 1956, has become a primary concern of certain unofficial, but organized church laymen," Miss Stevens said. (The Methodist Church is organized into six jurisdictions, five geographical and one racial — the Central Jurisdiction for Negro Methodists.) "Plans are under way in some such laymen's groups to preserve the status quo in The Methodist Church, that is, to preserve the segregated structure."

"Among the most disturbing elements of these organized movements is their effect on the freedom of the pulpit. Some ministers have been forced from their pulpits and others have 'hushed' their voices. Such a procedure with such obvious results seems unbelievable in a connectional church such as Methodism, where ministers receive their appointment from the bishop and his cabinet. The fears that now beset us sometimes lodge in high places."

Some of the same forces within and outside the church that have worked to preserve segregation have also given high priority to the fear of communism, never failing to link the two, Miss Stevens said.

"In the minds of some people," she added, "name-calling and communist labels have become the order of the day, with the umbrella of The Methodist Church shading its full quota of the name callers. The forces which have continually linked the questions of race and communism have had a varied relationship to a propaganda machine manned by fascist groups, or by the unwitting and sincere victims of fear within the church itself and sometimes even within the government."

In her report, Miss Stevens replied to critics of the World Order Study Conference, sponsored by the Department of In-

ternational Affairs of the National Council of Churches in Cleveland, Ohio, in November, 1958.

"The conference provided one of the most recent points for attack by individuals and groups who had in many instances become the unwitting victims of fascist groups and power blocs with funds to promote attacks on the National Council of Churches," Miss Stevens said.

"The issue in question was the recognition of Communist China by the United States and the admission of Communist China to the United Nations. As always, fears erupted because of lack of factual data. There was much inaccurate reporting of the conference, but leaders of courage rose up across the country. This was demonstrated when the General Board of the National Council spoke its mind in what was called 'The Hartford Appeal,' which was concerned with the freedom of the churches to speak on issues."

Methodist women employed a variety of means during 1959 to make a Christian witness in the field of race relations, international relations, world trade, labor-management affairs, and other areas of social concern, Miss Stevens said. Among these were study classes in local churches, regional consultations on open-occupancy housing, United Nations seminars for Methodist women, and letters to congressional representatives.

"As we seek to emphasize even in some small measure the mission of the church of Christ in the midst of change," Miss Stevens said, "we realize that surely that mission includes, as a part of the whole, working to apply Christ's message to the church's ministry of redemption in a world of rapid social change. It is good to remember that giving a cup of cold water in Christ's name to a famished man is no more a Christian ministry than is effecting legislation for international sharing of water. Christ brought redemption for man and for society in which man lives."

## Charles Clay Tells of The New Brazilia

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

Charles and Helen Clay, Methodist missionaries in Brazil, write interesting letters to their friends at home about their work in this southern part of America.

As the new capital of Brazil nears completion, it is supposed that the Clays will be on hand for the visit of President and Mrs. Dwight Eisenhower in April 1960.

Mr. Clay says of his first trip to the new city, "Looking down upon barren mountains, fertile plains, and mostly uninhabited plateaus, we came to the vast hinterland of Brazil, and there rising like the proverbial 'phoenix,' we beheld a tremendous new city in the making! It is a breath-taking sight, and when lights were turned on for work at the unheard-of, round-the-clock pace, we could readily see how vast the project is.

Planned for future generations, in the most modernistic style, the city is laid out in the form of an airplane: avenues of six lanes, with clover leaf entrances to underpasses, forming the 'body' of the plane, government buildings already rising at the nose, large apartment buildings, residential and commercial areas along the wings."

He says further, "To obtain land and permission to build permanent structures in the new city itself, Protestants must make petitions . . . but we have already started the machinery. We hope to have eventually a strong church and perhaps a Protestant university sponsored by all denominations in the new city. Construction is usually expensive . . . the first materials had to be flown in and dropped by parachute, as is still done along the highway being carved through real jungle to Belem in north Brazil."

"Japan's Premier Kishi called this the 'century's greatest construction effort.'"

Clay says, "I was impressed by the simplicity of the small chapel adjoining the palace for private devotions. With room for only a dozen people, a wooden slab for the altar, standing gold candelabra, and a crucifix, it is lit by a colored glass wall and one large window. Of course, the city plans a huge cathedral with all the traditional saints and images."

## The Clay County Circuit Rider

Each edition of *The Clay County Circuit Rider*, edited by Miss Laura Wells, rural worker for Clay County, reveals added activities for the group so busily engaged in that area.

Miss Wells covers all fields of work in the churches, Children, Youth, Adults, Methodist Youth Fellowship, Woman's Society of Christian Service, Church School, and every added Emphasis Week suggested by the boards of the various church organizations. She also includes interesting personals about some of the folk who live and work in Clay County.

The last issue gives the news, "We are pleased to announce that Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fraley are now the resident managers of the Rural Life Center, directing its activities and carrying on its programs. Now that the Fraleys are living at the Center, it can be operated on a year-round basis. You are invited to visit them at any time and to tour the Center's facilities."

The Jurisdiction Town and Country officials held their annual meeting at the Center, and plan to do so again in 1960. The Laymen's Prayer Retreat was held at the Center.

Miss Wells says also, "Through the generosity of one of our leading Methodist families, the Hayesville Church tower and cross have been lighted, and a lovely lighted sign ordered for the church lawn. A Memorial book and desk, and guest register have been ordered for the church vestibule."

—Mrs. J. C. Wright

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"I have never heard anything about the resolutions of the disciples, but I have heard a great deal about the acts of the apostles."—Horace Mann



## Methodists to Raise Million for Negro Colleges

Nashville, Tenn.—Methodists will try to raise a total of \$1,000,000 for their Negro colleges on the denomination's annual Race Relations Sunday, February 14.

On that day, members of Methodist churches across the country will be asked to give an offering for the 12 Negro colleges and one Negro student center related to The Methodist Church.

The institutions are Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C.; Bethune-Cockman College, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Claflin College, Orangeburg, S. C.; Clark College, Atlanta, Ga.; Dillard University, New Orleans, La.; Huston-Tillotson College, Austin, Texas; Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn.; Morristown (Tenn.) College; Paine College, Augusta, Ga.; Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark.; Rust College, Holly Springs, Miss.; Wiley College, Marshall, Texas; and Morgan Christian Center, Baltimore, Md.

"If Methodists will give \$1,000,000 annually," said the Rev. Dr. John O. Gross, Nashville, "it will be the difference between faltering and vitality for the institutions." He is general secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions of the Methodist Board of Education.

The offering totaled \$401,538, the most ever, in 1959.

Good relations between the races, as well as financial support of the Negro institutions, will be emphasized in services on Race Relations Sunday.

"Give the Magic Penny" is the slogan for the 1960 observance.

"If each of the nearly 10,000,000 Methodists would give a penny a month to the cause," said Dr. Gross, "the annual goal of \$1,000,000 would be more than reached."

"However," Dr. Gross added, "since some members will not give anything, other Methodists must give much more than a penny a month if we are to reach our goal."

## No Basic Changes Advised In Jurisdictional System

The Methodist Church has been advised by a special fact-finding committee to make "no basic changes" in its regional and racial jurisdictional structure. The findings and recommendations of a 70-member commission were announced Jan. 7 by Charles C. Parlin of Englewood, N. J., chairman, and the Rev. Dr. C. C. Bell of Lynchburg, Va., director, following a four-year study. The commission says: "We are agreed in this report that the church cannot now abolish the racial jurisdiction. Drastic legislation will not accomplish the fully inclusive church we all desire. We must give ourselves to education and experimentation in the creating of a climate—spiritual and psychological—in which an inclusive Methodist Church will be a reality." Other features of the report include a recommendation that bishops elected by a jurisdictional conference be consecrated at General Conference and provisions be made for facilitating the transfer of bishops from one jurisdiction to another. The report is expected to be an item of major debate at the 1960 General

## Will Preach in Raleigh



*Dr. Harry Denman will be the visiting preacher for the Raleigh Preaching Mission to be held the last week for this month. On Sunday, January 24, he will preach at 8:30 a.m. at the Hayes Barton Methodist Church, 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Edenton Street Methodist Church. From Monday through Friday, January 25 through 29, he will be speaking each morning at 10:00 o'clock at the Hayes Barton Church, and each evening at 7:30 he will speak at Edenton Street Methodist Church. This mission is being sponsored by thirty Methodist churches in the Raleigh area.*

Conference, which opens April 27 in Denver, Colo. Copies of the 32-page report have been mailed to bishops and all delegates to the conference.

## District News

*(Continued from page 11)*

D. C., and it was hoped that a delegation would attend from this district.

The characters of all local preachers were passed and licenses renewed. Two men, Bud Ellington, Jr., of Albemarle, and John Jacob Penick of Salisbury were recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial.

Reports were collected and presented in an attractive booklet by the Rev. A. J. Clemmer. These reports showed that all charges had paid (and some over-paid) for the half-year. There are only eleven charges out of the 63 which do not have a mission special. The women have pledged \$20,000, with an extra \$1,000 going to Supply Work. Church Extension work has received \$8,299 and the Ten Dollar Club, \$2,332.

One of the highlights of the conference was the address by Tom Little of Wadesboro, vice-chairman of the WNC Board of Lay Activities.

Tribute was paid to Pfeiffer College for its generosity in entertaining the conference, and to Dr. and Mrs. Paul Townsend. Dr. Townsend is closing his sixth year on the district.

The delegates went on record as recommending the admission of Pfeiffer College as one of the Conference-supported colleges.

—J. F. HARRELSON, Secretary

## A Son's Tribute to Susan Davis Blount

The very first thing which I can remember, I believe, was the sweet voice of my mother singing to me a child's hymn, now long since forgotten, "Bright jewels, precious jewels, bright gems for His crown."

It was my great privilege to have a saintly Christian mother. As the years passed, her unselfish goodness became the greatest single influence for good in my life. On the afternoon of December 17, 1959, Susan Davis Blount breathed her last at the good age of 89 years and two months. Characteristically, she had requested that her funeral be simple and inexpensive, and that only the burial ritual be read, with no remarks. The Rev. R. Grady Dawson, with the assistance of the Rev. Robert Bradshaw, made the service one of unforgettable dignity and victory.

At the early age of nine years she became a member of the First Methodist Church of Wilson. With the exception of one year spent in Wilmington, where her membership was transferred to Grace Methodist Church, she was a member of the Wilson Methodist Church. She loved her Church, and her wholesome mind and gracious spirit found expression in many forms of Christian service. There are those, and not a few, touched by her good life, who will rise up to call her blessed.

A widow for thirty-one years, she lived in her old home, serene, and cheerful through the years, and faithful to all that was good and true. Her home was indeed a "haven of blessing and a place of peace." A visit with her always sent one away with renewed hope and courage. One of her cousins fondly said, "She kept the hearthstone kindled . . . bridging the past with her sweet presence she became a tireless symbol of faith and love, of compassion and laughter."

Her love for her family shone brightly and beautifully always. Seldom could there be found two more devoted sisters than she and her surviving sister, Adaline Davis Woodard. Her two sons, and their families, were continuously conscious of her care and her prayers. Parting with her was a deep wound, yet we know that her saintly life goes on. She is with those we, "have loved long since and lost a while." Her memory is a gentle benediction. As one of her sons I would like to say with Augustine, as he said of his mother, "God forbid that in a higher state of existence she should cease to think of me, to long to comfort me, she who loved more than words can tell."

—GEO. W. BLOUNT

## Methodist Men Organize at Morris Field, Charlotte

The men of Morris Field Church, Charlotte, organized a Methodist Men's Club on Jan. 8, with 16 charter members. Officers elected were, Ray Tobias, president; Reggie Russell, vice-president; George Huggins, secretary; Joe Edwards, treasurer.

The club will meet on the second Friday of each month, according to the report of Donald I. Newman, lay leader. The pastor is the Rev. W. R. Ormond.





# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



(Editor's Note: We are happy to present again a page of material written by or about our children and young people.)

## The Trip to Mars

By LESLIE ANN WALLEIGH  
(Age 9)

Once I was playing a game, when it started to rain, so I had to go inside. I asked my mother what I could do, and she said, "I don't know." So I decided to build a rocket and go to Mars. I asked my brother if he would help me, and he said, "Yes."

We worked for a few weeks, and when we were finished, we packed our things and blasted off. We traveled for about a week, and then we reached Mars.

We saw blue and red Mars people, and later on we found out that the blue ones were boys and the red ones were girls.

When we started to look around, we found a cave and went in. We walked a while, and then heard a very strange voice that said, "Go home and destroy the rocket. When you have done so, you may tell anybody about the trip. If you tell before, or come back, you will be a monster and have to live on Pluto."

So we ran and ran until we came to the rocket, and blasted off to the earth. When we got there we got rid of the rocket by burning it.

Then we told our mother all about the trip.

Now I've told you.—THE END

## My Test

By LEWIS BURTON  
(Fourth Grade)

Once I had a test,  
We hardly had a rest.  
I worked as hard as I could,  
But not as hard as I should.  
The next time I'll be the best,  
Or I may be the teacher's pest.

## A Seeking Heart

By NANCIE ALLEN  
(Age 14)

Father, why is it that hate seems to pull us in the web, drawing tighter and tighter, choking us with evil, destroying our love for one another?

Hate is bitter—an evil which we can't

rid ourselves of except by love for one another. It seems the more we hold a hate in our hearts and minds, the more it destroys from our hearts all peace and purity, and from our minds the joy of living. We then seek to destroy everyone in our path of life with our lips which are instruments for evil.

O Father, help us to get rid of hate, so that our lives will be full of happiness and peace within. We need Thy loving care.

I pray this in Thy Holy name. AMEN.

## America's Freedom

By MARCIA WHICKER  
(Age 11)

Some people in America don't know  
Just how lucky they are,  
For other nations and other lands  
Across the oceans far

Don't have the things that we have here—  
Food and clothes and such—  
And if you ask me what I think,  
They don't have very much.

But worst of all, in other lands  
Far across the sea,  
They don't have freedom, and that's the  
thing  
That's most important to me.

We have the freedom to go to church,  
And any place we please;  
And so far as they're concerned,  
We're as free as a gentle breeze.

So just remember how lucky you are,  
And remember that you are free;  
For we live in America—America the great!  
And what a wonderful country!

## No Use Lookin' Around

Scotty, a first-grader at The Children's Home in Winston-Salem, was being reminded by his home-mother to pay better attention in class.

"You mustn't be looking all around the room, son," she said to him.

"But, Mommy," he replied, "I don't keep lookin' all around the room. I've already been goin' up there long enough to know what it looks like."

## When God Made Me

By DIANE WEATHERS  
(Age 10)

God made my hands,  
He made my head,  
He made my feet;  
But best of all,  
He made me neat.

## Bible Quiz

### Great Men of the Bible

1. The Lord gave the devil permission to test this man's character. ....
2. What man in the Old Testament was the builder of a great boat? ....
3. What man was fooled by his son in his old age? ....
4. What man was famous for his long hair, which one day was caught in the boughs of an oak tree? ....
5. Who was the man who helped Christ to carry His cross? ....

### Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Ravens—I Kings 17:1-6
2. Sparrows—Matthew 10:29
3. Swallow—Psalm 84:3
4. Turtledove, or Pigeon—Luke 2:24
5. Eagle—Exodus 19:4

## BOYS AND GIRLS

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# International Sunday School Lesson

By RAYMOND A. SMITH  
Lead, Department of Religious Education, Greensboro College

For January 24, 1960

## THE GOSPEL CHANGES LIVES

**Background Scripture:** Acts 15:36 through 16:40; Philippians 2:12-18.

**Lesson Scripture:** Acts 16:12-15, 25-34.

With today's lesson we begin a new unit of five lessons under the general topic: "Christianity in Action." The main theme of the unit is the many-sided task of evangelism in the modern world.

In our Scripture lesson today we notice that Paul has a new companion, Silas. There had been some sort of disagreement with Barnabas over the question of a younger worker named John Mark. For reasons obscure to us Paul seemed not to regard John Mark very highly while Barnabas apparently did; hence their parting of the ways.

In our story we now have introduced the person "we." The accounts seem to have the quality of having been actually witnessed by the writer. Since Acts is known to have been written by Luke, we can visualize this great friend and companion of Paul as being present in many of the exciting adventures that the apostle was to experience.

In our Biblical material for this lesson we have two incidents recorded. Both occurred in Philippi, a Roman colony. The first has to do with the conversion of Lydia and her household, including possibly the members of her family and the servants. These were the first converts to Christianity on the continent of Europe.

Paul and Silas may have been guided to this prayer meeting by the river through Luke's knowledge of this meeting place. At any rate he found in Lydia a woman who was seriously seeking religious satisfaction and peace. Though a Gentile herself, she had identified herself with the Jewish group because she believed their religion was superior to the paganism of the cities and towns of Macedonia. After her baptism she extended the hospitality of her home to Paul and his companions. Thus it did not take long for her to prove that her new relationship to the Christian fellowship was a real and sincere one. From the account we have, it doesn't appear that there was any great outward show of emotion in Lydia's case. She was one "whose heart the Lord opened" says the account. She was looking for a better religion than she had, and she found it. How much of the seemingly slow progress in evangelism is due to the fact that so many of us do not seek a more meaningful and rewarding religious experience than we now have?

The other incident cited for our study is the conversion of the Philippian jailer. We shall not rehearse the details, since they are clear in the Biblical material. Rather, we may center our interest upon the question of the jailer: "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" This is the question that men have asked many times and in many places. It is being asked with new insistence today in our world, which seems so often to be tottering on the rim of the abyss. As in other times, there are many answers: science, military weapons, world government, various religious cults and practices, social security, and so on and on. But the answer of Paul and Silas was: "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved." It is doubtful that we have any better answer than this to the world's insistent cry for deliverance.

Whether we, as individual human beings, are seeking an answer to frustration and discouragement,

to slavery to appetites, to problems of personal relations, to the threat of a meaningless existence — whatever our need we ought never to give up until we have given Christ a chance in our lives!

When we look at our vast social and political problems the answer is the same. We tend to put our trust in physical power, but where is the nation that was ever strong enough to remain master for very long? If we say we will pin our faith to our high standard of living, how can we survive while hungry and depressed millions look with anger and resentment at our piles of rotting food? Perhaps, at long last, we shall come to see there will be no salvation for us as a nation until there is salvation for the world. Maybe it is time to stop talking so much about the way of Christ and begin to try to practice it!

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## In Memoriam

**HONEYCUTT.**—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Shiloh Methodist Church, wish to pay this tribute of love and respect to the memory of our departed friend and co-worker, Mrs. O. T. Honeycutt, who passed away on October 8, 1959. Mrs. Honeycutt will be remembered for her loyalty and devotion to her church, family, and community. She loved her church and was always interested in the activities of the church and was ever ready to contribute to its cause. Her greatest joy came through helping others. She was truly a kind and helpful friend to all.

Our love for her cannot be put into words. We shall always cherish her memory.

Yes, we say you've gone and left us,  
And how it hurt to let you go.  
Friendship's ties that bind together,  
Were hard to break—we loved you so.

Yet, dear Sister in His Service,  
We feel a kinship of the soul  
That not even death can sever,  
While Eternal Ages roll.

As we think of your devotion;  
Of how you bravely met each test;  
We know your life of loving service  
Has earned for you Eternal Rest.

### THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the memory of her loyal and beautiful life ever inspire us to dedicate ourselves anew to finding greater opportunities for Christian Service.

That we express our heartfelt sympathy to the family.

That a copy of this tribute be sent to the family, a copy to the "Christian Advocate," and that it be recorded in the minutes of our Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. Jimmy Shives  
Mrs. M. R. Cash  
Mrs. W. C. Kelly

**WRENN.**—The passing of Mrs. Pearl W. Wrenn on October 27, 1958 removed from Warren's Grove Methodist Church, Roxboro, N. C., one of her most active members. For many years she had been a devoted teacher in the primary department of the Sunday School. She was a

charter member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and was ever loyal and faithful in the work. Her presence is greatly missed but all lives of the church and community are richer because she lived.

Surviving are her husband, Sidney T. Wrenn, two sons, three daughters, one step-son and one step-daughter.

So shall it be at last in that bright morning,  
When the soul waketh and the shadows flee,

O in that hour, fairer than daylight dawning,  
Shall rise the glorious thought, I am with thee.

Mrs. Raney E. Crumpton  
Mrs. J. Arch Hamlin

**SATTERFIELD.**—Mrs. Bessie Satterfield, wife of Mr. Ed Satterfield, entered into the heavenly home on the night of September 11, 1959 as she slept. Her gentle spirit and strong Christian faith was a daily expression, in the home, in the church, and to all who knew her. During the past few months she and her husband were both in declining health, but continued to bless and strengthen each other in their limited activity within the home, and in occasional attendance upon church services. She was a faithful and loyal member of Warren's Grove Methodist Church, Roxboro, N. C., and served well in the Woman's Society of Christian Service. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

**LONG.**—Mrs. Ida Long departed this life on October 3, 1957, having lived a mature and useful life. After having reared a family of eight children, her great service in the home continued even until the end, in the care of an invalid daughter. Through the years of this responsibility she seemed to grow stronger in the faith, and in radiance and sweetness of Christian character. She was a member of Warren's Grove Methodist Church, Roxboro, N. C., and was active in the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

"Servant of God, well done!  
Thy glorious warfare's past  
The battle's fought, the race is won,  
And thou art crowned at last."

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### SILER CITY, NORTH CAROLINA



# Conference of Christian Social Concerns Set for Statesville, January 25-27

A Conference on Christian Social Concerns will be held at Broad Street Methodist Church, Statesville, January 25-27, 1960. It is sponsored by the Western North Carolina Conference Committee on World Peace, Board of Social and Economical Relations and the Board of Temperance. The program will begin with registration at 10 a.m. on Monday and will close with the 11:30 a.m. worship service, Wednesday.

## PURPOSE

To provide advanced training for selected leaders in order to develop new techniques in handling social problems; and to provide background information that will stimulate new understanding of social concerns.

## RESOURCE LEADERS

- Dr. Daniel E. Taylor, general secretary, the Board of World Peace of The Methodist Church, Chicago, Ill.  
Dr. J. Harris Proctor, assistant professor, Department of Political Science, Duke University, Durham.  
Dr. Ronald E. Sleeth, professor of preaching, the Divinity School, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.  
The Reverend Ralph Cannon, pastor, St. James Methodist Church, Spartanburg, S. C.  
The Reverend Emerson W. Smith, associate secretary, General Board of Social and Economic Relations, Chicago, Ill.  
Dr. Garland Holloman, pastor, First Methodist Church, Clarksdale, Mississippi.  
The Reverend Bryan Crenshaw, pastor, Asbury Memorial Methodist Church, Charleston, S. C.

## SUBJECTS

- "Nationalism and Neutralism in the Afro-Asian World"—Proctor  
"Industrial Relations"—Smith  
"The Alcohol Situation"—Holloman  
"Race Relations"—Crenshaw  
"Potentials and Problems in Atomic Energy"—Taylor  
"Our Church Stands for Total Abstinence"—Dr. Holloman  
"Preaching on Controversial Issues"—Sleeth  
"Responsibility and Commitment in Social Action"—Taylor

There will be several meetings by sections for each area of social concern; and also time for questions and answers.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Ministers, secretaries of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, members of the respective conference, district and local church boards or commissions and any other interested persons.

## COST

Registration fee of \$2.00 plus room and breakfast. Other meals will be provided at the church for those who send in their registration fee.

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## Salisbury District to Study Christian Vocations

The annual Christian Vocations Conference for the Salisbury District will be held at Pfeiffer College on Sunday, January 31, 1960, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Dr. John Carlton from Duke University will be the keynote speaker.

During the afternoon there will be workshops in about a dozen fields of study, during which time between three and four hundred young people will receive instruction on choosing a Christian vocation. Don Heafner, a pre-ministerial student at Pfeiffer College, will present "The Challenge." Dr. J. Lem Stokes II, president of the college, will express a welcome to the group from the college and the Rev. James Clemmer, chairman of the Christian Vocations Conference, will preside. Other members of the committee will assist in various ways.

Others appearing on the program will be: Doug Franklin, Concord, who will present the need of Directors of Religious Education and Church music; Miss Mary Bethea, Misenheimer, Miss Mary Floyd, Misenheimer, and the Rev. Carl Judy, missionary to Korea, who will present the work of the Deaconess and Home and Foreign Missions; Dr. Lloyd Lowder, Misenheimer, and Mr. James Thacker, Misenheimer, will present the need for public school teachers; Dr. Sherman Burson, Misenheimer, will present science as a profession; Mr. George Burke, Salisbury, will present the legal profession; Dr. D. D. Douglass, Misenheimer, will present Personal Counseling as a profession. Members of a panel discussing

"Counseling Young People" will be: Mr. Jerry Faulkner, Albemarle; Mr. Gene Starnes, Albemarle; Miss Faye Brown, Salisbury; Mr. M. R. Howard, Salisbury; the Rev. John W. Rierson, Kannapolis; and the Rev. Paul Duckwall, Salisbury.

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The Rev. Dr. Edwin Lewis, 78, retired professor of Drew University, died in Morristown, N. J., after a short illness.

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Named to the presidency of Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga., is Dr. Earl W. Strickland, superintendent of the Augusta district of the North Georgia Conference.

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## A Mountain in Winter

Give me a mountain in winter  
On whose top the rime-cased trees  
Stand at attention, gleaming in the sun,  
While above its hoary head  
White clouds float, and drop their fleeting  
shadows  
Then move on.

Give me a tall white mountain  
That stands against a deep, enchanting sky  
With a pale half-moon,  
Swimming alone in a shoreless sea,  
Almost lost in the heavenly blue.

Give me a mountain, glorious in winter,  
Ice-laced streams leaping down her sides,  
Crystal waters gurgling on and laughing  
along,  
With never a moment to stay,  
Hastening to form the river that hurries on  
to the sea.

Give me a mountain in winter  
With the stillness of Nature and the sleep-  
ing bud,  
The wonder and nearness of an Omnipotent  
God  
Then in peace I shall watch the sun depart  
And the lighted moon sail among the stars  
And a prayer of thanks I will say  
To the Infinite Creator,  
At the end of a perfect winter day.

—O. L. BROWN

Burnsville, N. C.

—Religious News Service Photo





# LETTERS

## From a Retired Minister

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank you for publishing the names and addresses of the retired men. This allowed some of our old friends to renew correspondence. They had lost track of our address.

To respond to these Christmas messages I have written the enclosed Anniversary Poem. Since there are many people all over North Carolina in both conferences who would be interested, I hope you can find room to publish this poem.

I have read and re-read your article in *Christianity Today*, on "Trends in Modern Methodism." I have felt for some time that our greatest need was to blow hard enough on the coals to revive the fire. I believe this is coming. Your article is timely and thought-provoking, and one that I appreciate.

### ANNIVERSARY POEM Christmas, 1959

'Tis nice to be remembered  
On a glorious Christmas Day,  
By friends who live so near  
And friends so far away.

You helped us celebrate  
The birthday of our King;  
And anniversary forty-two —  
That Christmas wedding ring.

Our growing old together  
Is such a lovely thing.  
We wish the clock would stop  
And angels always sing.

With teaching, farming, preaching,  
We're going like a jet;  
Still painting arts and crafts  
Because "We ain't dead yet."

Yes, over all the years  
So good has been our God,  
We wish to lie together  
Beneath the growing sod.

And when we come to judgment,  
Before our Lord to stand,  
God grant we come together  
And march up hand in hand.

God give to you, dear friends,  
The best the year can find  
And bless you one and all  
In body, soul and mind.

—ROY T. HOUTS

New Market, Tenn.

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## Probably Our Oldest Continuous Reader

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your letter and gift. I began reading the old *Raleigh Advocate* when I was 9 and 10 years old and have been reading it ever since, through its many changes, although I left N. C. in 1893.

Renard Mitchell, who has been in your office so long, is my nephew.

I joined the Denver Conference in 1893—67 years ago. I will be 93 March 6; am still quite active, preaching some, drive my car anywhere I want to go, and make a garden every year.

Sincerely,

J. H. BALL

## Likes Her Advocate

Enclosed is \$3.00 for another year's subscription for the paper. I have been a subscriber for the paper for a number of years. I don't see how a good Methodist can get along without the church paper.

I enjoy your letters in passing.

Yours truly,

FANNIE SYKES

Graham

## Hopes We Grow

Dear Editor:

Thanks for reminding me that my subscription was about out. I enjoy reading it and would really miss it if I did not get it each week. Best wishes for a growing list of subscribers for the N. C. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

MRS. L. WALKER

Leland

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## Announcements

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon has authorized the appointment of Rev. Donald C. Davis as pastor of the Forsyth-Stokes Charge of the Winston-Salem District, effective January 1, 1960. Mr. Davis, who has just received his Bachelor of Divinity Degree from Emory University, is a Probationer in the Western North Carolina Conference and his address is Walnut Cove, Route 2.

—LEE F. TUTTLE, D. S.

Directors of Christian Education and Ministers of Music in the Western North Carolina Conference who desire certification in their particular field are requested to write to Rev. Julian A. Lindsey, P. O. Box 169, Statesville, North Carolina, to secure information about the procedure to be followed in making application for initial certification. This procedure is necessary only for those persons who have not been certified in the past and must be done in the immediate future if there is expectation for certification at the 1960 session of the annual conference.

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Last year a little girl went up close and viewed the doll we had used for the Christ Child in our church Nativity scene. After a long moment, she looked up at us and said—with far greater insight than she realized—"He's a lot more alive than that."

—Oren Arnold, Presbyterian Life.

## Evangelism Workshop February 1-5

Nashville, Tenn.—A national workshop for Methodist directors of evangelism will be held here February 1-5.

About 100 persons are expected to attend. Many of them will be ministers whose full time is devoted to evangelism and visitation. For the most part, they are associate pastors of large Methodist churches. Several of them will be laymen who serve as parish visitors.

The meeting will be sponsored by the Methodist General Board of Evangelism and held at the board's national headquarters building.

Though the meeting is primarily a workshop, several addresses are scheduled. The principal speakers will be Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, Jackson, Miss., president of the Methodist Council of Bishops; the Rev. Dr. J. Manning Potts, Nashville, editor of *The Upper Room*; and the Rev. Joseph T. Edwards, Detroit, director of Methodist evangelism for Michigan.

The Rev. Dr. George H. Jones, Nashville, staff member of the General Board of Evangelism, is in charge of the conference.

## Deaconess Wanted

With the rapid increase in the number of employed women, the church should be doing more to attract capable women into its full-time service, an executive who supervises more than 400 women church workers said in her annual report to the Woman's Division of Christian Service Jan. 14. Miss Mary Lou Barnwell of New York, executive secretary for deaconess work, said that more than 1,000 additional deaconesses could be placed in jobs immediately if they were available.

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"From time wasted, there can be no salvage. It is the easiest of all waste and the hardest to correct because it does not litter the floor."—Henry Ford.

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# Carolina Briefs

## To Conduct Revival



*Dr. John R. Church, approved evangelist of the Methodist Church, member of the Western North Carolina Conference, will preach in a revival meeting at Hopewell Methodist Church on the Peachland charge beginning February 21 and will continue through March 3. Service time each night 7:30. The public is invited.*

CENTRAL CHURCH, Gastonia, has a direct part in the operation of the United Christian Hospital of Lahore in Pakistan. Dr. Edmund L. Rice and his wife, Mary O., are the link with this ministry of healing. This church gives \$2,250 each year to provide medical supplies for Dr. Rice's use.

BISHOP HAZEN WERNER is conducting a Family Life Conference at First Church, Charlotte, January 31 and February 1, 1960. The conference will have general sessions, meetings with Senior Highs and Older Youth, Young Married Couples, and Parents.

MISS ANN TYLER has assumed her duties at Wesley Memorial as director of children's work. For the past two years Miss Tyler has been director of Christian education at First Methodist Church, Anniston, Alabama. She received her professional training at Huntingdon College (A.B. degree) and Emory University (M.A. degree).

REV. E. G. COWAN wishes to thank all the ministers and other friends who came to visit him while he was in the hospital, and all who sent cards and letters or expressed concern for good wishes in any way. Mr. Cowan was in Duke Hospital for 65 days, beginning Nov. 5, but is at home again now and seems much improved. Although confined to bed mostly, he is able to sit up part of the day.

DR. G. RAY JORDAN, professor of homiletics (preaching) at Emory University, has written his 17th book. The new book, entitled *Religion That Is Eternal*, will be published this spring by the Macmillan Company. In *Religion That Is Eternal*, the author's purpose is to face the momentous changes in the space age and the consequent effects on human lives. The lasting values of the Christian religion can and must meet these challenges, Dr. Jordan asserts. The new book is an effort to show how persons can experience lasting religion and learn the practical meaning of God's presence and power, the author said.

A BAPTISMAL SERVICE was held this month at the Salem Methodist Church near Weaverville Circuit when five babies were baptized at the Sunday morning worship service.

Dr. Robert Tuttle, superintendent of the Asheville District, was present to conduct the service for the new son of the Rev. and Mrs. Boyce Huffstetler, then the Rev. Huffstetler conducted the service for the other four infants. Members of the Salem Church stated that this was the first time in many years that this number of future church members had assembled at the altar for christening. The Rev. Huffstetler is one of the new Weaverville Group Ministry, which includes the Rev. D. M. Richardson, pastor of the Weaverville Circuit churches, the Rev. James M. Thurman of Mars Hill, pastor of the new Mars Hill Methodist Church, and Mr. Huffstetler, pastor of the Salem-Barnardsville Circuit.

BROOKSTOWN METHODIST CHURCH in Forsyth County will dedicate the new Educational Building on Sunday, February 28, at the 11:00 o'clock service. This building, which cost \$28,500.00 was planned, built,

and financed during the pastorate of Rev. N. L. Oliver. It contains a large fellowship hall with a modern kitchen adequate for the needs of the congregation, and seven classrooms furnished according to the needs of the classes using them. Built in late 1956, the unit was freed of debt when the final payment was made December 1, 1959. Not to be satisfied with past achievements, the official board voted on December 7 to establish a parsonage fund to be used for the construction of a parsonage when Brookstown becomes a station church. Another sign of the progressive attitude of the lay leadership of this church is that they subscribe to THE ADVOCATE on the all-family plan.

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## Committee Plans Annual Meeting Program

By MARY GARDNER

The N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service Annual Meeting Program Planning Committee, in sessions at The Methodist Retirement Home in Durham January 6-7, completed plans for the program for the 1960 Annual Meeting to be held at the Grace Methodist Church, Wilmington, April 5-7. The sessions in Durham were among several having been held since last April. "Thy Kingdom Come" will be the theme. Mrs. Ralph Ward, widow of the late Bishop Ward, missionaries to China, and Miss Marian Derby, executive secretary, Department of Work in Latin America, Woman's Division of Christian Service, will be the principal speakers.

A dinner meeting of the Enlarged Executive Committee and a service of spiritual preparation are scheduled for Monday evening, April 4.

Mrs. Pierce Johnson, conference president, presided at the committee meeting in Durham, in the absence of Mrs. H. C. Turlington, conference vice-president and program planning committee chairman. Other members attending included Mrs. H. W. Doub, Mrs. C. H. Boyd, Mrs. J. S. Henninger, Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., and Miss Mary Gardner. Also present were two members of the Grace Methodist Church Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. Earl Biggs, president, and Mrs. W. E. Hand.

## Public Relations District Officers

The new Annual Report of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference lists the district secretaries of public relations for the current year.

These are: Asheville, Mrs. Hal Wells, Leicester; Charlotte, Mrs. M. M. Rose, 5014 Prentice Place, Charlotte 9; Gastonia, Mrs. R. M. Maybin, Lawndale; Greensboro, Mrs. Cicero Groome, Groometown Road, Greensboro; Marion, Mrs. Paul Smith, Rutherford College; North Wilkesboro, Mrs. L. G. Critcher of Moravian Falls; Salisbury, Mrs. T. Fred Henry, 114 Miller Street, Salisbury; Statesville, Mrs. E. M. Dudley, Box 509, Lenior; Thomasville, Mrs. Knox Teague, Route 3, Thomasville; Waynesville, Mrs. Clyde Collins, Box 8, Clyde; and Winston-Salem, Mrs. Harvey White, 2249 Westover Drive, Winston-Salem.

These are the women who assemble the news of women's work in their districts and present a picture of the projects and accomplishments in the papers within their districts—then share this news with a wider circle of friends through the NORTH CAROLINA ADVOCATE.—Mrs. J. C. Wright

## Mrs. Henninger to Attend White House Conference

By MARY GARDNER

March 27-April 1 will mark the Golden Anniversary of the White House Conference in Washington, D. C., the sixth in the series held each ten years during the present century.

The 500 delegates to the worldwide conference are representative citizens who share a deep concern for the children and youth of the nation. Among them will be Mrs. J. S. Henninger, of Chapel Hill, N. C., secretary of children's work, N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service.

President Eisenhower in his "Call to Action" concerning the conference, declared: "These conferences have contributed much to our present recognition of the importance of children and youth and in their full development to our national future . . . The rapidly changing times in which we live make it incumbent upon us to do everything we can to plan ahead and to see that we prepare today's children for life in tomorrow's world."



# EDITORIALS

## We Have the Report

The long-awaited report of the fact-finding committee created by the 1956 General Conference to study the jurisdictional system has been released.

As we expected, the commission recommended that the coming General Conference make no change in the present system of five regional and one racial jurisdictions.

There will be disagreement in some parts of the Church, and there will be, no doubt, an effort in the General Conference session to set aside the report and disregard its recommendations. That effort will fail, we believe, for the majority of Methodists seem to be convinced that the present system, although seeming to work a hardship on some of our members, is the best that can be devised, under the circumstances.

The study commission points out in its 32-page report, that "unfortunately and erroneously, the whole jurisdictional system, as a whole, mainly because of the Central Jurisdiction, has become a symbol of segregation. Actually, the Central Jurisdiction assures racial integration in the highest echelons of the Church—in the Council of Bishops, the Judicial Council and in all boards, commissions and committees. There is no other denomination in America where this degree of racial integration in the governing bodies of the Church has been achieved."

The situation in The Methodist Church is similar to the situation in some Southern cities, where complete school integration is impossible at the moment, but where progress is being made at a rapid rate in offering free access to public facilities, such as libraries, auditoriums, etc., without any trouble whatsoever.

Anyone who thinks that all Southern states are alike should visit some North Carolina cities, where without any fanfare or any protest, Negro children and grown-ups are to be seen enjoying the privileges of the city libraries along with the whites, sitting at the same tables, reading the same books, and being treated with courtesy equal to their own.

It is true that customs make it impossible at this time to integrate our churches by ecclesiastical law, but it is also true that there is no Methodist rule which prevents a colored person from attending a white church. No Methodist minister can legally refuse to preach the gospel to colored Christians, and we would suppose that there are none who would want to. There are congregations

*Congratulations to Marse Grant, new editor of the Biblical Recorder, on the first issues under new management. We reprint an editorial, "Why Don't You Do Something About This," which puts into a nutshell Mr. Grant's ideas on the job of an editor. And we agree with him.*



whose sense of propriety would be offended and who would, if given the opportunity, vote to restrict their services, but they have no church rules to back them up.

As a matter of fact, social customs are more powerful than Christian brotherhood in many cases and those customs have changed greatly since the days when Negro and white Methodists sat in the same churches. Perhaps they can change again. But, after looking at the statistics, we find that in the North, where Negro Methodists have been invited to attend white churches, few have cared to do so. It will be even more apparent in the South, if the experiment is tried.

We believe that Methodism will keep the Central Jurisdiction until it fades away of its own accord. Certainly we should expect, however, that time will bring about enough change that the churches can let it be known that any colored person would be welcome in any Methodist church. But it is our opinion, based on experience in another section of the country, that each race will prefer to maintain its own churches.

## "Why Don't You Do Something About This?"

It is interesting to observe at times how a reader of a publication will urge the editor to take a strong stand on an issue — but will decline to let their own sentiments become a matter of public record. Frequently this is done unconsciously by readers and perhaps it should be interpreted as a compliment to the free press which our country enjoys. But this attitude of wanting an editor to go out on a limb should be carefully analyzed.

In effect, what some of these folks are saying is this: "Mr. Editor, I want you to stick out your neck, but don't expect me to do the same thing." Secular editors run into this situation every day and

editors of Baptist papers are not free from it by any means.

This is not to intimate that suggestions from readers are not good—many of them are excellent and can be developed into stimulating editorials and features. The alert and aggressive editor will welcome them. He will also look at them from every angle to be sure he isn't being "used" by the interested party. There have been instances where this has been done.

Each suggestion must stand on its own merit. That's why your editor is wary of the oft-heard question, "Why don't you do something about this?" If it's legitimate and worthy of closer scrutiny, a fair-minded editor will roll up his sleeves and dig in. If it's a case where individuals or organizations have an axe to grind—but won't do it themselves—it's a different proposition.

An editor must try to decide from all available facts whether a matter deserves a closer look. If so, he has an obligation to his readers to do that, regardless of the consequences. —MARSE GRANT in *The Biblical Recorder*

## Do You Remember?

On going through the accumulated press releases in the ADVOCATE office recently we found an article by D. Stuart Patterson, entitled "And the Chaplain Was There." It was not dated, but must have been issued in the closing months of World War II. Glancing over it, the following paragraph caught our eye:

It was a blistering hot spot in the desert, but officers and men alike wanted a Communion Service. *The Chaplain was there* with a portable field set to hold it for them. Telling of his experiences, Chaplain John H. Carper, Western North Carolina Conference, wrote: "Since my arrival I have had the privilege of holding Communion Services under a variety of circumstances. We have held them in wadies, under trees, in open fields, in stinging cold, and cutting desert winds, in tents (during rain and black-outs) and on the blistering sands. It is a great heart-warming experience to see the men and officers in the presence of their fellows bowing and communing with God in such a beautiful service. I believe this is the reason why several men and officers have recently accepted baptism and have joined the church of their choice."

Former Chaplain John H. Carper is now in a different sort of job on a different battlefield. He is superintendent of the Thomasville District.



# DEVOTIONAL

## The Design of the Driver

By L. A. SCOTT

One of the most beautiful and alluring prospects before us today is made up of modern motor cars and fine highways. Never have cars been more beautiful and dependable nor highways better designed. At no other time in history have ordinary people found it possible to go so far and enjoy so much of our land. We are no longer tied down to the little area around our own homes. The ocean calls us one week and the mountains the next. From the top of Mitchell and Roan and Clingman's Dome to the outer banks of Currituck, Dare, and Hyde . . . what a prospect! How God has blessed us with beauty and inspiration!

But death stalks those highways, and those beautiful cars have ruined and destroyed many lives; happiness has been turned to sorrow and opportunity to fear. Every year now around a thousand people die on the highways of North Carolina, and this year shows no slackening of the rate. Each year the toll mounts toward the horrible holiday climax.

Must we say that the automobile manufacturers are killers? Are the auto dealers guilty of murder? Or must we blame the highway engineers? Surely we are not deluded when we regard these people as men of average goodness.

Or are we somehow helpless victims—a death-trap baited with beautiful cars and fine highways? Who and what is to blame?

Usually, we like to place the blame for misfortune on someone else. At least we like to place the blame on factors beyond our control. But according to figures for a typical year released by Travelers Insurance Companies of Hartford, Connecticut, we cannot entirely escape our own share of the responsibility. Three-fifths of the fatal accidents come from speeding and reckless driving, forty-five percent from speeding alone! These are factors which we, the drivers, control.

But still we would like to blame someone else. Perhaps it is those reckless "teen-agers." The insurance company figures do not support us here, either; three-fourths of the fatal accident drivers were over twenty-five. Men often groan about "women drivers," but 91.2 percent of the drivers in fatal accident cases were men.

There are times when we try to blame defective mechanism for our ill fortune; but over ninety-five percent of the vehicles in fatal wrecks were in apparently

### THE MAN WITH A CONSECRATED CAR

He couldn't speak before a crowd;  
He couldn't teach a class;  
But when he came to Sunday School  
He brought the folks "in masse."  
He couldn't sing to save his life;  
In public—couldn't pray;  
But always his "jalopy" was  
Just crammed on each Lord's Day.  
And though he couldn't sing or teach,  
Nor even lead in prayer . . .  
He listened well; he had a smile . . .  
And he was always there  
With all the others whom he bought  
Who lived both near and far . . .  
And God's work was greatly prospered  
For he had a consecrated car.

—Author Unknown

good condition. Maybe we can blame the weather! Not entirely. Eighty-four percent of the fatal accidents happened when the weather was clear and seventy-six percent when the road was dry! "These terrible curves," people sometimes complain; but seventy-eight percent of the traffic deaths occurred on straight road!

There would seem to be no escape from the conclusion that the "design of the driver" is far more important than either the design of the car or the design of the highway. Along with a great blessing, we have received the power to kill and maim ourselves and our fellowman. Of this we have not been properly cognizant; indeed we have been sinfully careless.

"The design of the driver" is our business as Christians. The very factors we preach about every Sunday are the same factors which operate on the highways. The faults of our everyday lives show up fatally on the roads. For instance, we have a great many selfish people both inside and outside the churches. When a selfish person gets behind the "fifth wheel" of an automobile, his own destination and his own time are the most important things on his mind. He ignores the rights and desires of others. He steals that which rightfully belongs to someone else. Actually a man is no more courteous nor discourteous when he drives a powerful car. The car doesn't make him selfish or reckless, it only exposes what he really is.

Another matter is respect for law. With the increasing amount of traffic, more laws and stricter laws are necessary. But today there is an amazing and growing disrespect for law. Many have come to believe that the law is for someone else and is to be respected only when it is on our side or is convenient for us. Since the attitude toward rules

and restrictions is developed at such an early age, this seems to be a problem of the home. Still some unfortunate children go to school or into their work and find for the first time that rules and laws are serious business. No child is being favored who is allowed to do as he pleases at home. If he is not taught about rules at home, then he will go into adult life with a serious deficiency and one which will eventually bring him to trouble.

For instance, when Junior sees Dad drive as he pleases, Junior learns his first lesson in how to kill somebody with a car! A great many fatal accidents start at that point. Further, when the parents make no effort to teach the child why laws are necessary and their value in the give-and-take of society, they fail in an important duty toward the child. In a country like ours, children must be taught to obey the law because it is the law, and not because it might be to their interest every time.

And of course the use of alcoholic beverages enters into the picture of traffic fatalities. As has been shown many times, it is not the "dog-drunk" driver that causes most of the trouble, it is the driver who has had one or two drinks and fancies himself about five times as good a driver as he is. We of the general public must be so convinced of the fatal danger of the drinking driver that we will not only hire enough policemen but will also, sitting on juries and electing judges, see to it that the laws are enforced strictly and impartially.

We can do something about the slaughter on the highways. Since the design of the driver is so important, we can make a significant contribution to safer highways if we will resolve first of all that THIS driver will be designed right and properly motivated. We must, before God, resolve that we will refrain from speeding; that we will respect the laws and teach our children to do so; and that we will keep even the "smell" of alcohol out of our cars. Will you pray to God that He will help you in your high resolution? I believe it is the very least we can do for our families and for those who have to use the same highways we use.

It is hard to imagine how much good you can do your family by taking them on a trip and really enjoying some time together, but you court eternal disaster if you ignore the rules and the courtesy of the road.

The solution to our problem must certainly begin with you and me as individuals. We can prepare the way for the safe enjoyment of cars and roads if we will. Remember always to ask God sincerely to perfect "the design of the driver" of your car.



# February Vital in Lay Visitation Evangelism

By DALLAS MALLISON

In the 1959-60 N. C. Conference Evangelism program, February is an important and vital month in at least two respects—in intensive personal evangelism on the local church level and the completion of preparations for the Evangelistic Mission in March and April.

The planning and efforts that will be made during February will go a long way toward determining the success of the Evangelistic Missions scheduled for March and April and indeed in shaping the success of the entire Evangelism Program for the entire conference year.

## ELEVEN STEPS

Of the greatest significance to all pastors and interested laymen is a most helpful, illuminating, and attractive booklet, "Lay Visitation Evangelism in the Local Church." Anyone interested in Evangelism would do well to study and take into consideration the key principles which the author, Eugene E. Golay, calls the "eleven steps in visitation evangelism."

The author discusses and illustrates each principle under these headings:

1. Creating the Proper Atmosphere
2. Developing the Responsibility List
3. Demonstrating Friendly Concern
4. Securing Sufficient Materials
5. Securing and Enlisting Visitors
6. Providing Basic Instruction
7. Training in Techniques
8. Sending Out Visitors
9. Having Report and Sharing Meeting
10. Following Through and Following Up
11. Continuing Lay Visitation Evangelism

Evangelism headquarters urges everyone to become familiar with these eleven principles or steps in lay visitation evangelism. The 64-page booklet is available by writing to "Tidings," at 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 5, Tenn.

## ENLISTING THE TEAMS

Conference headquarters for Evangelism makes these suggestions in enlisting lay visitation teams:

(a) The Fellowship teams should visit throughout the entire community, informing the people about the Evangelistic Mission and inviting them to attend the services.

(b) The Evangelistic teams should visit with the non-Christians in the com-

munity, winning them to Christ—individually and in families. They will also secure the transfer of local Methodists not now members.

(c) It is most vital that these teams be selected with great care by the pastor and the committee working with him. Do not overlook willing workers; enlist the aid of members not now working.

## Program for February

- A. Lay Visitation Evangelism:
  1. Complete enlistment of Lay Visitation Evangelism teams.
  2. Complete the training of these teams.
  3. These teams should be most active in winning souls for Christ.
- B. Fishermen's Clubs:
  1. Prepare present clubs for more effective work.
  2. Form and train new clubs where there are none now.
- C. Evangelistic Missions:
  1. Organize for same on each pastoral charge or station church.
  2. Complete preparations for these Missions.
- D. Prayer Preparations:
  1. Hold Prayer Vigils and meetings where none have been held this year.
  2. Continue prayer preparations in all churches. Pray and pray yet again!

## TRAINING THE TEAMS

These suggestions are made to prepare the teams for their most effective work:

(a) The Fellowship teams should visit two or three weeks before the date set for their Evangelistic Mission.

(b) The Evangelistic teams should visit one or two weeks before the Mission and during the week of the Mission—whichever or both, according to the situation in each community.

(c) Have the Fellowship teams meet at the church one or more times for training. Also have the Evangelistic teams meet similarly for training. It would be most helpful for these teams to meet each night they visit, at supper meetings at the church if possible. Have them return to the church about 9:30 for reports and sharing of experiences.

## ENCOURAGING REPORTS

At Garner, the Rev. J. L. Joyce and his people have received ninety new members this conference year. They dedicated a beautiful new church on Sunday, Jan. 3.

At Burgaw, the Rev. C. F. Grill and his members recently received eight new members on one Sunday through personal evangelism.

At Plymouth, Rev. A. D. Byrd, Jr., and his people have set as one of their goals this year Evangelism through the Sunday School.

Again this year the churches in and near Raleigh co-operated in a preaching mission with Dr. Harry Denman, secretary of the General Board of Evangelism, as the speaker. The services were held in Edenton Street Church and Hayes-Barton Church. Services were held each evening at Edenton Street Church, starting on Sunday, Jan. 24. Services were held each morning beginning at 10:00 at Hayes-Barton Church.

From Dec. 28 through Jan. 3 the annual Christmas Conference for young pastors and their wives was conducted by the General Board of Evangelism at Lovely Lane Church in Baltimore. Three young couples from the N. C. Conference attended. They were the Rev. and Mrs. W. K. Quick of Zebulon, the Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Thompson, Jr., of Stantonsburg, and the Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Tisdale of Spring Hope.

For three days in early January the Evangelism Director took part in the Pastors' Retreat of the West Virginia Conference. For several days, later, he was on the field in the Rocky Mount District.

## Says Missionaries Wanted in India

The churches of India continue to ask for American missionaries in considerable numbers to serve as co-workers in the growth and development of Christianity, according to Miss Lucile Colony of New York, executive secretary for India, Pakistan and Nepal of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. She reported Jan. 13 at the division's annual meeting at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., that new missionaries are needed especially for work in Christian schools. Despite the recent opening of 16 new government universities, colleges were unable in 1959 to cope with the number of students seeking admission.

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"If you are blessed with a sympathetic disposition, don't waste it on yourself."



# Era of Theological Education Seen by Bishop Garber

**Kansas City, Mo.**—Bishop Paul N. Garber of Richmond, Va., told the 34th Conference on the Ministry, meeting here Dec. 29-31, that "we are in the era of theological education in American Methodism."

Discussing "The Struggle for a Trained Ministry in The Methodist Church," Bishop Garber cited the church's higher educational standards for entrance into the ministry, the founding of two new theological seminaries, increased support of theological education, and a four per cent increase in seminary enrollment.

Bishop Garber is president of the Board of Education's Division of Educational Institutions and chairman of the Commission on Christian Higher Education.

He was one of several speakers who addressed 225 leaders of annual conference boards of ministerial training and deans of ministerial study courses for non-seminary persons. The sessions were held at National College here.

Bishop Garber said there are now 2,955 students enrolled in Methodism's 11 theological schools in the United States. (The Methodist Theological School in Ohio admits its first class this fall).

Bishop Garber sounded a note of warning lest present-day leaders of the church lose the "crusading spirit" which characterized the untrained men of pioneer days in the church.

"If our Methodism settles down into a routine, status quo, middle-class movement," he warned, "some person or agency is going to be blamed for this changed situation, and you know as well as I do how easy it will be to charge the theological schools with educating only a status quo ministry."

He called for "uniting the forces of the church" and urged that we not "look upon our theological schools as institutions apart from the main stream of Methodism nor should our theological schools consider themselves only observers and critics of the polity and program of Methodism."

In another address, Bishop Donald Harvey Tippet of San Francisco said that too many pastors "cushion their congregations against the brutal and stubborn facts of life."

Bishop Tippet, who is chairman of Department of Ministerial Education, which sponsored the conference, told the group: "More of our laymen are willing to venture out into the deep than our preachers are willing to let them."

"People are tired of nice little homilies on such topics as 'How to be Happy Though Poor,'" the bishop declared. He called for preaching that is more than "pious platitudes and ethical proverbs."

"The highest witness of all, whether in clergy or laity, is the kind of life we live," Bishop Tippet declared.

Bishop Edwin E. Voight of Aberdeen, S. D., called the clergy "the tightest trade union in the world," but he added: "We are bound together by a common call and a common answer to serve the common good, and whatever we do for each other's benefit we do in order the better to render this service."

Addressing those charged with recruitment and training of ministers, Bishop Voight said, "By the strange working of Providence, in your hands has been placed the selection of those who will come after



BISHOP GARBER

us . . . With you rests the issue whether the fellowship shall become a scramble for glory or a beloved community in whom God can be well pleased."

The Rev. Dr. Don W. Holter, president of the new National Methodist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, said that preachers need to be able to communicate the gospel in terms which the rank and file will understand. He described one of the tragic weaknesses of present-day theological education as "a lack of an awareness of what is going on in the world."

The Rev. Dr. John O. Gross of Nashville, general secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions of the Board of Education, said that an over-emphasis on material values "blurs our nation's sense of purpose before the world and diminishes our influence as a moral force."

"If America could experience a revival of the principles which gave it birth," Dr. Gross said, "a climate of confidence and hope would be created in every part of the world."

"If God could take laymen of limited ability from the menial tasks of the past century and accomplish so much," he asked, "what might he do in our time with the vast lay resources that we possess?"

Bishop Eugene M. Frank of St. Louis and Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Des Moines, Ia., and President Lewis B. Carpenter of National College presided at sessions or led devotional services. The conference was directed by the Rev. J. Richard Spann of Nashville, director of in-service training in the Department of Ministerial Education, and the Rev. Dr. Gerald O. McCulloh, Nashville, director of theological education in the department.

Thirty men shared in leading series of panel discussions dealing with such themes as educational standards and programs, selection and cultivation of candidates for the ministry, and other aspects of the work of conference boards of ministerial training.

Suggestions arising out of the discussions will be channeled through a committee preparing legislation on the ministry for submission to the 1960 General Conference.

Serving as chairmen of the six panels were: the Rev. David J. Cathcart, Lakeland, Fla.; the Rev. C. Homer Ginns, Fall River, Mass.; Dean William R. Cannon of Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta; Pro. Harvey H. Potthoff of Iliff School of Theology, Denver; the Rev. W. Douglas Corriher of Charlotte, N. C.; and the Rev. Paul M. Cargo, Northville, Mich.

## Myers Park Meets Goal for New Church Building

Members of the Myers Park Methodist Church have pledged \$682,375.00 on a goal of \$600,000.00 for an additional building, it was announced by Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, minister. The new building will be primarily for young people, but will include large multi-purpose facilities for all ages and will provide much needed room for over-crowded conditions caused by continuing growth in membership.

The goal was an estimate, and other pledges will be needed to provide for likely increases in building costs.

Dr. Weldon commended the leadership of S. Herbert Hitch, official board chairman, and the Building Finance Committee, of which W. Lester Brooks was general chairman, Ross Puette and George Snyder, co-chairmen, and Dennis E. Myers, treasurer. A large team of vice-chairmen and other workers participated in the successful campaign.

"We are pleased with the loyal response of our members and believe this campaign has already enhanced the effectiveness of our church program. Our committees worked faithfully and spiritedly," the minister stated.

Building plans are being studied and revised under the Building Plans Committee, headed by Ed Vinson, chairman. Charles Connelley of Charlotte is architect, and Harold Wagner of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, consultant.

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Dr. Clarence M. Dannelly, 70, nationally-known Methodist layman and long-time school superintendent of Montgomery, Ala., schools, died Jan. 8. He was a member of the Board of World Peace and had previously served on the Judicial Council and the Board of Lay Activities.



# Raleigh District Reports Gains in All Areas

By A. F. FISHER

The year 1785 was a historical year for Methodism in North Carolina. This was the year when its first Annual Conference was held. In fact, this was the first Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in America following the organization of American Methodism in 1784 in Baltimore. This great conference in North Carolina was held at Green Hill, just outside Louisburg, North Carolina.

On January 29, 1960, Methodists will again go to Louisburg. This time it will be for the Raleigh District Conference. Three hundred Methodists from this district will go to find out what has been done, and what must be done in the future. It will be a day of information, inspiration, and dedication.

From the opening devotional by Dr. Harold Hutson, president of Greensboro College, through the closing by Dr. Harry Denman, one of Methodism's greatest laymen, the theme will be progress. Many phases of the work of the church will be emphasized by representative people: the Rev. Paul Caruth will represent our colleges; the Rev. O. L. Hathaway, our Missions Board; Mr. John Meares, our Board of Education; Mr. W. D. Payne, our laymen; Dr. R. P. Marshall, our NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE; the Rev. Joseph Coble, our Retirement Home; and the Rev. Robert L. Nicks, our Methodist Home for Children. These and other leaders will reveal to us more of the greatness of Methodism, and particularly the advancement of Methodism in the Raleigh District.

According to information from our district superintendent, Rev. Graham S. Eubank, Raleigh District has sixty charges with 93 preaching places. This makes it the largest district in the North Carolina Conference. One can take almost any area and observe growth in this district. Perhaps the clearest picture may be gained by studying the building of physical facilities to meet the growing needs in a particular area.

Progress in the Raleigh District is exemplified in Piney Grove Church on the Franklin Charge, located not many miles from the site of the historic first conference at Green Hill. This church was closed for some years, but because of the concern of our beloved Bishop Gar-

ber, it was reopened in 1956. Since that time, it has grown to a membership of 63 members. This group of people has renovated and enlarged their old sanctuary and educational building and added new furnishings at a cost of \$20,000. Another church within a few miles of the



*Cool Spring is located on the Mamers Charge. It is one of the oldest churches in this area. Under the able leadership of Rev. Tom House the present building has been erected.*

Green Hill site, Wesley Chapel on the Franklinton Charge, has replaced a one-room frame building with a new brick building at a cost in excess of \$15,000. Seven years ago, a move was under way to close this church, but the motion was defeated, and the membership has grown from 32 to 50.

Progress in the Raleigh District continues. Mt. Zion Church on the Garner Circuit, has completed a new educational unit and fellowship hall, at a cost of \$12,000. White Memorial Church in Henderson is using a new building costing \$40,000. The first of February, Lillington will formally open a new education building and renovated sanctuary costing \$60,000. Highland Church in Raleigh is constructing a \$12,000 additional unit. Longview Church in Raleigh has finished an extension of its sanctuary which doubles the seating capacity. Union Chapel on the Vance Charge has completed a new educational unit and fellowship hall costing \$15,000. Sims Church on the Middlesex Charge has finished a new plant costing \$50,000.

One of the real success stories of this district is that of the Mamers Charge. There are four churches on the charge, and two of them have recently completed building, or have construction under way at the present. Union Church has a new structure under way which will cost \$50,000. Cool Spring Church, site of many campmeeting revivals, has just finished a new building. The churches on Mamers Charge have also recently purchased a new parsonage.

Closely associated with the Mamers Charge is Spring Hill Church, which up to this conference year was a part of the Mamers Charge. On November 29, 1959, Spring Hill formally opened its new church building—one of the finest rural churches in the conference—costing \$150,000.

Another success story is that of the Garner Church which has grown from 249 members in 1948 to the present membership of 703. The culmination of many years of work came on January 3, 1960, when a new building costing \$250,000 was occupied.

The City of Raleigh has been fortu-



*Sims Methodist Church valued at \$50,000 has a present membership of 145. The present minister is Rev. R. D. Wood.*



nate to have finished within the year two new church buildings. In each case, the completed buildings are only first units in the over-all plan for the churches. Layden Memorial located on Highway 401 South was organized in 1955 and has a present membership of 185. Their initial building cost \$60,000. St. Mark's, located on Six Forks Road was organized in 1956, has a membership of 125, and a building costing \$100,000.

The Raleigh District can be proud of its work in providing adequate parsonages for its ministers. Among those charges providing new parsonages in the past year are: Bethlehem-Shady Grove Charge; Gillburg, on the Mt. Carmel Charge; Holly Springs; Pleasant Grove; Trinity, in Franklin County. Vance Charge is planning to build in the very near future. A tribute must be paid to the lay people of this district for their concern about the homes occupied by their ministers.

Yes, things are happening in the Raleigh District. Under the able leadership of our district superintendent, Rev. Graham Eubank, the future is bright indeed. His unselfish giving of his strength and energy to promote the program here has been the incentive that has sustained and increased growth in the Raleigh District. The ministers and lay people of the Raleigh District are indebted to him.

It will be a great day on January 29, 1960, when Methodism returns to the site of its first annual conference. When we are led by the choir of Louisburg College, there will be thoughts of the achievements of our church both here and throughout our country and the world. We will realize that we are a part of a great church that has been marked by progress for the Kingdom of God. We will all pray that this church will look to the future with the same courage and determination that has guided it so ably in the past. Although one hundred and seventy-five years have elapsed since the founding of Methodism in America, we still have that early enthusiasm, and being enthusiastic Methodists, we will march forward.

## Lectures Announced

Bishop Donald H. Tippet of San Francisco will deliver the Fondren lectures for the 25th annual session of Methodist Ministers' Week, to be held Feb. 1-4 at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. Other lecturers will be Dr. Joseph Sittler, professor of theology, Federated Theological Faculty, University of Chicago, and Dr. Paul S. Minear, professor at Yale Divinity School.



*Layden Memorial Methodist Church located in Raleigh was organized in 1955. It now has a membership of 185 members. It recently occupied its building. The cost of this unit is \$60,000.*



*This is a picture of the new Methodist Church in Garner. The membership occupied the new building January 3, 1960. The cost of the structure is \$250,000. Rev. J. L. Joyce is the minister.*



*St. Mark's Methodist Church was organized in 1956. It has a present membership of 125 members. The first unit has been completed at a cost of \$100,000.00. The minister at St. Mark's is Rev. Henry Bizzell, Jr.*



# Record N. C. Conference Lay Rallies Anticipated

By DALLAS MALLISON

All indications point to the very best, largest, and most inspiring series of District Lay Rallies this year ever to be held in the N. C. Annual Conference, according to the Conference Lay Leader, J. Nelson Gibson, Jr.

The lay leader is most enthusiastic about the prospects for this year's rallies which will be held during the last two weeks in February. An outstanding speaker along with Bishop Paul N. Garber will appear at all ten rallies. A brand-new project is to be launched. An

sion. He was also a member of the Colorado Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications.

In 1945 when Dr. Briggs was minister of the Methodist Church in Boone, Iowa, he and his church received national recognition in a major picture story in *Life* magazine. He served a seven-year pastorate at Boone and a similar period in Newton, Iowa, before going to the Park Hill Church in Denver in 1952. Earlier pastorates were in Marathon and Kanawha, Iowa; Merino, Colo.; and student pastor in Denver.

A native of Corry, Pa., Dr. Briggs was graduated from Taylor University in Upland, Indiana. He holds bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from Iliff School of Theology in Denver.

At the Iliff School of Theology he won the coveted Fellowship Award which is the highest honor bestowed upon a student at this seminary. He has also pursued graduate work at the University of Chicago. He holds an honorary doctorate in divinity from Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa.

## GENERAL BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES

The General Board of Lay Activities works with 35,000 lay leaders in local churches throughout the nation promoting the organization of Methodist Men clubs, the training of official board members, church attendance, and the support of the ministry and benevolent causes. Dr. Briggs' special responsibility is in stewardship promotion.

## NEW PROJECT TO BE LAUNCHED

For the first time this year a conference-wide, simultaneous Every-Member Canvass program will be undertaken, to be sponsored and directed by the Conference Board of Lay Activities, Brother Gibson announced. This is a very important new development and contains great promise for the entire N. C. Con-

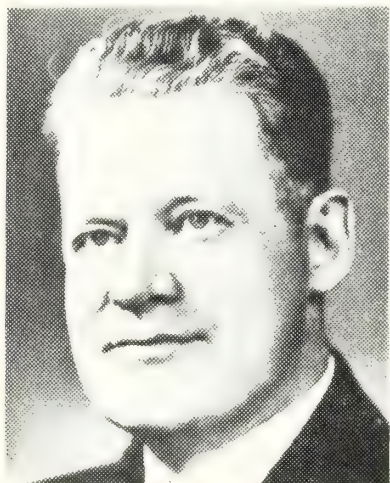
ference and all of its more than 850 local churches.

Training sessions for the district teams for the Every-Member Canvass, who will later conduct the training sessions within their own districts, will be held at Durham, Williamston, and Clinton (February 16, 19, and 24). Each will be a tri-district training session.

Dr. Briggs will conduct the sessions which will begin at 9:00 a.m. and last until about 4:30 p.m. A more detailed explanation of the whole program will appear later in the *ADVOCATE*. In brief, the Every-Member Canvass program is a stewardship program with a sound spiritual basis developed for the local church.

## CONSECRATION OF LAY SPEAKERS

One of the high moments of each rally is the consecration of the lay speakers



DR. BRIGGS

## DR. BRIGGS MAIN SPEAKER

attendance of over 6,000 men is expected at the ten meetings.

Speaking at all ten rallies will be Dr. Edwin A. Briggs, associate secretary of the General Board of Lay Activities with headquarters in Chicago. An inspiring speaker with a vibrant personality, Dr. Briggs' speeches are sure to be high points of great inspiration for those who hear him.

Before coming to his present post in 1955, Dr. Briggs was pastor of the Park Hill Methodist Church in Denver, Colorado. He was serving as Denver District director of stewardship and a member of the district board of church exten-

## LAY RALLY SCHEDULE

Durham District .....	Feb. 15
Raleigh District .....	Feb. 16
Burlington District .....	Feb. 17
Rocky Mount District .....	Feb. 18
Elizabeth City District .....	Feb. 19
New Bern District .....	Feb. 22
Wilmington District .....	Feb. 23
Wilmington District .....	Feb. 24
Fayetteville District .....	Feb. 25
Goldsboro District .....	Feb. 26

Each Rally will begin with a supper, cafeteria style, to be followed by the main part of the program at 7:30.

by Bishop Garber. These laymen have been certified as lay speakers by the quarterly conferences of their local church.

Around 1,200 lay speakers will begin the 1960 No-Silent Pulpit Program on March 6 which is the first Sunday in Lent. Until Easter Sunday, April 17, these lay speakers will fill pulpits that ordinarily would be vacant during the glorious Lenten season, due to the heavy schedule of the local pastor.

The exact church in which each District Lay Rally is to be held and other last-minute information will be carried later in the *ADVOCATE*, Brother Gibson said.



# A STATEMENT TO THE CHURCH

Issued by the General Board of Education

Atlantic City, N. J.

January 7, 1960

It is imperative at this crucial time that an increasing number of persons be challenged with the teachings of the Bible and the way of Christ. As long as there is even one person without the Redemptive Fellowship the Christian church must be concerned. The General Board of Education of The Methodist Church calls upon all pastors, church school superintendents and other leaders concerned, to increase greatly the number being reached by our local church schools.

The local church school is the major source of new members joining The Methodist Church. At present six out of every ten who join the church on profession of faith come through Methodism's 38,000 local church schools. This activity should continually be expanding.

The General Board of Education challenges each local church school to establish for itself the goals for increase which it will undertake to realize during the coming quadrennium. If the church is to be increasingly an effective leaven for righteousness in our land, the minimum endeavor must be a rate of church school growth considerably larger than the rate of population increase in the community. Improving the quality of teaching and program and the effectiveness of the organization are likewise essential.

To reach more persons, an increase in the number of our local church schools is necessary. Local churches are challenged to co-operate with proper authorities in bringing this about, especially by establishing outpost church schools in growing areas and elsewhere as needed.

We call upon our bishops, district superintendents, conference boards of education and other leaders to encourage and guide our local church schools in responding to this call to action.

## Pampa Breezes Reports News of Crandon Institute

By MRS. J. C. WRIGHT

The October issue of *Pampa Breezes*, edited by Miss Josephine Abrams, Methodist missionary at the Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires, brings news of Crandon Institute in Montevideo, Uruguay.

"Our aim is to teach our children and youth not only to give money or things, but to share, to give of themselves for others," writes Miss Violeta Cavallero in a story, "We Learn to Live When We Learn to Give."

She continues, "As part of education for life here in Crandon Institute we have organized Social Service Projects. According to ages and possibilities the whole school, from kindergarten through junior college, participates in some form of service to the community. These projects are often related to our Bible teaching, and the planning of each activity is an expression of some of the ideals learned in our classroom."

In the primary school, the children have a campaign to get together good used clothes, school supplies, first aid kits, books and candy and distribute these to needy families in the city and adjacent area. Sometimes this is done through The Friendship House Social Center in Montevideo.

"The high school and junior college group," says Miss Cavallero, "have different projects. Here each class group has a special institution which they come to know, to understand its needs and find ways of helping. Here are some of the projects for this year: Home for the Blind, Day Nursery, Work with Handicapped Children, The School for the Deaf and Dumb, at Hogar del (work with boys who are in need of home and guidance, and have been in contact with the police), and Movement Against Juvenile Delinquency."

In her conclusion, the writer says, "We believe that as our children grow in the knowledge of the needs around them they will become more grateful for their own opportunities, and more willing to share with others what they have. For that we invite each child not to go home and ask for this or that amount of money, but to give of his own, sacrificing, if necessary, for the joy of sharing. Words are poor when we try to express their joy in knowing that they are able to share in the needs of others."

"In the recent flood crisis in Uruguay, Crandon pupils immediately and spontaneously wanted to help. Within a few days two immense covered trucks full of new and almost new clothing were taken to the Uruguayan Red Cross, sent by Crandon pupils. They also contributed \$1,100 in cash."

"We hope and pray that our experiences of service to others will continue to be a joy and satisfaction, for it is true that, 'we learn to live when we learn to give.'"

### THE LANGUAGE OF LOVE

"Whenever one person can say to another, 'Let me tell you what Christ has done in my life; let me tell you what he has done for my marriage, my home, my business': this is a language which the whole world understands."—Bishop Eugene M. Frank



# News from the Districts

## Goldsboro

H. M. McLamb, D. S.

The Goldsboro District Conference met in Farmville Methodist Church on Friday, January 8, under the leadership of Rev. H. M. McLamb, district superintendent. Rev. A. C. Lee was host pastor.

The conference heard reports on all phases of the church's life and work from the district secretaries. Walter Anderson, chairman of the Conference Board of Evangelism, spoke on preparing for the Evangelistic Mission in the conference. Nelson Gibson, Conference lay leader, spoke on the simultaneous Every-Member Canvass emphasis in the conference in late spring. Dr. F. Olen Hunt, director of the Methodist Foundation, Inc., spoke on the importance of a Christian will. Roy L. Turnage, Conference field director for the Commission on Town and Country Work, explained the work of this commission. Rev. W. C. Wilson, of Durham, spoke on behalf of the Fellowship of Suffering and Service and Camp Activities, and urged churches to designate a portion of the regular communion offering for this cause. Rev. Leon Russell spoke on Christian Higher Education and for North Carolina Wesleyan College. Charles McAdams and Mr. Roland Horne, represented Methodist College and Louisburg College, respectively. Rev. O. L. Hathaway, Conference executive secretary for the Board of Missions and Church Extension, appealed for support of the \$10 Club. Rev. C. R. Hollowell, pastor of New Hope Methodist Church, told the story of this new church in the district. The highlight of the district conference was the presentation of Rev. and Mrs. Carl Judy, missionaries to Korea, presently on furlough. Mr. Judy told an inspiring story of the work of The Methodist Church in Korea; of terrible persecution to Christians under the Communists, the tremendous growth of the Church amid persecution, and the pressing need for dynamic Christian leadership in this crucially located country. Rev. R. L. Nicks and Rev. J. F. Coble spoke on behalf of the Methodist Home for Children and the Methodist Retirement Home, respectively.

Reports made to the district conference showed 154 members received into the churches by profession of faith, 307 by transfer, making a total gain of 461. The net gain in membership shown was 174. Thirty-eight new members of the \$10 Club were reported. The conference treasurer's report showed 25.5% of apportionments paid to date. A total of \$464,753.35 was pledged from the Goldsboro District to the Campaign for Christian Higher Education, 91.9% of the goal. To date, \$195,209.14, or 42% of pledges have been paid.

—REV. J. H. MILLER, Sec. of Dist. Conf.

## New Bern

Dr. A. J. Hobbs, D. S.

On January 29, 1960, at 9:30 a.m. Dr. A. J. Hobbs, district superintendent of the

New Bern District, will call the district conference in session in the Methodist church at Atlantic, N. C. Hundreds of delegates from the New Bern District will attend this session, also many of the church officials of the North Carolina Conference. It has been thirty-seven years since the New Bern District Conference has met in Atlantic Methodist Church. At this time the conference lasted for about a week, and most of the delegates came by sailboats, rowboats and motor boats. Now the com-



Atlantic Methodist Church

munity of Atlantic is connected by air, sea, and highway. The Woman's Society of Christian Service will serve a dinner at 12:30 p.m. in the Scout Building.

The Methodists have been active in Atlantic for about 100 years. We do not have a written record of the first Methodist services in Atlantic. Our present church was the result of campmeetings in the oak grove of the church. However, the original deed is dated April 17, 1888, and at this time Rev. E. D. Hooker was pastor of the Straights Circuit, and Atlantic was a part of the Straights Circuit.

Early church services were held in schoolhouses, and the first man to open his home to the Methodist meeting was Mr. George Rose. The present Methodist church was built in 1897-98 when Rev. T. J. Browning was pastor of the Straights Circuit. He was the son of Rev. and Mrs. Albert G. Browning. He was born July 14, 1841.

The first persons to join the Atlantic Methodist Church were Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Rose and her husband, Mr. George Rose. They were the parents of Mrs. Em Salter, who is our oldest church member now living.

Mr. George Rose and others sold steers to help build the church. They went to South River for blocks which were sawed and carried on their shoulders. Then they were brought by boat here to Uncle Steve's Landing, and they built the church on these blocks. In the very near future Dr. Dan Taylor will donate to the State of North

Carolina a ferry that will carry about 50 cars and about 250 passengers, and this ferry will land at the exact spot where the pillars of the Atlantic Methodist Church arrived in 1898.

The present church was remodeled in 1920, and church school rooms were added.

Rev. R. C. Goodchild started a new parsonage here in 1948. It was dedicated by Rev. Lewis A. Lewis in 1958, also a scout building, started under the ministry of Mr. Lewis, was dedicated on March 15, 1959, by Dr. A. J. Hobbs, district superintendent. The Rev. David M. Lewis was pastor.

Through the influence of Mr. Noley Fulcher, Mr. Dan Taylor gave each of the churches in this community \$200. This was used to re-floor our present church, also he contacted many of his friends from Akron, Ohio, to Key West, Florida, and they gave him sufficient money to finish paying for the present heating plant. Through Mr. Noley Fulcher's influence, Mr. Marshall Whisnant, director of the Sea Level Hospital, gave us our present lighting system, except for one lamp.

The Atlantic Methodist Church has kept faith with our Conference, and the educational program of The Methodist Church. In 1958-59 it accepted its quota for Christian Higher Education.

Mr. Cecil Morris and Mr. Brantley Morris, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Morris have established the Martha and Mames Morris Scholarship Fund at N. C. Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, N. C.; also, Mrs. Doris Lewis Kemp, Route 2, Hertford; Mrs. Mildred Lewis Wood, 1128 Va. Ave., South Norfolk 6, Va., and the Rev. David M. Lewis, pastor of Atlantic Methodist Church, have established the Lewis-Smith Scholarship at N. C. Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount.

Our building fund is growing each month and in the future we are planning to build a new Methodist church here in Atlantic.

—DAVID C. LEWIS

## Homecoming at Louisburg Set for February 6

Homecoming at Louisburg College has been announced for Saturday, February 6, according to Troy Barrett, president of the Louisburg College Alumni Association.

Events for the day will get under way with a tea-dance from three until five o'clock in the Main Social Hall. Dinner for the alumni will be at 5:45 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Benjamin N. Duke College Union. The annual business meeting of the Association will be held following the evening meal, at about 6:30 p.m., in the college union building.

The Junior Varsity basketball team will play the Beacon Drive-In team at 6:30 p.m., and at 8:00 o'clock the Varsity team will meet the Presbyterian Junior College team for the Homecoming game. At the half-time of the Varsity game, a Homecoming Queen will be chosen from a group of nine candidates. Homecoming Queens from the high schools in Franklin County will also be presented.

Following the game an informal social hour and dance will be held in the Holton Gymnasium.

Reservations for the evening meal should be in the Alumni Office by January 28.



# She Just Likes to Sing

By W. W. REID

The pre-Christmas party was in a festive mood, and hymns and non-hymnal songs of the season were the order of the evening. Someone started to sing:

"I'm dreaming of a white Christmas,  
Just like the ones I used to know . . ."

And I noticed that my seven-year-old friend was the most enthusiastic singer; she just "let go," and gave it everything she had—and it was good! But I got to wondering: Had there been a *white Christmas* anywhere she and I had been these seven years — one she "used to know?" . . . I asked her father. "No," he laughed, "she has never seen a white Christmas; she just likes to sing!"

Then it came to me that here was a perfect example of what we all too readily do when we sing our hymns in church: we like to sing; we like certain music—"catchy" sometimes, "classical" sometimes; but we pay little or no attention to the thought the writer of the words tried to convey. My little friend would have enjoyed singing about a "green rabbit," or a "blue Sabbath," just about as well as "white Christmas"—if it had as intriguing a tune. And, I fear, *we* often care as little about the meaning, or the theology, or the educational values, or the spiritual values, in the hymns: we just "like to sing something we 'know.'"

The other day, I was talking with a non-Methodist clergyman about the really excellent new hymnal his denomination recently issued. He agreed—in general—and then exploded: "When they decided to include one Fanny Crosby gospel song, why did they have to choose that banal,

"Pass me not, O gentle Savior . . .  
When on others thou art calling.  
Do not pass me by . . ."

"The theology is terrible! What a song to have children—or adults either—singing for the next twenty years! Christ does not pass anybody by! He goes out looking for them; he is eager to find them; he is the 'Hound of Heaven' following them down the road! This theological implication, that we have to plead not to be 'passed by' by Christ, is as bad as the doctrine of predestination!"

I am always amused—sometimes frightened—when someone in church position defends some

song with abominable music and inadequate (or false) theology by proclaiming, "My sainted mother sang that for 60 years!" or "I was converted under the singing of those words!" I am always tempted to wonder, "What might he not have been had he known (or been converted under) a song that exalted God, or that taught high Christian ideals?" Some of the inadequacies of our religious living may well be due to the too-low ideals of hymns under which we were converted. It *does* matter what the religious content is in the songs a mother sings her child—or that the Sunday school teaches him. As for the convert: might not *stirring mass singing* have moved his heart even more had the *words* had rich Christian meaning?

The Christian hymn *can* and *should be* as much an effective avenue for teaching, for inspiring, for troubling the spirit, and for conversion, as is the sermon or the prayer. It needs to be lifted out of the areas of tawdry, and often meaningless and unpoetic, words; and out of tunes that sometimes even Tin Pan Alley would not tolerate. Above all else, the hymns should carry a message, a prayer, a conviction, consonant with the needs, and hopes, and aspirations of men today. This cannot be done with yesterday's gospel song patter—or with anything less than the best we have theologically, poetically, musically.

And here I would speak especially to the pastor: You, Mr. Pastor, may feel you are not a musician, and it may be right to leave the *music* to the choir director. But *you* are the leader who can teach people through the text of hymns. Why not, on occasion, have your congregation *read* a hymn (perhaps responsively), while you *study together* the message of the hymn? Why not use a "new" hymn as a sermon text? Even reading a stanza before singing will call attention to *ideas* and to the author's objective: instruction, prayer, exhortation, worship. About the only *written* continuation of the Book of the Acts of the Apostles is the record in the great hymns of the church. And that record is being written even in our day. The hymns are ongoing gospel speaking to men. Their texts can be one of your most valuable educational tools.





# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## A Bird for a Day

By ALICE M. BRAWAND

"Aw, I hate drying dishes. I wish I would never have to dry another dish in my life," grumbled Kay as she dried the lunch dishes.

"My dear," said Mother, "work has to be done, and many hands make it lighter. It doesn't help any to grumble and complain. That just makes the work harder."

Kay stared out the window. Suddenly she exclaimed, "I wish I were a bird! They never do work like drying dishes. They always play!"

"All right, dear," answered Mother. "I'll let you live like a bird for as long as you want to."

"Oh, goody, Mother! What fun!" cried Kay, jumping up and down.

That evening about 7:00 o'clock Mother called, "Tweet-tweet! It's getting dark and time for all birdies to go to bed."

"Oh, no, Mother, not yet. It's only 7 o'clock," complained Kay.

"All birds go to bed at sundown, dear," said Mother firmly. So Kay went reluctantly to bed.

At 5:30 the next morning Mother walked into the little girl's bedroom. "Tweet-tweet! Time for all birdies to get up!" she said as she raised the window shade high, letting bright light into the room.

Kay had never gotten up that early. She started to complain, until she remembered she wouldn't have to dry any more dishes. Slowly she dressed and went downstairs. She sat in a large comfortable chair and nearly fell asleep. In a little while her stomach began to hurt.

She whined to Mother, "Aren't you going to get breakfast? I'm so hungry!"

"Little birdies work hard for their food. They have to peck and dig in the ground for most of their food. Go out in the back yard and find your breakfast," instructed Mother.

Kay was beginning to realize that it was not much fun after all to be a bird. She didn't know they worked so hard. But without a word she went into the yard where she saw a shovel standing against a tree.

She began digging in the ground. Every now and then she found a small jar containing a little food. After about twenty minutes of hard work she went into the house sobbing. She was very discouraged.

She put her head in Mother's dress and cried, "Oh, Mother, I don't want to be a bird any longer. They have to work so hard."

"I'm glad, dear, that you will be my



## Try Smiling

By INEZ L. TERRADELL

When things all look gloomy and seem to go wrong,

And everything pleasant has fled;  
When the sighs and the tears drive away  
all your song,

Have you ever tried smiling instead?

When heartaches oppress you, and burdens abound,

When the day seems so long and so drear;  
When you're weary, and tempted to scowl  
and to frown,

Have you ever tried smiling, my dear?

Oh, there's something so sweet in a sun-shiny smile;

God made them—to scatter life's rain.  
So, when you are tempted to frown any while,

My dear, just try smiling—again.

Yes, smile, and the world will smile with you;

And smile, whether it smiles or not;  
For the girl that's worth while is the girl  
with a smile;  
So, dearie, try smiling—a lot!

—Exchange



sweet little girl," Mother said as she gave Kay a big hug.

Drying her tears, Kay promised Mother she would dry dishes any time Mother needed her, and—without fussing.

And now, every night Kay prays, "Dear God, thank You for making me a girl and not a bird. Thank you for dear Daddy and Mother, and for ways that I can help them. Amen."

—My Pleasure

## Wee Wisdom

A two-year-old girl sat on her mother's knee one summer afternoon watching the clouds during a thunder-storm. Presently she was startled by a vivid flash of lightning and a loud clap of thunder. Looking into her mother's face, she exclaimed sadly, "Dere now, mama, de sun is b'oken all to pieces!"

On another occasion she brought to her mother some very small leaves that she had gathered in the flower-garden. She looked admiringly at their tiny size, and after saying how pretty they were, her mother asked if she knew who made them.

"Oh, yes," she replied, "Dod made dem. And, mama, me sinks he made dese when he was a little boy!" — From the *Sunday School Visitor* (1876)



## CHUCKLES

A small boy walked up to a movie box office during school hours, and the cashier refused to sell him a ticket.

"Why aren't you in school?" she asked. "It's OK, lady," the youngster replied, "I got the measles."

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A little girl's mother made her sit in a corner for bad conduct. After being quiet for a time, she called out impatiently, "Mommie, I'm sittin' down on the outside, but remember, I'm standin' up inside."—Exchange.



## Bible Quiz

### Great Writers of the Bible

1. This man was a tax collector, and later wrote one of the four gospels.
2. This man was the greatest poet of Bible times.
3. This man wrote more books of the Bible than any other writer.
4. This man, who was a doctor, wrote the most beautiful account of the life of Christ.
5. This man gave to the world three thousand proverbs.

### Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Job—Book of Job, Chaps. 1, 2.
2. Noah—Genesis 6:14-15.
3. Isaac—Genesis 27:1-40.
4. Absalom—II Samuel 18:9-10.
5. Simon of Cyrene—Matthew 27:29-32.



# International Sunday School Lesson

For January 31, 1960

By RAYMOND A. SMITH

Head, Department of Religious Education, Greensboro College

## THE DEMAND FOR REPENTANCE AND FAITH

**Background Scripture:** Acts 17; Thessalonians 1 and 2

**Lesson Scripture:** Acts 17:10-12, 22-23, 29-34

In his missionary work the apostle Paul usually visited the synagogue first when he came to a new place. The first nine verses of Acts 17 recount the experience of Paul and Silas in Thessalonica, about a hundred miles southwest of Philippi. Here the preaching of the apostles had stirred up considerable opposition and they were advised to leave. We are told they were "sent away by night to Berea." When they got there they again sought out the synagogue. Evidently the people who made up the membership were more hospitable than those in Thessalonica, for they listened eagerly to what Paul and Silas had to say. The result was that a number of them, after careful comparison of the apostles' message with the Scriptures, decided to embrace the new faith. We are told that there were some Greek converts, too.

We notice that the response to the gospel varied from place to place. However, it is necessary to continue to present the claims of the gospel, no matter whether it is favorably received or not.

The second portion of our lesson deals with the apostle Paul at Athens. He began his discourse in the public forum by reminding his hearers that he had observed their interest in religion. They had statues erected to various gods, and one to "the unknown god." Paul declared that he wished to speak to them about this god that was unknown to them. He then quoted from some of their own poets who had written about human beings as the offspring of the gods. Paul's argument was that, since men were children of God, they ought not to think of God as silver, gold or stone. The apostle said that in times past God had overlooked this idol worship but now he had revealed himself in One who was to judge the world, that is, Christ.

The results of Paul's sermon at Athens were not spectacular. Most of his hearers scoffed at his message, but there were a few who believed. However, we have no record of any church being founded there.

We see, then, from the incidents recorded here that there are various types of response to the presentation of the claims of the gospel upon men.

One of the things that determines the nature of this response is the hearer's previous experience. This is why the early years are so important for Christian education. Some religious groups have claimed that they can influence a child for the rest of his life if they can have charge of his religious training during the first seven years. We know that many times the appeal of the Christian evangelist bears fruit because he is able to awaken some fine impression, buried but not dead, planted in the soul by a devout parent or teacher in the early years.

There used to be heard the question "Do you believe in Christian education or evangelism?" We don't hear this question debated any longer because we have come to see that they have one and the same goal — the creation of Christian personality. It was the late Nevin C. Harner who gave us a fine definition of Christian education that embraces both the idea of education and

that of evangelism. With this fine statement (which deserves careful thought and study) we close our discussion. Said Harner: "Christian education is the reverent attempt to discover the divinely ordained process by which persons grow into Christ likeness and then to work with that process."

## In Memoriam

**DAVIS.**—God in His infinite wisdom took from Fifth Avenue Methodist Church in Wilmington on December 17, 1959, one of its most faithful friends and dedicated workers, Charles Craig Davis. He was a life-long member of our church and was responsible for many offices of leadership including chairman of the official board. He greatly inspired the growth of Fifth Avenue, devoting not only his attendance, but time, effort, and money to strengthen it.

His genuine love for his family, home and church was outstanding. His kind of love and devotion was such that is peculiar to Christians and surely has been rewarded by those wonderful words of "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

We shall miss Brother Davis, but we shall cherish many fond memories of him, and be ever grateful for his wonderful life, as he lived and worked with us for so many years.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and pray that God may comfort and bless each one of them.

Be it resolved that a copy of this tribute be sent to the family, to the **North Carolina Christian Advocate**, and be recorded in the minutes of the official board.

R. L. Bame, Pastor  
E. P. Goodwin, Jr., Chairman  
Official Board

**ARNOLD.**—The official board of Pleasant Grove Methodist Church pays tribute to Mr. John M. Arnold, who died September 1, 1959.

Everyone found in him a true and loyal friend. His services and devotion to God, his Church, and family was an inspiration; and his Christian influence will live long in our hearts.

Robert Green,  
Jack Swaney,  
Mrs. Donald Wall

**BLOUNT.**—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service wish to express our love and esteem for Mrs. Susan Davis Blount, 89, whose death caused the bereavement of our entire church and community. To her family who feel her loss so keenly, we express our sincere sympathy.

"Miss Sue," as she was affectionately known, united with the First Methodist Church (Wilson, N. C.) as a young girl and to this church gave a lifetime of devotion. At every service, as long as her health permitted, and even after, she was to be found in her accustomed pew, an inspiration to both minister and congregation. Her keen mind and exceptional talents, combined with her love for her church, marked her for leadership. Throughout her life she was the guiding spirit of the Woman's Missionary Society and for many years held local and conference offices.

Her home was a model of Christian virtue as evidenced by the fact that one of her sons, the Rev. George Wood Blount, is now pastor of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Raleigh. Also surviving are a son, James Davis Blount, of Wilson, and a sister, Mrs. P. L. Woodard.

Mrs. Blount's life was one of love and devotion to her home, her family, her friends and her church and will ever be an inspiration to all who knew her.

January 7, 1960

Hadley W. Blake  
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If there's beauty in the character,  
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If there's order in the nation,  
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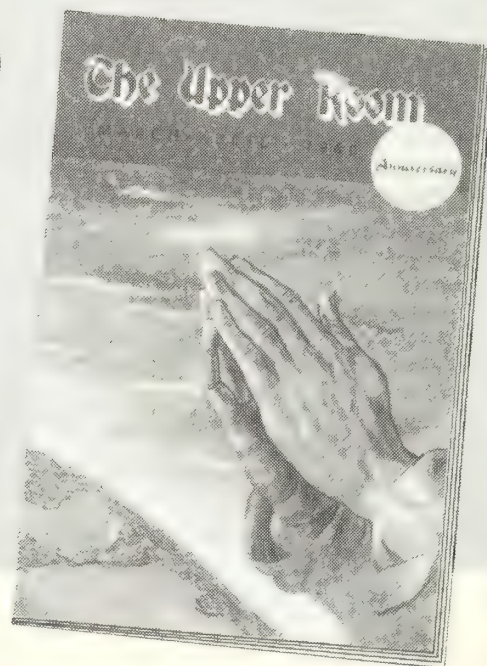


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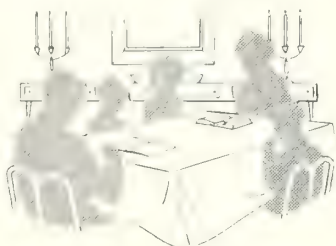


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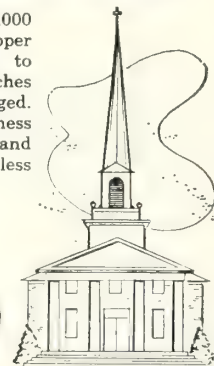
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## The Snow Storm

By JAMES THOMSON (1700-1748)

Through the hushed air the whitening  
shower descends,  
At first thin wavering; till at last the  
flakes  
Fall broad and wide and fast, dimming  
the day,  
With a continual flow. The cherished  
fields  
Put on their winter-robe of purest white.  
'Tis brightness all; save where the new  
snow melts  
Along the mazy current.

Low the woods  
Bow their hoary head; and ere the  
languid sun  
Faint from the west emits its evening  
ray,  
Earth's universal face, deep hid and  
chill,  
Is one wild, dazzling waste, that buries  
wide  
The works of man . . .





# LETTERS

## "A Letter from the Church"

Dear Editor:

My father, Archibald McMichael, had the *ADVOCATE* in our home 80 years ago when I was a child. It was printed in Raleigh.

It is a part of our home and seems a letter from our church.

Sincerely,

ADA McMICHAL AND CECIL A. BOREN

## Kind Words

Dear Editor:

It is with great regret that I have learned of your decision to resign in June as Editor of the *ADVOCATE*. I have enjoyed your editorials so much and also "In Passing," which was a delightfully informal account of your trips around the state and to England.

My uncle, the late Dr. J. S. Betts of Greensboro, was no doubt known to you.

Sincerely,

LALLAH R. BETTS

Raleigh, N. C.

**Editor's Note:** Indeed we did know Dr. Betts and other members of this distinguished Methodist family.

## More of the Same

Dear Editor:

It was with a great deal of disappointment that I learned that you have decided to resign as editor of the *ADVOCATE*. I have been pleased with the excellent job that you have done.

ROBERT REGAN, JR.

Washington, D. C.

Dear Editor:

I have read of your resignation from the *ADVOCATE*. It seems like it has been better than ever since you have been the editor. I read your stories and the pictures of your travels; they have been most interesting.

I do hope that you will still print the Sunday School lessons just as you are doing, a Sunday ahead . . .

Sincerely,

MRS. P. T. GREENE

Marshville, N. C.

Dear Editor:

I wanted to write and express my disap-

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pointment because of your decision to leave the *ADVOCATE* . . . Your mixture of seriousness and lightness is what we Methodists need.

I hope you get a pleasant appointment . . .

Sincerely,

WALTON N. BASS

Trenton Charge, N. C.

**Editor's Note:** We deeply appreciate these and many other letters which were more personal and which we decided not to print, but to answer personally. Our decision to re-enter the pastorate is based on a love of the ministry and a feeling that there is nothing more important than preaching the Gospel. Wherever we go, we will be happy in the Lord's work.

## Keeping Records Straight

Dear Editor:

We believe records will show that both the spirit and the letter of the provisions of the 1952 Discipline were carried out in a fair manner in the adjustment of membership rolls of the Weaverville Methodist Church some years ago.

We began work on 89 names of those not living in Weaverville, and by the time the 4th Quarterly Conference was held, 17 months later, three letters had been sent out. Four months elapsed between the first and second letters; nine months between the second and the third letters, and then we waited nearly three more months before taking action at the 4th Quarterly Conference. About 3 dozen names were dropped at this conference. The great majority of names had been accounted for, after much hard and persistent work. (There were 13 names which we could not account for at all, even after publishing them in a church bulletin and requesting the congregation to provide addresses if known. These were dropped at the 4th Quarterly Conference the prior year.)

Some members had passed away, and not a few had joined a denomination which does not accept our certificates, and so we lacked knowledge of these at the time.

In the first letter, we enclosed a self-addressed, stamped envelope, with a card listing 3 items, and requesting one be checked and the card returned. 1. The member desired to retain membership and would support the church by gifts and prayers. 2. The member was then affiliated with another church. 3. The member requested a Certificate of Transfer, to be sent to the stipulated church and pastor.

At the 4th Quarterly Conference at which this final action was taken on about 3 dozen names, the Commission was commended by the district superintendent for its patience, care and tact. One result of the work was that the chronological roll and the alphabetical membership card index were then "in balance."

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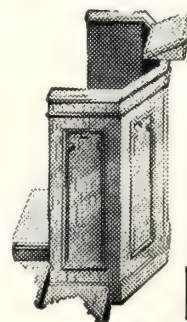
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# Carolina Briefs

❖ **BLACK MOUNTAIN Church** is adding a parking lot to its facilities.

❖ **A WILMINGTON DISTRICT Laymen's Rally** will be held at Grace Church, Wilmington, on February 23 at 6:30 p.m.

❖ **MANY CHURCH BULLETINS** are now carrying short notices about the **ADVOCATE** campaign, urging members to subscribe.

❖ **WESTMINSTER CHURCH, Kinston**, completed a community religious census on January 24.

❖ **A MODERN stained-glass window** has been installed in the new Chestnut Ridge Church in Effland by the High Point Glass and Decorative Co.

❖ **TRINITY CHURCH, Jacksonville, N. C.**, is making a complete visitation of its resident membership, with 144 persons doing the visiting, according to the Rev. T. R. Jenkins.

❖ **MOUNT PLEASANT CHURCH, Winston-Salem**, has instituted a "Member by Easter" program. Each member is asked to set a personal goal of bringing into the church one new member by Easter.

❖ **MORE THAN 1200 youth and adults** saw the Academy Award documentary film, "The Life of Albert Schweitzer," on a recent Sunday at Centenary Church, Winston-Salem, during the annual School of Missions.

❖ **DR. JAMES T. CLELAND**, dean of the chapel, Duke University, Durham, N. C., gave the opening prayer in the United States Senate January 19, substituting for the Senate Chaplain, the Rev. Frederick Brown Harris.

❖ **FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, Hamlet**, conducted a week-long series of cottage prayer meetings in preparation for its revival services, Jan. 31 through Feb. 5. Dr. Carl Sanders, district superintendent of the Richmond (Va.) District, was the evangelist.

❖ **THE REV. C. W. KIRBY**, superintendent of the Methodist Home, Charlotte, will be one of the sectional leaders on the program of the convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes to be held in Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 16-18.

❖ **WRAL-TV, CHANNEL 5, Raleigh**, is carrying the new Circuit Rider program on evangelism every Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Jan. 10 through April 17. The program features a series of evangelistic sermons by J. Malloy Owen, pastor of Horne Memorial Church, Clayton.

❖ **THE FORMAL OPENING** of the new educational building of Central Church, Concord, was held last Sunday, Jan. 31. The Revs. George B. Clemmer and W. A. Jenkins, former pastors, had a part in the service, and Dr. Carl H. King, WNC Conference Executive Director of Christian Education was the speaker.

❖ **THE BULLETIN** of Ardmore Church, Winston-Salem, on a recent Sunday carried the text of the anthem in full, thus making it possible for the congregation to appreciate the significance of the words, as well as the music. (This is an idea for other

## A Word to Pastors

January and February are the months for the N. C. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE campaign.

Brother Pastor, the **ADVOCATE** can be your assistant pastor, to inform and inspire your people and make them want to do the many things you want done but cannot do by yourself.

How can you expect members of the church to be interested in supporting the church at home and abroad unless they know about the cause?

Please use the material which the **ADVOCATE** has sent in getting subscriptions.

—REV. H. M. McLAMB  
Supt., Goldsboro District  
in his *District Preacher's Newsletter*

churches. Too many anthems are never understood by the congregation.—*Editor*)

❖ **THE PASTOR** of Centenary Church, Smithfield, the Rev. Lester A. Tilley, has asked for 100 new subscribers to the Conference organ. Mr. Tilley says, "Surely this good paper is needed in our homes. How can any Methodist be informed without it? How can he be inspired without information?"

❖ **METHODIST MEN** of the North River Church (Beaufort Circuit), who were recently organized, received their charter on Jan. 27. Mr. Roy L. Turnage, Jr., lay leader of the New Bern District, was the speaker. Officers of the organization are: Nick Simpson, president; Ervin Pratt, vice-president; John J. Felton, secretary; Clinton Willis, treasurer; and Marvin Pake, reporter.

❖ **BEGINNING** this month, Trenton Charge, New Bern District, will have two additional morning services each month, conducted by Mr. Amos Taylor, who received his local preacher's license at the New Bern District Conference last month. Mr. Taylor, a teacher in the Trenton school, will assist the pastor, the Rev. Walton N. Bass.

## Three Churches Reach Subscription Quota

Since our last report, Marshville Methodist Church has sent in 80 subscriptions to qualify for the club rate, First Church, North Wilkesboro, sent in 67, 51 of them new, to go over its 10% quota, and Hickory Knoll on the Franklinville Charge also exceeded its goal. In addition to this, several charges which have had few or no subscriptions have sent in good lists of new subscribers, although not quite reaching their quota.

## Lexington Church Goes Over Goal

At the close of a four-day campaign led by the Rev. Rollin P. Gibbs of the WNC Conference Board of Missions, the congregation of Trinity Church, Lexington, over-subscribed its goal of \$35,000 for the erection of an educational building adjacent to the present structure. The total subscribed was \$53,000. This included cash and pledges which are to be paid over a three-year period, according to the pastor, the Rev. Roy Grant, who reports that the campaign was successful, not only from a financial standpoint, but in bringing real harmony and teamwork to the membership.

"In fact," says Mr. Grant, "many termed the campaign as being equal to a revival meeting."

It is hoped that construction of the building will begin in the spring and that it will be ready for occupancy by fall. Designed by Harold Wagoner, noted church architect, the building will provide room for 17 classes, and will be built facing South Main Street, alongside the present church on property given the church by Wennonah Mills.

## Alexander Co. Missions School Set for February

The Alexander County School of Missions will be held at the First Methodist Church in Taylorsville on February 7, 10, 14. The adults will study the text, "The Church and Medical Missions."

This year we are also having a course on Africa for the children. There will be classes for the primaries and the juniors. The children's study will be directed by Mrs. George Culbreth with a staff of teachers from the participating churches of the county. Slides, filmstrips and African games will make this study very interesting.

The Revs. George Culbreth, Bob Dennis and Bill Blanton will lead the discussions of the textbook for the adults. Slides, filmstrips and films will add to the interest of the discussions. Along with these, there will be a special feature each night.

Dr. Alex Moffett, surgeon at the Alexander County Hospital, will speak to the children and adults on Sunday night, Feb. 7. Dr. Moffett is the son of Presbyterian missionaries to China. He was born in China, and spent several years as a medical missionary in China, before having to leave when the Communists came.

Dr. Horace McSwain, Conference missionary secretary, will speak to the adults on Wednesday night, Feb. 10. On Sunday night, Feb. 14, the film, "Medical Missions," will be shown as the special feature.

The participating churches and pastors are Pisgah Charge, Ben Ziegler; Stony Point, George Culbreth; Hiddenite-Liberty Charge, Bob Dennis; Taylorsville, Raymond Wilkinson; Mount Bethel, Bill Blanton.

RAYMOND L. WILKINSON  
Host Pastor and Dean

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I shall go softly all my years.—Is. 38:15.



## The Acid Test

"It has been observed that the acid test of the spiritual maturity of a Methodist Church is the attendance upon the Communion Service."

These words from the weekly bulletin of Leaksville Methodist Church might well be printed in every church bulletin. Early Methodists knew so well the value of frequent Communion that John Wesley often administered the Sacrament to as many as a thousand communicants at one time. Indeed, it was the Methodist interest in this sacrament which chiefly distinguished the followers of John Wesley from the average church member, and caused the Anglican clergymen to complain that Mr. Wesley was working them to death by sending so many Methodists to the parish churches for Communion.

Yet modern Methodists have sadly fallen from grace, and now it is common to see a long line of departing families leaving the church building after Sunday School and to hear them explain, "Well, you know it's Communion Sunday and there is no sermon."

It was this attitude toward the Sacrament which characterized the Catholic Church before the Reformation in Germany and the Church of England before Wesley. Many Anglican writers credit John Wesley for the present-day emphasis upon Holy Communion in English and American Episcopalian churches.

One may better understand the lax attitude of the people by observing the careless actions of the pastors. In some cases, ministers have let it be known that they looked upon Communion Sunday as only an interruption in the proper order of things. Then there are others who show their lack of interest and understanding of the importance of the Sacrament by omitting nearly all of the prayers — sometimes even the Prayer of Consecration!

But the criticism still persists, "The Communion Service is too long." To the critics we might pose the question asked by Jesus, "Could you not watch with me one hour?"

Essentially the problem is one of understanding. One pastor devoted several sermons to an explanation of the rite and found that, subsequently, attendance at Holy Communion had tripled and the spiritual life of the church had been greatly enriched.

"Do this in remembrance of me," said Jesus. Have we forgotten Him?

## For Pastors

### HOW TO GET YOUR ADVOCATE QUOTA

After looking over the weekly crop of bulletins, we have come to the conclusion that very few pastors are attempting to secure subscriptions to the *ADVOCATE*. Only a few have announced the Subscription Campaign and nearly all of these have been content to announce it and let it go at that. Hardly any bulletin told how to subscribe or suggested that someone would be at the door to receive subscriptions. Most of the announcements didn't even tell the price.

But we suspect that almost all of the pastors are planning to *do something* when they get around to it.

But what?

Here is a plan which will work:

1. Announce that on the next Sunday you will seek to get your quota of subscriptions (Which is ten per cent of the active membership).
2. Ask someone who has been an *ADVOCATE* reader to give a three-minute talk on it in the morning service on *ADVOCATE* Sunday.
3. Place offering envelopes in the pews and distribute sample copies of the paper (which may be obtained from this office).
4. Ask for immediate action at the time of the offering. Get the money then or later, but have the names written down, with addresses.
5. Send the correct names and addresses along with a remittance to cover the entire list to us, and we'll do the rest.

## Statesmanship in the Church

Editors who attended the annual meeting of the Board of Missions in Buck Hill Falls, Pa., recently were given the opportunity to hear at first hand reports on the world situation which were unbiased and free from political overtones. It is probable that nowhere else in the world could be gathered as many experts on international affairs, experts whose thinking is not colored by prejudice and preconceived notions.

Day after day, we listened to men and women who had given their lives to missionary work and who know intimately many of the leaders of these

countries which they serve. It is probably that they are more sympathetic to those countries than those who know little about them, but it is true that they have learned to think on a global basis — which is something which seems to come only with great difficulty to our politicians.

For instance, take the case of the Cuban ferment. Magazines and newspapers are playing up the sensational acts and statements of Fidel Castro and his denunciation of the U. S. Missionaries who have worked in Cuba have a different story to tell. They say that conditions are much better than before Castro took over, that there is no atmosphere of fear among the common people, that incidents have been greatly exaggerated. The church, they report, is suffering no hardship and American missionaries, even visiting Board secretaries from this country, are received with courtesy and extreme friendliness.

The newspaper headlines tell of intimidation and murder to such an extent that readers can imagine that all Cuba is an armed camp. Missionaries seem not to have found it so.

One gathers from the reports by these church statesmen that American business interests are partly responsible for their own troubles in Cuba and in other countries. The tales of Communist domination seem strange to these men and women who have lived among the people of Cuba. They may be true, but it is strange that those who live thousands of miles away from the scene should be thought competent to judge what is going on there.

Take Africa, the once-dark continent. Stories and filmed records tell of amazing progress in education, of vastly improved living conditions, of progress in almost every area of life. Looking upon these pictures and hearing these stories, one is inclined to sympathize with the aspirations of people such as these, who have in a short space of time, moved from the jungle into cities, learned Western ways, worn Western clothes and proved their ability to think and work alongside their former rulers. They are not, perhaps, ready for the highest type of democracy, but they merit our sympathy in their bid for freedom.

Everywhere the church is at work, lifting up the standards of living, educating teachers, doctors and nurses. It has been our task to bring these "backward" peoples out of darkness. Shall we now push them away from the light?

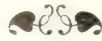


## You Can't and You Don't

By ROY C. PUTNAM

Many of our appeals in our churches today produce a false condemnation of our people. You see the normal challenge in our churches is an appeal to you to do better. You can and you must! But you can't and you can't. The challenge is give more, do more, be more. Thus we substitute plans for power, glands for grace, and gimmicks for divine guidance. And in our senseless whirl of activity we never attain the standard that we or somebody else sets for us. Condemnation follows.

Jesus brings conviction but not condemnation (Rom. 8:1). True conviction is an honest estimate of what we are and where we are not, of our sin, our failure and our frustration that is brought to light by the entrance of God's word. The conviction is 100 per cent divine and is antiseptic, clear and (when faced) healing. Condemnation, however, complains, rebels, suffers from the pain, without going through the healing experience of the operation which removes it. Two things about condemnation: (1) It cannot be swept away by "thinking positively." It is easy for us to say blithely, "I am going to forget the past, think positively, live cheerfully." The trouble with that attitude (aside from the impossibility when the emotions rise up to carry on a blitz) is that it throws out the baby with the bath. Until there is conviction so deep and demanding as to make us face the guilt and ghastliness of our sins we cannot hope for redemption and release. Sam Shoemaker says, "There is not only poison in our feeling of guilt, there is also promise." Thank God for the temperature and acute pain that rallies you to the urgent necessity of an appendectomy. (2) There is only one ground for forgiveness and the removal of guilt (Heb. 10:12). It is the ground of Calvary and the merits and mercies released from that Broken Sacrifice. This is a moral universe. We want kindness and mercy but not at the expense of justice and holiness. The Cross effectively removes those barriers in the divine nature that would prevent a holy God from making cheap concession to sin. Conviction that is God-wrought brings us to moral responsibility and incites a hatred of sin and love of righteousness. The Holy Spirit not only shows us ourselves but He shows us Grace Abounding at the Cross. Then penitent and broken we fall there. The futility,



## A Prayer

*God, make my life a flame of Love —*

To light the lamps of faith when the flame is out;  
To trim the wick with kindness when strength is waning;  
To clean the shade with thoughtfulness when it's blackened with despair;  
To use the oil of compassion to soothe the troubled waters of thought —  
All in the name of Him who is the light of the world.

*God, make me a tiller of the soil —*

To plant seeds of thoughtfulness in the gardens of others;  
To terrace a garden with comfort where tribulation exists;  
To spade with cheerfulness that Hope might bloom;  
To prune my offerings before they are planted in another's garden —  
All in the name of Him who found peace in gardens.

*God, make me a physician of souls —*

To carry the bandage of consolation to wrap suffering;  
To mend a sorrowing heart with the message of faith;  
To suture a lacerated mind with the joy of the Good News;  
To write a prescription of prayer on bended knee —  
All in the name of the Great Physician, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*God, make me a peacemaker —*

To offer the keys of joy to those who disagree;  
To arbitrate misunderstanding by having each wear the other's shoes;  
To counsel with Justice, tempered with Mercy;  
To teach the meaning of Love as the standard of Forgiveness —  
All in the name of Him who said, "Blessed are the Peacemakers."

*God, make me a teacher —*

To mold with Truth the citizens of tomorrow;  
To teach the meaning of Right rather than rights;  
To spell The Way rather than the ways of life;  
To design purity of heart and speech as tools for research among my fellow-men —  
All in the name of the Great Teacher, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
—CHAPLAIN JAMES E. ROGERS



shame, fear, guilt and confusion is lifted as if by a mighty derrick. Love melts me there. Mercy outruns justice and covers me there. Grace lifts me there. The burden leaves me there. And I know I am saved — know it throughout the whole of my renewed and grateful being!

## Why Attend Church?

By CARL A. JOHNSON

I shall list some of the supreme reasons in the following paragraphs. To those who don't feel up to attending church due to physical ailments, I quote from Dr. George W. Crane's "The Worry Clinic."

"Active church folks seem healthier than non-church people, for teaming up with God lowers blood pressure and slows down the heart rate. Very few deaths from strokes or heart attacks or perforated peptic ulcers or ruptured appendix ever occur among the 50,000-000 people during Sunday morning services."

Then this man of medicine asks, "Do you know why?" Certainly we know why — we were made in the image of God and we are never our true and normal selves until we come into His Presence — apart from God we are as weak as the dust from which we are made. Our strength comes from Him. When we, like Sampson, take a holiday down into Gaza, a holiday from God and from the church, we lose our true strength.

Someone has stated that we need to go to church to get away from ourselves. The more Christ-centered we become and the less self-centered, the happier will be our lot.

Here is a list of 20 things on "How To Be Perfectly Miserable." (1) Think about yourself, (2) Talk about yourself, (3) Use "I" as often as possible, (4) Mirror yourself continually in the opinion of others, (5) Listen greedily to what people say about you, (6) Expect to be appreciated, (7) Be suspicious, (8) Be jealous and envious, (9) Be sensitive to slights, (10) Never forgive a criticism, (11) Trust nobody but yourself, (12) Insist on consideration and respect, (13) Demand agreement with your own views on everything, (14) Sulk if people are not grateful to you for favors shown them (15) Never forget a service you may have rendered, (16) Be on the lookout for a good time for yourself, (17) Shirk your duties if you can, (18) Do as little as possible for others, (19) Love yourself supremely, (20) Be selfish.

If you are all wrapped up in yourself and you are self-centered, you are in for some real trouble ahead. Regular church attendance will enable you to live more fully the kind of life for which you were created.



# Methodist Is Named First Churchwoman of the Year by the Charlotte Observer

By BILL LAMPKIN

A member of the Official Board of First Methodist Church in Charlotte has been named Churchwoman of the Year by the *Charlotte Observer*.

The award was presented to Mrs. Leslie E. Barnhardt during morning services Sunday, Jan. 17, at First Church.

Presentation of the framed certificate was made by Bill Lamkin, Observer religion editor. This is the first annual award.

Dr. W. Kenneth Goodson, pastor, praised the press for its religious coverage. He called the award to Mrs. Barnhardt a reflection on the activity of the entire congregation.

Competition for the honor was carried on through Lamkin's weekly church page column, "The Front Pew." Readers sent in letters of nomination. The panel of judges represented five faiths: Baptist, Catholic, Episcopal, Methodist, and Presbyterian.

Mrs. Barnhardt was nominated by a Baptist. The nominator described her as "one of the loveliest, most genteel women I have ever known."

Lurleen Barnhardt is a qualified lay speaker and a life member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, where she is just completing a five-year term as secretary of Christian Social Relations for the Western North Carolina Conference.

She has headed many committees of the WSCS.

She has taught jurisdiction credit courses and helped with district institutes. She has been sent by her conference to Oklahoma, Georgia, New York, Washington and elsewhere to further her study.

She is a delegate to the N. C. Council of Women's Organizations, a representative to the N. C. Legislative Council, N. C. Human Relations Council and N. C. World Affairs Conference.

Mrs. Barnhardt has served on the following conference boards: Temperance, World Peace, Social and Economic Relations. She's a representative to the N. C. Council of Churches and to the United Churchwomen.

Locally, she is a member of the Bethlehem Center Board, serves on the Committee on Migrant Work for the United Churchwomen and is a representative on the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Human Relations Council.

At First Methodist, Mrs. Barnhardt is



MRS. LESLIE E. BARNHARDT

a member of the Official Board, chairman of the Commission on Missions, member of the Committee on World Peace, ex officio member for finance and stewardship, membership and evangelism. She is promotion secretary for the local WSCS.

These are some of the things she has done in the Methodist Church — things that led to her selection as the first Churchwoman of the Year.

## Asbury Church Women Organize WSCS

By MARY GARDNER

Election of officers and scheduling of monthly meetings highlighted the recent organization meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Asbury Methodist Church.

Headed by Mrs. S. T. Currin, president, other officers elected to serve the Woman's Society of Raleigh's newest Methodist Church were Mrs. W. D. Hill, vice-president; Mrs. P. D. Lloyd, secretary; Mrs. Milton Rountree, treasurer; Mrs. E. K. Kelley, secretary missionary education and service; Mrs. W. S. Jones, children's work; Mrs. John G. Lee and Mrs. H. A. Ragan, youth work.

The Rev. Wesley S. Jones is pastor of the Asbury Church.

## Louisburg College Host to WSCS Executive Committee

By MARY GARDNER

The executive committee of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, in session at Louisburg College Jan. 22-23 heard a report of the conference president, Mrs. Pierce Johnson, of the recent annual meeting of the Woman's Division of Christian Service at Buck Hill

Falls, Pa.; reports of officers, committee chairmen, and conference workers, and elected delegates to several ensuing meetings. Mrs. R. L. Jerome, conference secretary of spiritual life, led the meditations.

An emphasis at Buck Hill Falls, according to Mrs. Johnson, was upon the failure to recruit approximately one-half the Methodist women who are not members of the Woman's Society or Wesleyan Service Guild. Mrs. Johnson also announced that the rural work in eastern North Carolina has been chosen by the Woman's Division for study during 1960-61.

The treasurer, Mrs. L. C. Vereen, reported an increase in giving of \$2,411.80 during the last quarter, over the same period last year. The more notable increases were in the areas of pledges, youth fund, and supply work. The report of Mrs. C. H. Boyd, secretary of promotion, revealed 754 local Woman's Societies of Christian Service in the conference, with a membership totaling 32,635.

Elected to represent the N. C. Conference WSCS at the Annual Conference on World Affairs, to be held in Chapel Hill, Feb. 11-12, were Mrs. H. W. Doub, Mrs. L. C. Vereen, Mrs. J. M. Harper, Jr., Mrs. N. C. Newbold, Mrs. Taylor Long, Mrs. W. I. McLamb, Mrs. A. C. Lee, and Mrs. J. S. Henninger. Mrs. Henninger was also elected as a delegate to the Annual Meeting of the United Church Women held in Charlotte, Jan. 26-27. The five delegates to the Leadership Training Workshop in session at the UNC, Chapel Hill, July 18-21, include Mrs. L. S. Thompson, Mrs. H. W. Doub, Mrs. Leroy Pickard, Mrs. C. T. Johnson, and Mrs. H. R. Odum. Alternates are Mrs. T. B. Upchurch and Miss Lizzie Gray Chandler.

Two foreign guests were introduced to the group and spoke briefly. They were Miss Musako Yamada, a Japanese student at Louisburg College, and Winfried Nolde, of Munich, Germany, an exchange student living in the home of the conference secretary of Christian Social Relations, Mrs. S. W. Anderson.

## Campus Christian Council Holds Retreat

By MARY GARDNER

The Campus Christian Council at East Carolina College, Greenville, sponsored a week-end retreat Jan. 22-24. Sessions were held at the Y-Hut and at the Methodist Student Center, the latter by request of the Council.

Using the theme, "The Mission of the Church," the Retreat featured Dr. Hank Crane as the leader, and study groups. Dr. Crane is a member of the Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church, having recently returned from work in Africa.

Organized last spring, the Campus Christian Council's membership includes students representing all evangelical church groups on the campus of ECC. Among its more recent activities was the sponsorship of Christian Emphasis Week at the college last October.

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"Troubles come through the things we let slip through our lips rather than those we let slip through our fingers."

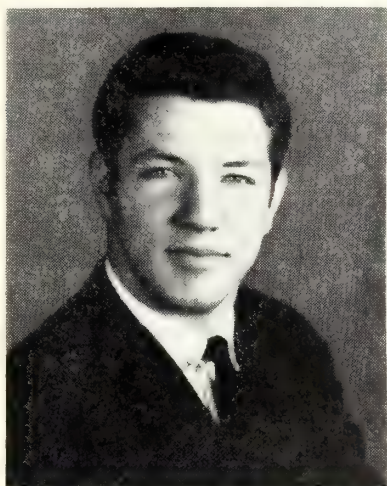


## Steve Kimbrough, Jr., Records Familiar Hymns

By O. K. INGRAM

The Rev. Steve Kimbrough, Jr., pastor of First Methodist Church, Hillsboro, has recorded an album of familiar hymns for individual listening and personal enjoyment as well as use in worship and study groups.

The album of hymns introduces the brilliant baritone voice of Steve Kimbrough, Jr., a Methodist minister, fulfilling his desire to sing and preach the gospel. He effectively combines a deep inner faith with



STEVE KIMBROUGH, JR.

his pleasing resonant voice and flawless diction.

The hymns sung by Mr. Kimbrough have been used for years in the largest of city churches to the smallest rural chapels. They were selected for their story of the gospel message and their frequent use in churches for worship. From the Biblical story of "The Ninety and Nine" to the inspiring music of Robert Schumann used in "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee," Mr. Kimbrough artfully sings the message of Christ.

A native of Alabama, Mr. Kimbrough received his musical training at Birmingham Conservatory of Music under Andrew Gainey, formerly of the New York City Opera Company, and under John Hanks, professor of voice at Duke University. His experience includes working in churches as minister, youth director, and musician.

Mr. Kimbrough directs his own choir and is active in the music life of the community. He has been heard on radio and television, in musical comedy and concert. As baritone soloist he has sung in such works as Mendelssohn's "Elijah," Mozart's "Requiem," Dvorak's "Stabat Mater," and Purcell's "King Arthur."

He is accompanied at the pipe organ by Mrs. Adelaide Miller, organist of the University Methodist Church, Chapel Hill, where the recording was made.

Included in the album are the following hymns: "Rock of Ages," "Jesus Lover of My Soul," "Amazing Grace," "The Ninety and Nine," "More Love to Thee, O Christ," "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross," "Close to Thee," "Moment by Moment," "Beneath the Cross of Jesus," "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee."

Professor John K. Hanks, lecturer in church music for the Divinity School of Duke University, in evaluating the album reports: "Mr. Kimbrough's singing of these beloved hymns is honest and straightforward. These songs are presented without the over-sentimental popular song approach, that borders on secularism, that is so common today in hymn singing. This does not mean that the singer is stilted in his manner of presentation; instead, he sings each as a small sermon in song, bringing out the true message of the words and music for the glory of God, not the personality of the singer.

"This record album may be used in many ways in addition to individual listening: a church study group will find it helpful in studying hymns and their history. It would be a good addition to a Sunday evening service. Ministers of all faiths will find the hymns serve an excellent purpose as the music portion of a radio or TV devotional program.

"However used, I am sure that the listener will receive a worthwhile message from each hymn."

(The album is currently available by writing "Hymns," Box 353, Hillsboro, N. C. Purchasers should send \$2.50, plus 10c postage.)

## Asheville Wesleyan Service Guild Honored

By MRS. J. C. WRIGHT

The Wesleyan Service Guild of Central Methodist Church in Asheville was honored this month in observance of January as "Guild Month."

On Sunday, Jan. 17, the Guilders sat together at the morning service, and 27 members were present to fill four church pews. The flowers at church were in the Guild colors of blue and gold. Rosettes were placed on the Guild pews.

Mrs. Doyle Barnes, president, gave a short talk on Guild work and the pastor gave special recognition to the Guilders.

In the afternoon the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Central Church entertained the members of the Guild at a tea at Brooks-Howell Home on Spears Ave. Guild colors were used again as the center table decoration.

Mrs. W. L. Callahan, president of the Woman's Society, and Mrs. Barnes received guests. One hundred fifty guests called during the afternoon.

It was announced that the Guilders had presented to Central Church two lovely silver dishes to complete the church's silver service for social functions of the church.

## WNC Credit Union Holds Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the WNC Conference Credit Union was held on Jan. 25 in Broad Street Church, Statesville.

Reports show that the Union has made steady progress since its organization. It now has 280 members and assets of more than \$100,000. It is serving a large number of people and providing low cost loans for automobiles, home purchases and emergency needs. During 1959 the organization declared a dividend to share owners at a rate of 4.2 per cent.

## Ninety-Three Commissioned at Buck Hill Falls

Miss Louise Robinson, 125 North Elm Street, Statesville, N. C., is among 93 persons commissioned as home and overseas missionaries of The Methodist Church January 22 at Buck Hill Falls, Pa.

Miss Robinson, who is the director of children's work for the Board of Education of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference, was commissioned a deaconess.

The group of 93 is believed to comprise



MISS LOUISE ALEXANDER

the largest number of new Methodist missionaries ever commissioned at one time. The new missionaries will serve throughout the United States including Alaska and Hawaii and in 20 countries of Asia, Africa, and North and South America. They were commissioned by Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Atlanta, Ga., president of the Methodist Board of Missions.

The overseas missionaries will serve under two divisions of the board, the Division of World Missions and the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Those in home fields will serve under the Division of National Missions and the Woman's Division. The new missionaries represent a variety of occupations, including the ministry, teaching, social work, nursing and architecture, agriculture, engineering and business administration.

Born in Matthews, N. C., Miss Robinson attended Central High School in Charlotte, N. C., and studied four years at Woman's College of North Carolina in Greensboro. She was graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in education. She studied at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., and received the master of arts degree in religious education in 1948.

Before entering professional church work, Miss Robinson was a teacher for 14 years at the Myers Park Elementary School in Charlotte. For a year she was director of Christian education at the First Methodist Church in Pensacola, Fla., and from 1949 to 1957 was director of children's work at the West Market Street Methodist Church in Greensboro. She has been in her present position since 1957. Miss Robinson is a member of Broad Street Methodist Church in Statesville.



# Music Workshop Planned for North Carolina Conference

By C. P. MORRIS

Several hundred delegates are expected to attend each of two one-day Music Workshops in the North Carolina Conference in February. The first of these will be held at Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, N. C., on Monday, February 22, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The second will be held at Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church, Greenville, N. C., on Tuesday, February 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Outstanding leaders in the field of church music have been secured for these workshops which are

These workshops will feature both general and workshop group sessions. These groups will include: 1. *Music and Children in the Church*, led by Miss Vera Zimmerman of Nashville, Tennessee; 2. *Procedure in Choir Organization*, led by Dr. Carl Hjortsvang of Greenville, N. C.; 3. *Procedure in the Established Choir*, led by Mr. Robert Bedle of Raleigh, N. C.; 4. *Service Playing*, led by Mrs. Paul Toll of Greenville, and Mrs. William D. Miller of Raleigh, N. C.; and 5. *The Minister and the Ministry of Music*, led by Rev. Bruce Pate of Kinston, N. C., and Dr. Bliss Wiant of Nashville, Tennessee.

Each workshop will provide both inspiration and training for all persons responsible for or interested in music in the local church, including pastors, choir directors, ministers of music, organists, pianists, choir members, workers with children, the chairman of the music committee, and all persons interested in church music. A special effort will be made to make these sessions helpful for the small church as well as for the large church. Separate workshop groups will be set up to deal with easy and advanced music. There will be a special group for pastors to consider their role in the ministry of music.

The Raleigh workshop will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a hymn sing and devotional led by Mr. Lawrence Skinner of Red Springs, N. C., and Rev. N. W. Grant, pastor Fairmont Methodist Church, Raleigh, N. C. The closing general session will begin at 3:00 p.m. with adjournment coming at 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be served at the church at \$1.00 per plate for those who send their reservations to Mr. Robert Bedle, Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, N. C., not later than February 16.

The Greenville workshop will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a hymn sing and devotional led by Mr. Lawrence Skinner of Red Springs, and Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr., pastor, Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church, Greenville. The workshop will close with the Hymn Festival at 7:30 p.m. Delegates are requested to bring a picnic lunch for the noon-time meal. Beverage will be provided by the host church. Dinner will be served at 6:00 o'clock. \$1.25 per plate, for those who send their reservations to Rev. W. M. Howard, Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church, Greenville, N. C., not later than February 16. The Methodist Publishing House will have on display and for sale an appropriate exhibit of materials at each workshop.

Workshop leaders include: Dr. Bliss Wiant, director of Ministry of Music, Division of the Local Church, Board of Edu-

cation, The Methodist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, and executive secretary of the National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians. Dr. Wiant received his education at Whittenberg College, Ohio Wesleyan University, Boston University, and Peabody College. He is a ministerial member of the North-East Ohio Conference. He has served as minister of music at Youngstown and Delaware, Ohio, and taught music at Yenching University, Peking, China, and Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee.

Miss Vera Zimmerman is a member of the Department of Christian Education of Children, General Board of Education, The Methodist Church, Nashville, Tenn. She is an outstanding leader in the area of Christian education of children, and is in great demand as a laboratory school instructor.

Dr. Carl Hjortsvang is a member of the faculty in the Department of Music at East Carolina College, Greenville, N. C. He is also the choir director at Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church.

Rev. Robert Bedle is the minister of



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sponsored by the Music Committee of the Conference Board of Education of which Mr. Julian Aldridge of Rocky Mount is chairman. A similar workshop held at First Methodist Church of Rocky Mount in March 1959 attracted more than three hundred enthusiastic delegates.

A Hymn Festival will be held in connection with each of these workshops. The Raleigh workshop will be preceded by a Hymn Festival at Edenton Street Church on Sunday evening, February 21, at 7:30 p.m. The Greenville workshop will close with a Hymn Festival at Jarvis Memorial Church on Tuesday evening, February 23. Dr. Bliss Wiant of Nashville, Tennessee, will lead both of these festivals. These will be great services of inspiration for all who enjoy good singing and who love the great hymns of the church.



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Mr. Lawrence Skinner is a member of the faculty in the Department of Music at Flora Macdonald College, Red Springs, N. C.

Rev. Bruce Pate is pastor of St. Mark Methodist Church, Kinston, N. C., has directed a number of local church and sub-district music workshops and has taught courses in the area of church music in a number of Christian Workers' Schools.



# The Plight of the Superintendent

By THE EDITOR

Bishop Edwin E. Voigt, writing in *The Christian Advocate* (Chicago) recently, discussed the plight of the district superintendent and contrasts his duties and privileges with those of the presiding elder.

"In the earlier years the presiding elder made this (the job of shepherding the flock of Christ) his major responsibility. When the church changed the title to 'district superintendent,' it also changed his function. The *Discipline* now enumerates so many duties and responsibilities for him that personal relationships with the ministers of his district can be only a haphazard business at best . . . Poor Figaro! What a laugh he has given us at the opera. Figaro has now stepped down from the stage into the person of the district superintendent. The great piece of business which the church must soon face is what it really wants the district superintendent to do and who it wants him to be. Our present system is chaos, and any man who seriously tries to do all that the law of the church specifies would have a coronary early in his term of service."

Those are the words of a talented and consecrated bishop who has done his part to make The Methodist Church not only spiritual but efficient, as well. What he says should be read with interest and prayerful attention as the delegates prepare for the coming General Conference.

We have known many district superintendents and several presiding elders and we can attest that the contrast between the two is just as striking as the bishop says it is. Those who are younger may have never known the joy of having a presiding elder who was free to travel unhurriedly over his district, preach in all his churches and visit with the parsonage families as a friend and honored guest. They have known only the fine men of later years who, despite their good intentions and their love for the church and the ministers, have not had time to be shepherds. They were too busy mending the fences to feed the sheep.

There is nothing that the district superintendent can do to remedy this situation. He cannot do all the things that the church asks of him and, in addition, give unstinted energy to becoming acquainted with the needs of the pastors, their families and their congregations. No matter what he would like to do, he is chained to the desk and to the job of promoting 57 varieties of causes (including the *ADVOCATE* campaign). He must answer hundreds of letters each month, write monthly, and sometimes weekly, letters

to his men, read all of the latest releases from the connectional boards, and, somewhere in between, try to figure out his recommendations for the appointments in June.

If the D.S. cannot change the system, who can?

It is up to the General Conference to make it possible for superintendents and bishops to adequately do the job of being shepherds to their flock. Only the General Conference can untangle the web of clinging tanglefoot which immobilizes these officials against their wishes and best judgment.

Annual Conferences can help the district superintendent by giving him a smaller area to look after, and for this reason we feel that the suggested move to add more districts to the two conferences is wise. Let there be enough superintendents so that no man shall be expected to supervise more than forty charges, at most.

In more than thirty years as a minister, we have never worked under a district superintendent whom we did not love and respect. We have never known one to deliberately fail to do his duty. But we have known several who were almost on the edge of a nervous breakdown as a result of the realization that the task was entirely too big for any man's abilities.

We remember one devoted man who served a large district well. He took time to visit his preachers, to know their families, and to make them feel that he was their friend. Yet, near the end of his term of office, when the appointments had been announced, he came to one of his friends and in the quiet of his study wept over the ingratitude and unfriendliness of those whom he had served. "I did my best," he said. "I tried to place that man where I felt that he would do the job. But I have just come from an interview with his wife and have heard myself described as a tyrant and an imbecile."

District superintendents get good salaries; they are in a position of power and influence. But are they happy? I have yet to find one who was not longing for the day when he could go back to the pastorate.

If we are to have good superintendents and keep the ones we have, we must lighten the load and increase the fellowship. If they are to be what they want to be, we must make it possible for them to have time for study, prayer, and visitation, for without these they will feel as one man said he did, "I am not a pastor and hardly a preacher. I am only a district manager trying to sell something that nobody wants."



*"The best prescription you can give  
the alcoholic is genuine love."*

# Unsolicited Love Right Therapy for Alcoholism

By REV. ROY B. BARHAM, *Chaplain*  
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Illness of body or mind, frustration, boredom, irritability, or depression, is a warning to us that we do not love one another. "No man is useless so long as he is loved."—Robert Louis Stevenson.

Love, if it is genuine, is its own reward. It is a false concept of love when one thinks that he should be paid for it. Love is a quality of self-forgetfulness that is not primarily concerned with getting along and being rewarded — not what one is to get, but what one is to give.

Arnold J. Toynbee, who, as perhaps no other inhabitant of our globe, has studied the reasons for the rise and fall of civilizations, recently said: "Unless our civilization is to be destroyed, we must have an outburst of love." He said it was "largely because the West backslid in its Christianity and failed to uphold Christian teachings that Communism got its chance to proclaim Jesus Christ's idea — social justice for the poor — in an anti-Christian dress.

Men of science and faith have rediscovered love as the therapy for the treatment and the prevention of alcoholism. A physician that I know who has been treating alcoholics for years says that, "the alcoholic drinks because he needs a power greater than himself," and that power is love.

Alcoholics Anonymous in the second and third steps of their twelve suggested steps for recovery from alcoholism say that the alcoholic must come to believe that a power greater than himself can restore him to sobriety and that he must make a decision to turn his will and life over to the care of God as he understands Him.

The writer of the first Epistle of John said, "God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him." Paul Tillich in his book on "The New Being" says, "God and Love are not two realities; they are one, God's being is the being of Love and God's infinite power of Being is the infinite power of Love."

The psychiatrists at the State Hospital at Butner are convinced that the great taproot of mental illness is lovelessness. They consider alcoholism a symptom of poor mental health. Psychologists and social workers who treat emotionally upset children have found that it makes little difference whether a child is fed by schedule or whether corporal punishment is used so long as the child is loved. Sociologists say it is the answer to delinquency, criminologists say it is the answer to crime, and political scientists say it is the answer to war.

The kind of love I am talking about is

Introduction: The Rev. Mr. Barham, a graduate of Atlantic Christian College and a native of this state, has devoted many years to helping alcoholics. He gives here the Christian approach to the treatment and prevention of alcoholism. This paper was first presented before a small group at Butner. It has been gaining wide circulation ever since.

Chaplain Barham will be one of the speakers at the Conference-wide Christian Social Concerns Conference to be held at St. Paul's Church in Goldsboro on February 29 as part of the presentation of the Board of Temperance.—Dallas Mallison

not the kind we see depicted in the movies and in fiction. It is the love which Jesus knew by insight; the simplest and most complex attribute of man, also the most misunderstood.

The way we use the word "love" shows how little we understand it. We say, "I love food, I love automobiles, I love dogs, and I love my wife." We use the same word but do we mean the same thing?

Doctors are no longer recommending T.L.C. (tender loving care) just for babies. They are saying to the families of alcoholics that tender loving care is what it will take to bring relief to their biological mature members that are oft-times emotionally immature people who are suffering from compulsive and uncontrollable use of alcohol. But the trouble is, most people, even many of us who think we are happily married, do not know what love is.

So many of us husbands are like the man who says he "loves oranges." If an orange could talk back to us it would say, "What do you mean, you love me? All you want is to squeeze me, take the best out of me — and then throw me away." I am sure our wives feel like the orange sometimes.

## PSUEDO-LOVE

If we are to understand what love really means and what Jesus meant when he said "God is Love," we must get rid of a great deal of pseudo-love. We must get rid of all feelings of "I desire," "I want to possess," "I get gratification from," "I exploit" or even "I feel guilt about."

Our indulgence of children is a form of pseudo-love. My experience working with delinquents at the Umstead Youth Center convinces me that most of these young boys have received only indulgent pseudo-love, a guilt-ridden attitude which "buys off" a child rather than strengthens his growth and responsibility. Rehabilitation of delinquents is an attempt to undo the damage by parents who have confused the word "love" with "appeasement."

Love is not possessiveness. It is not making another person over into your own image. It is not dependency, like the para-



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sitic love of a tick for the dog's ear. It is not self-sacrifice. It may at times be sacrifice, but the full time sacrificers, whether they be parents, wives or just plain dogooders, who go around wearing halos of self-deprivation are more often than not motivated by guilt.

## WHAT LOVE IS

I have said what love is not, now I want to try and define what real love is. The kind of love that will prevent anyone from becoming an alcoholic and the kind that will bring relief to those who are suffering from alcoholism. Dr. Harry A. Overstreet says, "The love of a person implies not the possession of that person, but the affirmation of that person." It means granting him gladly the full right to his unique humanness. One does not truly love a person and yet seek to enslave him — by law or by bonds of dependence and possessiveness."

Dr. Erich Fromm says, "To love a person productively implies to care and to feel responsible for his life, not only for his physical existence but for the growth and development of all his human powers . . . It is the expression of intimacy between two human beings under the condition of the preservation of each other's integrity."

Love has been described as the soil in which loved ones grow. It enriches them without restricting them. Love is a giving of one's self. Our marriage ceremony should say, "Do you give yourself to this man or woman," and not do you take this man or woman.

Institutions of various kinds have what they call routine treatment for various illnesses. If I was preparing a prescription for routine treatment of alcoholics, I would head the list with "Love Unsolicited." The alcoholic should have shown him an attitude of love whether he has earned it or not, and to prevent alcoholism or any other mental or spiritual illness, all of God's children must be made to feel that they are loved and there are no conditions attached.

For many people love and sex mean the same thing. Of course, they are related. Sex is only one of the avenues of expression of love between man and woman. It is by no means the only one and certainly not even the major one. Much of the sexual activity of alcoholics has no relation to love and is only pseudo-love. Much of it is exploitation, aggression and possession — the use of one



individual by another. This is no less true of the non-alcoholic wife or husband than it is of the alcoholic.

Sexual love ceases to be pseudo-love when the intimate relationship involves on integrating and meshing of personalities; a passionate interest in the other's dignity and worth. The ultimate in love may occur in a congenial conversation, looking at sunset at twilight together, or the listening to good music. Love does not exist because of physical contact. It comes into existence when two minds — two distinct personalities in a sense merge and begin functioning for one purpose. The affirmation of each other. The love that is present in an Alcoholics Anonymous group is that kind of love and that is why alcoholics find relief from their emotional uncomfortable feelings sufficient to not take the first drink. That is why many members of A.A. say they do not care why they drink since they have found a way to stay sober and be comfortable.

#### NOT EASY TO LOVE

I know that many of you are saying that if what I am saying is true why are there so many alcoholics and other emotionally disturbed people. It is because to love is not easy. Love is an achievement — quite rare and important achievement. It requires as much desire to learn and as much practice to love effectively as it does to be able to create good music or great literature.

Dr. Fromm says every human being has a capacity for love. Yet its realization is one of the most difficult achievements. If we are not careful we may make the mistakes of thinking that love arises from the love object instead of going to it. We men may think we love our wives because they are beautiful, talented, competent. Conversely, we may decide that we don't love them because they are not any of these things. This is not love. It is pure and simple approval or lack of it. Love does not depend on the good attributes of the person as a love object, but upon the individual's ability to love. If any of you who have an alcoholic in your family think you could love him or her if he or she did not drink, it isn't so. You might be like the women who write us and ask how they can make their husbands drink again, that they approve of his attitude better when he is drinking than when he is staying sober.

If we are to prevent alcoholism in the generations to come we will do so by cultivating the ability to love unconditionally ourselves and teach our children to love the same way. In infancy a child's love is directed toward himself. He is overly concerned about his own comfortableness, both physical and emotional. If he develops healthily, he gradually expands his capacity to love to include, first his mother and then his father, then other members of the family and finally the other people around him. If his emotional maturing continues he will acquire the ability to love all people. If we could measure our prejudices of other individuals and groups, we would have a very accurate index of our ability to love.

I know some of you would like to have some lessons in the art of loving. Well, there are no lessons. The only way to teach love is by example. By cultivating our own capacity to love, we teach those around us to love. The only ingredient that will nur-

ture love in another is love; love from another who is not demanding or expecting anything in return.

#### SECURITY DEPENDS ON LOVE

Psychiatrists speak continually about "security" but they are not talking about the kind of security one receives from the welfare department or a begrudging relative. The security they are talking about according to Doctor Chisholm, Director of W.H.O. of the U.N., does not depend on adequate food or shelter but upon unquestionable, all embracing, obvious love. Is it any wonder that our friends overseas show so little appreciation for the economic aid we have given them.

If I were to say to the parents of alcoholics here today that the reason for their son's or daughter's drinking is they don't love them, I would have an argument on my hands. All of us would say that we love our children. But do we? We do not love our children just because we protect and snuggle them and provide for them. The animal does that much for its young. Doing this is just a matter of biology. In fact, experiments have been conducted in which male animals have been given female hormones and were made to "mother" his young and even try to nurse them. Alcoholics in long term therapy often describe their mother's love as smothering instead of mothering.

How far do we humans go beyond the animals? To what extent do we affirm our fellows as people? How much do we respect their integrity? Their individuality? To what extent do we help them grow independently instead of smothering and possessing them? These are the measures of our ability to love. The kind of love I am talking about has far more healing power than any drug known to man. It is the kind of love that enabled Jesus to heal the sick who had faith in Him because of His love for them.

Before any of us can love another we must be able to love ourselves. It may come as a bit of shock to some of you to hear me say that self-love is good — that we must love ourselves if we expect to be able to love others.

#### UNSELFISHNESS AND SELF-LOVE

If I have confused you, let me say that selfishness and self-love are not identical, they are opposite. The selfish person does not love himself too much but much too little, he hates himself. This is his way of trying to conceal his hate for himself. According to IVIMEY "Love of oneself would mean a strong and constant allegiance to oneself, being in sympathetic accord with oneself." Dr. Ralph Slater says that self-love "implies that a person who really loves himself is wholehearted and unified. He is in sympathetic accord with his feelings, which are spontaneous, full, and appropriate. He recognizes and accepts them as his own. He knows and is interested in his spontaneous wishes, thoughts, rights, abilities, and moral values. He is interested in his growth and development, and is moving at his natural movements in the direction of the fulfillment of his potentialities.

The person who loves himself can be devoted to his work and still let go of it in order to relax. Such a person is aware of his bodily needs and sees that they are met. He

realizes that he has possibilities and limitations and is able to live peacefully within his limitations.

Self-love of the kind I am talking about is a consistent regard for oneself or a human being and implies by necessity the same kind of love for others. Fromm says, "The love of my own self is inseparably connected with love for any other self." Egoism is not self-love, it is only a mask like the coward's masquerade as a bully. If we really love ourselves, we have a quiet attitude of self-acceptance, we admit our humanness. We don't hate our failures. We don't feel guilty.

Rabbi Liebman says that as a religionist he had found "to learn how to be good to oneself is more difficult than to learn how to be good to others." Patient after patient reveals a lack of self-love. If our patients could love themselves instead of carrying hidden burdens of self-contempt, we would not have them as alcoholics. And the way for us to teach them to love themselves is to accept them just as they are and make them feel that they are as important as we are, that their goal in life is as noble as ours and that if there is a difference in us it is in the method we have used. This is the kind of climate we strive to provide at Butner. This is the climate in which alcoholism can be prevented and treated successfully. It matters little as to the kind of treatment, but it does matter as to the presence of unsolicited love in the emotional environment.

#### THE "LOVE PERSON"

A new term is beginning to come into use by doctors and ministers. They are referring to certain people as a "love-person." By this they mean a mature, healthy personality with an ability to love. He does not "love" just his wife or his money, his friends, or his dogs. He does love — period. To such a person love becomes a total orientation of the personality. This is what the writer in the First Epistle of John meant when he said, "God is Love." Jesus being as he was, all loving, could say, "if you have seen me you have seen the Father, because the Father is also all loving." The "love person" has a healthy love of himself, he loves everyone else, humanity in general, his wife and children in particular, and God, too.

It is impossible to love a few selected people and not have love for the general mass of humanity regardless of their mental or physical state, race or creed. If what we feel toward our wife or family does not stimulate us for good toward all mankind, then we may doubt that we have actually experienced love. In all likelihood we have only met some form of immature gratification of our ego.

William Lyon Phelps once said that loving our enemies is the remedy for mental illness; not the remedy for our enemies but for ourselves. It is necessary for our health and well being that we eliminate from our minds the poison of hate.

What I have said about love and its use as therapy in the treatment and prevention of alcoholism can be summed up in the words of Jesus who He said, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another."

The remedy I recommend and the greater portion of our treatment at Butner is two thousand years old.





# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## Kindness Did It

By GRACE MAITLAND

Jennie had just moved to a new neighborhood, and she wasn't in her new home for an hour when she began to wonder if there were any boys and girls next door. She didn't have to wait long. There was a shrill whistle, and when she looked, there was a black-eyed boy sitting on the fence. He was busy cutting the ivy hanging over the fence. When father came out, he disappeared.

The next day was Saturday, and after Jennie helped Mother with the dishes, she ran out to play in the sandpile. Something hit her on the head and bounced off. She heard a laugh as a little girl slipped down on her own side of the fence. Mother was on the porch and had seen what happened. She came out and whispered something to Jennie. Jennie looked surprised, and said,

"But, Mother, they throw . . ."

"Never mind," said Mother smiling. "Try and see."

Jennie went on playing, but she kept a close watch on the top of the fence. At last the little girl's head appeared near the lilac bush.

"Hello," said Jennie, smiling.

The little girl looked surprised. "Hello," she answered.

"Come on over and have some cookies and lemonade," invited Jennie. "Mother has just made some cookies, and she said to ask you and your brother."

"There's . . . four of us," began the little girl.

"Everybody come, then," said Jennie.

The little girl scrambled down again, and Jennie heard excited voices from the other side of the fence. Then — through the gate this time — came the four new neighbors — a very little girl and the bigger one, with two black-eyed boys.

Mother set the table outside, and soon the visitors were enjoying themselves.

"Mother's been awfully sick," said the oldest girl, whose name was Elsie, "and my daddy's away all day working."

"An' we got tired playing in our own yard," said her brother. "Before you

came, we used to play in this yard, too."

"I've got a kitty," said the little girl with a smile.

After the cookies were finished, Jennie's mother said:

"I have some hot soup on the stove, and I wonder if your mother would like some. Suppose I go over and see."

So, led by the four children, Mother went across to see her sick neighbor, Mrs. Rice.

"The doctor said I had to stay in bed for two months," she explained. "But how can I, when I have a house and family to look after?"

After Mother talked to her a while, Mrs. Rice felt much better.

Almost every day after school the next week, Elsie came in to see Jennie. Her black hair was combed neatly now, and her face was shining. She and Mother had a secret, Jennie knew. She found out next Saturday afternoon.

"Come on over," Elsie invited her. "Bring your mother, too. It's my turn to have a party. We are having something special."

In a few minutes they found what the "special" was — a layer cake with chocolate icing. Everybody thought it was wonderful.

"Wasn't it a nice party, Mother?" Jennie said when they went home. "I didn't think I'd ever like that little girl when we first came here. I guess it was because we were nice to her, wasn't it?"

"Yes, kindness was what did it; and you know — they are pretty nice neighbors, aren't they?" said Mother.

And Jennie nodded happily.

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## The Penny and the King

A bright new penny lay in the dust by the roadside, where it had been dropped by a passerby. As it lay looking up at the sun, it heard a man cry, "The king comes this way," as he galloped past. "The king!" exclaimed the penny. "Now I will brush the dust off my face and shine my brightest, so that his majesty may see me and pick me up."

Poor Penny! The king glanced at the bright coin in the dust, and rode on in state, with never a thought of picking

it up. And the penny grieved in its heart.

By and by a footsore traveler came that way. He was weary and hungry, for he had walked many miles that day and had eaten nothing since early morning. He saw the penny and quickly took it up and hurried into the city. Into a baker's shop he went, and the penny was soon exchanged for a small loaf of bread. As the little coin dropped into the baker's drawer it heard the traveler say, "That penny has given me my supper, for it was all I had, and if I hadn't found it I would have had to beg."

Then the penny felt glad that the king had passed it by, for it found much more pleasure in relieving a real need than the company of all the kings of the earth could have given it.

—*Youth's Companion*

## SOME LITTLE FOLKS

There are some little folks that you never please;  
They fret about trifles, they trouble and tease.

Full of discontent even at play,  
Till their friends are worn out, and are heartily glad  
When bed-time is come, and each cross lass  
or lad

Is quiet, and out of the way.

There are some little folks so good-natured  
and sweet,  
That to see their bright faces is always a  
treat,

And' their friends can quite trust  
them, they know.  
They amuse themselves nicely with some  
pleasant play,  
Take care not to worry, or get in the way,  
And are welcome wherever they go.  
—From *The Sunday Visitor* (1876)

## Bible Quiz

### Trees of the Bible

1. A leaf from this tree brought encouragement to Noah in the Ark. . . . .
2. A man once climbed into this tree so he could see Jesus better. . . . .
3. Branches of this tree figured in a famous procession. . . . .
4. This is the most stately tree in the Bible, and its wood is very fragrant. . . . .
5. Christ once cursed this tree and caused it to wither away. . . . .

### Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Matthew—Matthew 9:9
2. David, writer of many of the Psalms
3. Paul
4. Luke—Book of Luke
5. Solomon—Book of Proverbs



## N. C. Conference MYF Treasurer Appeals to Generosity of Youth

Stop—look about you! What do you see? Not poverty or wretchedness, I'll bet. You don't see anyone who is dying because of lack of medical care, do you? Is there anyone on your street who is starving to death this winter? Anyone who hasn't enough clothing to protect them from the cold? Are there parts of your town where the name of Jesus Christ has never been heard? Do you ever have to wonder where you're going to sleep tonight?

You can easily answer "No, of course not!" to all of these questions because you're living in a country where the *majority* of the people can answer "no" to the same questions. And yet, you and I — we can't bring ourselves to the stark, ghastly realization that people all over the world could say "yes" without any hesitation to each of those queries above. When we hear about the terrible suffering of other people, we "Christian" young people say, "Oh, how awful! Gee whiz, I hope someone will do something to help them." Always it's someone else, not we, who should do something! We are content to sit back and sympathize with the less fortunate, and yet do nothing! We, the Christian young people of today are Christians in word, but not in deed. We go to church, we say we are Christians, we go through the formalities, but we never *do* anything! What's the matter? It seems only logical to me that if we are blessed with so much, materially and spiritually, then we are the very ones who owe the most. How ungrateful we are! We, the "have's" are the ones who give the least! Somewhere our logic is messed up—somewhere we are "way off base." We can't base a strong faith on big words; we've got to have deeds to back them up.

O.K., let's say we've *finally* realized that there are things to be done. We see the need, but what can we, as Christian youth, as MYF'ers, do as far as action is concerned? We're only kids—we can't really be of any material help until we're grown!

But here's where we're wrong! We have a way—a way to say "I'm really concerned" or "Here I am, Lord, ready to help" or "I'm going to do something; I'm going to count for something!" Here is a way to say, "Christ, I love you, and I'm going to show my love by my action." Yes, we have a way in which to do our part. We have the MY Fund — the Methodist Youth Fund. What is the Methodist Youth Fund? I'll leave it to you to find out. Your MYF Handbook can tell you, or your MYF counselor, or your pastor — but what no one can tell you, except the people you're helping, what no one can show you, is the bond of Christian love which is made around the world by the MY Fund and all the other Christian agencies who are working for Christ in today's world. This feeling of love and joy can only be realized when you, as a concerned Christian, give to such a cause as the MY Fund, and give from the bottom of your heart.

So think, young people! Think, and be careful in choosing your answer, for it could mean all the difference in your life. Think,

"Am I willing to start now — here in the Methodist Church, in the MYF — by giving of my abundance to people whom I'll never see, but to whom I have a responsibility?"

It's your choice, Methodist youth, and in making it, remember: now's the time, for you won't pass this way again.

—BILL GRAHAM  
Treasurer, NCCMYF

### Program-Planning Workshop

The Rocky Mount District Methodist Youth Fellowship Council is holding a Program-Planning Workshop on February 14, 1960, at the Weldon Methodist Church at 3:00 p.m. The purpose of this workshop is to give program-planning aids.

Rev. Bob McKenzie, Jr., conference director of youth work, will be present, and classes will be conducted by various members of the district and conference councils.

Holding a district workshop at the beginning of every year has become an annual occurrence in the Rocky Mount District. Heretofore, however, the workshop has been for the purpose of telling MYF officers and area chairmen what their responsibilities are and how they can be done effectively.

The district council believes that by strengthening the program-planning abilities of MYFs, the entire program of the various groups can be greatly improved.

—GLENDA PITTMAN,  
Publicity Supt., NCCMYF

### N. C. State and Duke Approve 3-2 Program

Final arrangements have now been made establishing a 3-2 program in engineering between Methodist College and North Carolina State College and Duke University.

President L. Stacy Weaver of Methodist College announces that a letter has just been received from Chancellor John T. Caldwell of North Carolina State College formally accepting and approving this arrangement. An agreement had already been reached with Dean Walter J. Seeley of the School of Engineering of Duke University.

The 3-2 program is an arrangement whereby students may attend Methodist College for three years, then attend North Carolina State or Duke for two years; and during this time may earn a Bachelor of Science degree from Methodist College and an engineering degree from Duke or North Carolina State.

Chancellor Caldwell of North Carolina State College in commenting on the 3-2 arrangement states that it "provides an excellent combination of engineering, science, and liberal arts in a way that will give those students who successfully complete it an excellent education." An outline of the requirements of the 3-2 program from the College of Engineering at Duke University gives the following advantages of such a program: (1) Gives better foundation for



On January 1, 1960, Frank H. Eason assumed the duties of Comptroller of Methodist College, Fayetteville.

Prior to this assignment, Mr. Eason had, since 1951, been superintendent of schools in Franklinton, and before that was principal of Littleton High School in Warren County and teacher and coach in the Fuquay Springs High School and the John Graham High School in Warrenton.

He is an active Methodist, having served as teacher and Sunday school superintendent, official board member, trustee of Franklinton Methodist Church, and a certified lay speaker of the Raleigh District.

engineering than the conventional four-year program; (2) Two degrees are recognized by industry and offers better employment opportunities; (3) It saves time for the well-qualified student, as separate degrees usually require six or more years.

The 3-2 program highlights the essential contribution of a liberal arts college in providing the advantages of a broader educational foundation in the liberal arts for those interested in following a technological vocation. Most of the engineering schools are recognizing more and more the value of requiring a substantial liberal arts education which will enable engineers to be well-rounded men, capable of understanding the political, social, and economic implications of their scientific and engineering activities.

The acceptance of this program by North Carolina State College and Duke University indicates an expression of confidence in the academic standards upon which Methodist College is building. This confidence in academic standing has also been expressed by several other college administrators who have submitted to President Weaver statements certifying the acceptance of transfer credits from Methodist College.

Methodist College is now accepting and processing applications for admission to the first freshman class of the college which will open her doors for registration on September 15, 1960.

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"None of us is responsible for all the things that happen to us, but we are responsible for the way we act when they do happen."



# News from the Districts

## Greensboro

*Dr. J. Clay Madison, D. S.*

What was the most impressive part of the Greensboro District Conference held at the First Methodist Church of Reidsville, Sunday, January 17, from 2:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.?

Perhaps the most impressive part was one of the addresses of the featured speakers on four areas of the church's concern. Rev. Carl Judy, missionary to Korea on furlough, speaking on the "Missionary Outreach of the Church," told of "the heroic growth and advancement" of Korea and the Korean Church. Dr. Carl H. King, executive secretary of the Board of Education, dealing with "Our Educational Responsibility," emphasized our problem of "winning and holding new converts in the church." Dr. W. A. Kale, professor, Duke Divinity School, discussing the area of "Social Action and Social Concern," pointed to dangers, opportunities, and strategies of "the Christian Church in an unChristian order." Dr. Ben Smith, district lay leader, speaking on "The Local Church—Financial Responsibility," challenged the laymen to take advantage of "the high privilege of having a part in the work of God's Kingdom." Dr. Smith stressed better participation in the Ten Dollar Club, the Simultaneous Every Member Canvass in May, and the Interboard Meeting at West Market Church on February 19 beginning at 1:30 p.m. Calvary Church and Grace Church of Greensboro and Main Street Church of High Point were commended for progress in their financial programs.

Some would regard as most significant the report of the work being done in the district. Rev. Frank Edwards, Madison Church, presented the report of the Findings Committee. This report revealed much progress in the district's giving record, particularly to missions. It is estimated that \$3,471,000 was involved in building programs in progress in the district. The church membership and church school enrollment show significant gains. The report concluded: "Our record of achievements shows real progress and reflects a degree of loyalty and devotion and concern, on the part of ministers and laymen alike, which is to be highly commended."

The evening service with emphasis on "The Call to the Ministry" was also very inspiring. Rev. Byron Nifong, Glenwood Church, Greensboro, presented the report of the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications. District approval was given the following persons to be recommended to the Conference for Admission on Trial: Ole Borgen (West Market, Greensboro), Coy Lee Brown (Oak View, High Point), Franklin D. Daniels (Ward Street, High Point), and Henry D. Clark II (Main Street, Reidsville). The following were granted local preacher's licenses in an impressive service: William Frank Brown (West Market, Greensboro), Raymond Oscar Endicott (Leaksville), and Raymond Scott Mabe (Main Street, High Point). Dr. Harold H. Hutson, president of Greensboro College,

delivered the sermon appropriate for this occasion. He sketched the movement of Christian theology from New Testament times to the present day, showing its adjustments to the special needs and circumstances of each age. Dr. Hutson pointed to the task of the ministry and church today, "Our problem, both simple and complex, is to develop a theology or working goal for our day, for without it we die."

Other parts of the conference worthy of consideration for "most impressive" are numerous. Rev. Kenneth Crouse, Lebanon Church, High Point, gave the helpful opening devotional, in which he said, "Every place of Christian service is of divine importance." The good congregational singing was led by Rev. Howard Coleman, Mitchell's Grove, High Point. Dr. N. M. Harrison of High Point spoke in behalf of a district caravan for youth, and the conference granted the Commission on Missions the authority to proceed on plans for a caravan to Mexico. Mr. William S. Ward, chairman of the Camp Nawakwa committee, reported that almost 1,000 persons used the district camp during the summer, and the conference approved a project to build a permanent-type structure at Camp Nawakwa for dining and other camp purposes. The First Church of Reidsville and its pastor, Rev. E. A. Lamb, did a splendid job entertaining the conference. Dr. J. Clay Madison, district superintendent, gave excellent leadership to the conference.

What was the most impressive part? To this writer it simply was being a part of this great conference of an estimated 600 persons, representing the Greensboro District of 72 charges and more than 36,000 members, which is truly one of Methodism's finest districts.

—J. C. GROSE, JR., District Reporter

## Wilmington

*J. E. Garlington, D.S.*

Reports from the Wilmington District Conference, as prepared by Dallas Mallison, show that this district has had a good year.

During the year the district exceeded its goal of delegates to the Conference-wide Evangelistic Rally held in Raleigh last October. Six chartered bus-loads went from Wilmington alone.

Already, 90 per cent of the total budget of all the church has been collected. There has been a net gain of 300 members during the year. Two, and perhaps three, new churches will have been organized before July 1. Forty-seven young men and women from this district attended the recent Bishop's Convocation on the Ministry.

Because of the presence of the Good Shepherd Home in this area, the district is making a fine record in the treatment of alcoholics. During the short period the home has been in operation, around 700 men have been treated.

With a goal of \$469,334 for the College Fund, the district pledged \$384,916 and paid \$96,476, or over one-fourth of the total amount pledged. The per capita giv-

ing has increased steadily over the past few years.

District Lay Leader Albert Goldfinch of Tabor City called attention to the two lay rallies to be held in February, one in Grace Church, Wilmington, and the other in Chestnut Street Church, Lumberton. Every church was represented in the group of 275 laymen attending the conference.

With 69 local units of the WSCS, all but around ten of the churches have societies, according to District President Mrs. James Harper of Southport. Her group has just accepted a new project, the sponsorship of the drive for new Ten Dollar Club members.

The inspirational period was highlighted by a message by the Rev. T. A. Collins, president of Wesleyan College. He was introduced by the Rev. C. S. Boggs, president of the Conference Board of Missions. Presiding was the Rev. A. P. Hill, Jr., district director of Missions.

The Rev. D. E. Barnhardt, a retired minister and a former president of Louisburg College, spoke in the interest of the Methodist chaplains' fund.

Reporting for Christian Vocations was the Rev. C. F. Grill; for Evangelism, the Rev. Paul Browning; for the Golden Cross, the Rev. S. J. Starnes; for the Methodist Retirement Home and Methodist Home for Children, the Rev. J. F. Coble; for Temperance, the Rev. Paul Boone; for Ministerial Training, the Rev. J. V. Early; for Christian Education, the Rev. Fred Davis and Dr. C. P. Morris; for Missions, the Rev. A. P. Hill, Jr.; for the ADVOCATE, the Rev. R. L. Bame; for the Good Shepherd Home, the Rev. E. V. Dunn, superintendent; for Quarterly Conference Reports, the Rev. John Parrish; and for Resolutions, the Rev. C. F. Heath.

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# International Sunday School Lesson

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BY RAYMOND A. SMITH

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## PERSISTENT EVANGELISM

**Background Scripture:** Acts 18:1-22; I Cor. 1:26-2:5

**Lesson Scripture:** Acts 18:1-11; I Cor. 2:1-5

In today's lesson we find Paul in Corinth engaged in his trade of tent-making and, at the same time, using every opportunity to discuss his new-found faith with members of the synagogue there. He came to Corinth after a somewhat disappointing experience at Athens. Many Bible students think he was contrasting his experience in these two cities in the selection from I Corinthians mentioned above. He had decided to abandon the "lofty words of wisdom" approach and resort to direct personal testimony. "For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified," was the way he put it (see I Cor. 2:2). We are told further that during the time he was speaking to them he felt weak and fearful, but God turned his weakness into power and his fear into effective testimony. All this seems to emphasize the fact that people are often impressed more by what they know a person deeply feels, rather than a well-constructed argument that carries no personal conviction behind it.

It was this strong personal conviction, no doubt strongly expressed, which brought the apostle into difficulty with certain ones in the synagogue. These people did not want to continue to hear Paul's arguments that "Christ was Jesus" and so began actively to oppose him. Paul knew that his work was done in that particular place, so he "shook out his garments at them" (meaning he absolved himself from any further responsibility concerning them) and said "From now on I will go to the Gentiles." Paul could be gentle and conciliatory when the occasion demanded it, but in this case a clear break was the thing that was demanded. So it is with us in our struggle against evil. We can temporize, compromise and persuade for a time, but in some cases, nothing seems possible except an open war on evil. Paul shifted his position to a place where he got a much more favorable response.

This new meeting place was in a home right next door to the synagogue from which Paul had just been expelled. We are told that Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, was converted. This proves the opposition to Paul in that synagogue was not one hundred per cent! It seldom is!

Turning to the problem suggested by our lesson title "Persistent Evangelism" we may ask ourselves what is the attitude of our own church when it faces discouragement and opposition. For one thing, we might listen for the voice of reassurance. Sometimes we are so absorbed in our own plans and programs that we do not listen. We are told in our Scripture lesson (see Acts 18:9) that Paul received an assuring word in a dream. This was to the effect that God was with him and would protect him. Note the words of the Lord: "For I have many people in this city." This must mean, not Christians, but people who were seeking a better way and who would surely respond to the presentation of the gospel message. Paul was to keep on speaking, for by so doing, he was sure to find some of these people who were really interested in finding the answer to their religious needs.

The above suggests that we, as a church, must continue to make our witness whether conditions are encouraging or not. This means "total wit-

nessing" through preaching, through teaching and through social action. The rewards, whether many or few, are not to be our primary concern. Nor are we to concern ourselves too much about the time when the kingdom will come. That's God's business—not ours! Our job is outlined in the memory selection: "Be ye steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

## In Memoriam

**WOODFORD.**—Mrs. Genevieve Stevenson Woodford passed away unexpectedly at her home in Clemmons on July 5, 1959.

Beloved president of the WSCS of Clemmons Methodist Church, she also served as organist, Sunday School teacher and as chairman of the Board of Stewards for many years.

She was born Oct. 5, 1896, in South Carolina, a daughter of Rev. Jesse Joel and Jessie Bond Stevenson. She lived at Charleston, S. C., for several years and graduated from Columbia College at Columbia, S. C.

She was married in 1920 to Vernon R. Woodford, who survives. In addition to her husband are three sons: Dr. Vernon R. Woodford, Jr. of Saskatchewan, Canada; Melvin Joel Woodford, and Alvin Aaron Woodford, both of Clemmons; one daughter, Mrs. A. D. Spiro of Chicago, Ill.; one sister, Mrs. P. B. Wilkinson of Georgetown, S. C.; a brother, Bernard H. Stevenson of Fort Meyers, Fla.; and five grandchildren.

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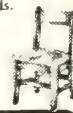
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## First School for Christian Social Concerns Is Held

By L. A. SCOTT

The first School for Christian Social Concerns for the Western North Carolina Conference was held at Broad Street Methodist Church in Statesville, January 25th through 27th. All the districts of the conference were represented, and a total of 149 persons were registered for the sessions. Registrations were about equally divided between those interested in world peace, temperance, and social and economic problems.

Widely recognized leaders in the fields of concern were scheduled. Each leader made one or more addresses in the area of his interest and also led discussions on the subject. The visiting leaders included Dr. J. Harris Proctor, Duke University; Rev. Emerson Smith, General Board of Social

and Economic Relations; Dr. Garland Holloman, First Methodist Church, Clarksdale, Mississippi; Rev. Bryan Crenshaw, pastor of Asbury Memorial Methodist Church, Charleston, S. C.; Dr. Daniel E. Taylor, Board of World Peace in Chicago; Dr. Ronald E. Sleeth, Vanderbilt University; and Rev. Ralph Cannon, St. James Methodist Church, Spartanburg, S. C.

The school was planned as a co-operative effort by the Board of Temperance, the Board of Social and Economic Relations, and the Committee on World Peace of the W. N. C. Conference. This effort was made in anticipation of further co-operation of these groups in the common area of social concern and also with the definite possibility that the coming General Conference will merge these three emphases on the national level and will thus make necessary similar changes in the annual conferences.

The matter of communicating social concerns was an important matter in the planning of the program. In this area Dr. Sleeth of Vanderbilt spoke and led an interesting and informative discussion on the general subject of "Preaching on Controversial Issues."

The leaders of the school were pleased with the program presented as well as with the response from all over the conference. It is the feeling of those responsible that further efforts along the line of training laymen as well as ministers in the social concerns should be continued and probably broadened in the future.

The committee in charge of arranging for the school was composed of Rev. Aubert Smith, Rev. Clifford Peace, Dr. James C. Stokes, Rev. Ray Swink, Rev. L. A. Scott, and Rev. Fletcher Howard.

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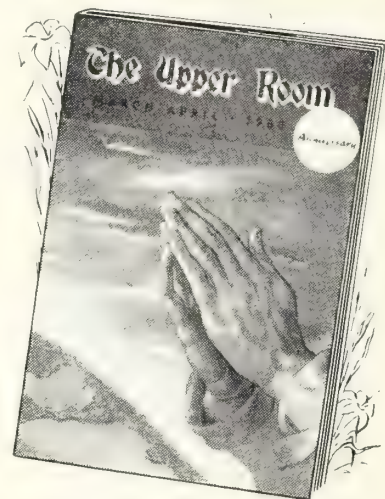
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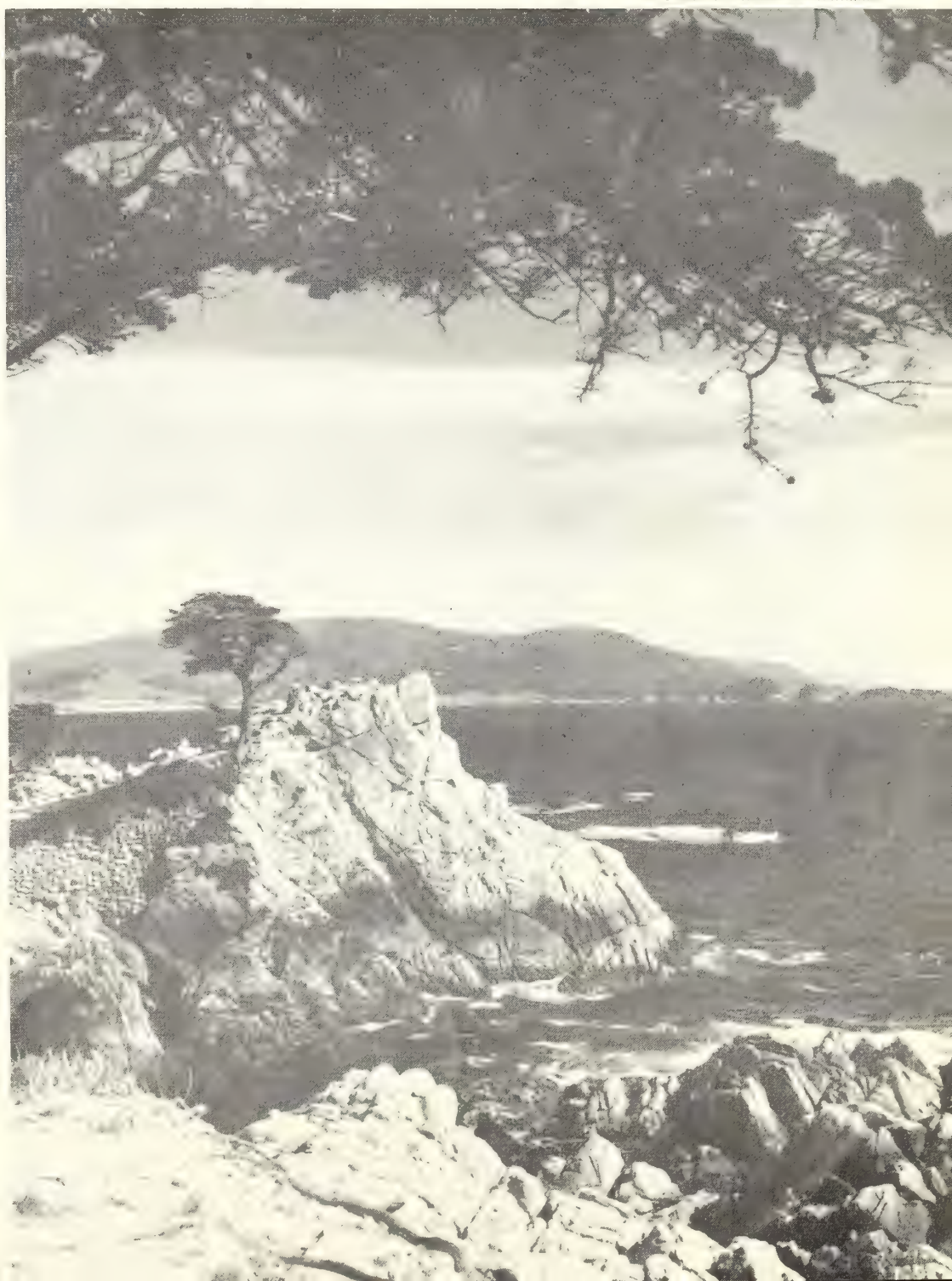
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## *Editorials*

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# LETTERS

## Speaking of Letters

Just by chance, when looking for something else, we opened the 1922 *ADVOCATE* file and looking right at us was this letter to the children's page:

Dear *ADVOCATE*:

I am a little boy seven years old. I go to school at Amity. My teacher's name is Miss Freeland. I am in the fourth grade. I belong to the church at Rose Chapel Methodist Church. I have no sisters. I have two brothers dead. I am reading all I can. I am reading "A Dutch Boy Fifty Years After." I hope to see my name in print.

Ralph Jacks.

Wonder if that little boy then dreamed of becoming a Methodist pastor.

A few weeks later this letter appeared:

Dear *ADVOCATE*:

I have been enjoying the little folks letters and I wondered if you would put one of mine in. I am eight years old. I am in the third grade and like to go to school. My teacher is Miss Jessie Flowers. I attend Sunday School and church every Sunday. My home is just two doors from our church and I have been a member of Bright Jewels four years. Our preacher is Rev. E. C. Few and I do love him. . . .

Your friend,

Isa Lorraine Sills.

This little girl grew up in the church, became a soloist and choir leader, and married a young fellow who is now a judge.

And about that time the editor got so far behind in printing letters that he gave it up and printed nearly a whole page of the names of children who had written letters and let it go at that.

## From an Active Retired Minister

Dear Editor:

It was thoughtful of you to publish the names of the retired ministers shortly before Christmas. As a result, I received many greetings from the brethren, for which I am grateful.

Since moving to Myrtle Beach, I have preached and spoken 337 times. Mrs. Armbrust and I are on the Board of Directors of the Associated Charities of which I am vice-president. I handle the needy transients for the Police Department and youths under 16 for the court, using the Big

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## Race Relations



Next Sunday Methodists will be asked to give a million dollars to our Negro Methodist institutions in the South. This is a part of our response to Race Relations Day.

North Carolina Methodism will contribute to two outstanding institutions. Gifts from the North Carolina Conference will go to Paine College, Augusta, Ga. Western North Carolina funds will assist Bennett College in Greensboro.

It is important that we raise this million. Our Negro colleges are in desperate need of funds, as are our other educational institutions, and these colleges are more than schools for the training of the mind; they are contributing to the welfare of the entire South by making it possible for Southern Negro young people to attend college in a religious atmosphere and they are fostering understanding between the races at a time when it is most needed.

Give generously to the Race Relations Day offering.

Brother system. There seems to be a field of service for retired men.

Fraternally,

JOSEPH H. ARMBRUST  
Myrtle Beach, N. C.

*Editor's Note:* Indeed there is a field of service for men like Mr. Armbrust, and others, who refuse to be laid on the shelf. We should like to hear from other retired ministers of our conferences.

## From a Fifty-year Reader

Dear Editor:

Sorry you are leaving the paper. The *ADVOCATE* has been coming to our home for more than fifty years. It is better than it has ever been, I think.

MISS ADDIE MATTHEWS  
Black Mountain, N. C.

Dr. David A. Lockmiller, president of Ohio Wesleyan University, was elected president of the Association of American Colleges at its meeting in Boston Jan. 13.



Bishop Richard C. Raines of Indianapolis, Ind., heads a nine-member drafting committee to prepare the 1960-64 quadrennial program for consideration by the General Conference.



☪ JORDAN MEMORIAL CHURCH, Ramseur, has set a goal of \$340 for Church Extension this year, according to the church bulletin.

## A Letter From Lucifer

Brimstone Avenue  
Bottomless Pit, Eternity

Dear Members and Friends:

I visited your Sunday School last Sunday and I was overjoyed to see that so many of you had not come. I heard some lessons that were not very well prepared, and some teachers reported that they had made no visits or contacts for the week. All this made my heart leap for joy.

I was thrilled, so thrilled, last Sunday when I saw so many people walk away after Sunday School taking with them their wives, husbands and children from the morning worship service. I always tremble when they attend the preaching service, because there they get food for their souls, and souls find Christ as Saviour. It always helps me to get in my Sunday punch when folks stay away.

Then, too, I laughed with glee when I saw how many fail to pay tithes and offerings. I like to see the pastor and the treasurer worry about the church finances. I am writing this as a personal letter to beg you to stay away from church and to please withhold your financial support. It makes my work so much easier.

Hope to have you with me real soon. I'm saving a place for each and every one of you.

Your deceitful serpent friend, Lucifer.  
— *Clipped.*

## Four More Churches Reach Sub Quotas

Since last week's report four more churches have reached their quotas.

Two of these, Boger City, John R. Sills, pastor, and Pisgah in the Gastonia District, Wade R. Bustle, pastor, qualified for the \$2.50 club rate, with 151 and 42, respectively.

Midway, Kannapolis, G. W. Bumgarner, pastor, and Polkville-Rehobeth, G. L. Wilkinson, pastor, reached their 10% quotas, with 42 and 23, respectively.



Few church services ever seem long to the man who enjoys a meeting with the Eternal.

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# Carolina Briefs

☛ **BISHOP HAZEN G. WERNER** of Columbus, Ohio, was guest preacher at First Methodist Church, Charlotte, on January 31.

☛ **THE REV. C. G. MITCHUM** of Monroe was guest preacher at Fountain Hill and Peachland churches on Jan. 24.

☛ **THE REV. G. N. DULIN**, pastor of Asbury Church, Lincolnton, was guest preacher at Mt. Moriah Church, Peachland Circuit, on Jan. 31.

☛ **THE REV. AND MRS. J. H. WALDROP, JR.**, of Grace Church, Clinton, announce the adoption of a son, John Herbert III, on January 5. His birth date is June 20, 1959.

☛ **THE MOTHER** of Dr. Haywood L. Harrell of Pink Hill passed away at her home in Rich Square on Jan. 26. Surviving are two other sons and two daughters.

☛ **JAMES R. CALLOWAY** of Winston-Salem, a graduate of High Point College and presently a student at Duke Divinity School, has been appointed director of youth work at Westover Church, Raleigh.

☛ **THE REV. AND MRS. DOUGLAS L. BYRD** of Candor announce the birth of a daughter, Loretta Dawn Byrd, on September 28, 1959. Mr. Byrd is pastor of Candor Methodist Church in the Fayetteville District.

☛ **REV. ROY BELL**, pastor of First Church, North Wilkesboro, says the credit for the nice list of subscribers sent in recently should go to Mrs. G. B. Ward, who was chairman of "Advocate Month."

☛ **FALLSTON-CLOVER HILL CHARGE** deserves congratulations for their intensive drive for ADVOCATE subscriptions. Pastor W. R. Jacks didn't merely talk about subscriptions; he went after them.

☛ **A CHURCH-WIDE** school of missions will be held at Catawba Church on Sunday evenings during February and March, beginning on Feb. 21 and closing March 13. Guest speakers will be the Revs. Donald Funderburke and H. G. Allen.

☛ **NEARLY 200** persons attended the Salisbury conference on Christian Vocations held at Pfeiffer College, Jan. 31, according to Reporter I. L. Sharpe, who adds that the new post office at Pfeiffer was dedicated last Sunday (Feb. 7).

☛ **REV. AND MRS. HOWARD L. COLEMAN** announce the birth of their second son, Neil Franklin, on February 1, 1960, at the High Point Memorial Hospital. Mr. Coleman is serving Mitchell's Grove in High Point.

☛ **THE REV. AND MRS. EARL A. COOK** have returned from a trip to Florida which was made possible by their friends, and Mr. Cook reports that his health is much better. He was retired at the 1959 session of the WNC Conference because of illness and is now living at 810 Carolyn Ave., Knapolis.

☛ **BISHOP NOLAN B. HARMON** will lead the service of dedication for the building of St. Paul's Church, Asheville, next Sunday, Feb. 14, assisted by Superintendent Robert G. Tuttle and former Superintendent R. Dwight Ware. Former ministers to be present will be the Revs. Clifford Peace, Joe Bogle, and Charles Shannon.

## For the Good of All

For the good of all, every home needs the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. As heads of households we would so elevate the atmosphere of our homes as to subscribe to our church paper before trade, household, or other type of publications. Farther back than I can remember, this honored publication has enriched the home of my parents, and it is now beginning its unbroken service to the third generation in our home. It is now in its second century of leavening influence among the Methodists of North Carolina. We need its stabilizing force in our shaky world!

Moreover its unfailing regularity will bring new strength on those weeks when sickness or emergency keep us from our regular places of worship. Thirty or more of our homes have shut-in friends who cannot be with us at all. Here is a continuing means of helping maintain our fellowship. At least fifty of our members do not attend Sunday worship because their regular work forbids it. What a fine source the ADVOCATE affords these to prevent their spiritual wells from drying up! Here is a means to help mend some of the gaps in our jagged lives!

Also the church is in dire need of a body of members who are intelligently informed and effectively inspired. If we heard that the Quarterly Conference was going to vote to close the doors of our churches forever, we would rise up in arms — I hope — to prevent it. But we are already doing it as surely as the sun rises and sets by our mental emptiness, our abysmal ignorance, and our callous indifference to what the church is all about. Careful and regular reading of the ADVOCATE could help stem this trend, and save our churches from the evil days on which they have fallen. The question is: "Will we?"

— RALPH JACKS  
Clover Hill-Friendship Charge

☛ **JORDAN MEMORIAL** in Ramseur is conducting an attendance campaign from January until Easter, with each church organization assuming responsibility for a specific Sunday.

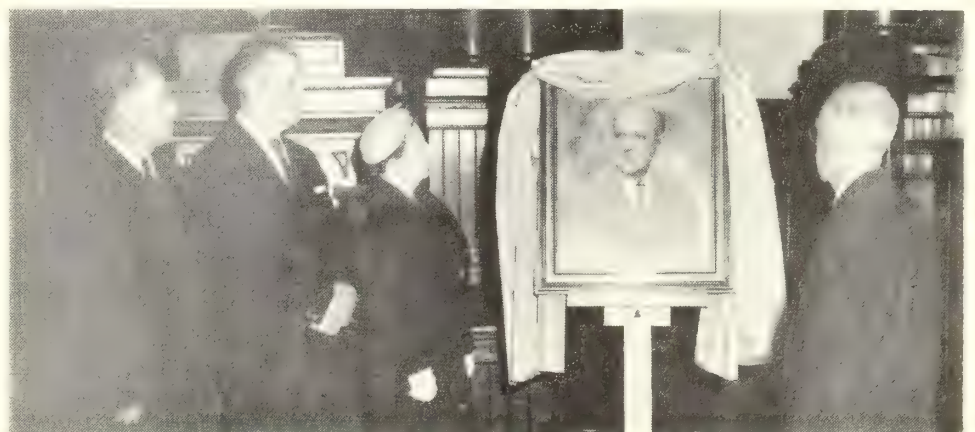
☛ **OUR APOLOGIES** to Miss Louise Robinson for putting the wrong name under her picture last week. No one can imagine how it happened, but it did. We are thankful that we did get it right in the story. Blame it on the flu, which has gone through our staff like a whirlwind during the past two weeks.

☛ **MRS. J. F. HUNTER** of Warrenton sends the editor a picture clipped from an old issue of the ADVOCATE. It is the portrait of Mrs. W. S. Black, who was "Aunt Mary" to children in ADVOCATE readers' homes for many years. She was responsible, it seems, for starting the children's page which has been continued in this publication since her time.

☛ **THE REV. R. J. PARKER**, retired member of the WNC Conference, died Jan. 31, in Tulsa, Okla. The funeral was held on Feb. 5 in Hyde Park Methodist Church, Tampa, Fla. Mr. Parker was admitted on trial in 1906, and was retired in 1943. Since retirement, he had spent most of his time in Florida where he gave much time to work with the Hyde Park Church.

## Woman's Division Elects First General Secretary

Mrs. Porter Brown of New York and Salina, Kan., was elected Jan. 21 to the newly-created post of general secretary of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions. Mrs. Brown has been treasurer of the division since Sept., 1958, and will continue to carry out her duties as treasurer until a successor is chosen. In her new position, Mrs. Brown will head a professional staff of 43 executives and will correspond to the general secretaries of the other divisions of the Board of Missions and of other Methodist general agencies.



A portrait of Mr. W. C. Chadwick, official board member, teacher, advisor to youth and delegate to five General Conferences and five Jurisdictional Conferences, was unveiled on Jan. 10 in Centenary Church, New Bern, as a tribute to his service of more than fifty years. Seen in the picture are: (left to right) the Rev. J. W. Lineberger, pastor; J. P. Blanchard, chairman of the Official Board; Mrs. W. C. Chadwick and Mr. Chadwick. In addition to his church duties, Mr. Chadwick is active in Boy Scout work, president of the United Fund of New Bern, and chairman of the local Red Cross chapter. He was named Citizen of the Year by the local Civitan Club in 1958 and served as mayor of the city for four years.



# EDITORIALS

## Methodists Should Know About Methodism

The last few years have seen a change in the prevailing attitude of Methodists toward their history and doctrine. No longer is it considered somewhat old-fashioned to talk about Wesley and to write about Methodism.

As one who has been a devoted admirer of the Founder of our Church since boyhood, we naturally rejoice over this development. It is good to know that Methodists are becoming a bit enthusiastic over the Wesleys, after neglecting them so long. And we especially rejoice over the journalistic "scoop" of Editor Leland Case, of *Together*, in seizing upon the 175th anniversary of the Christmas Conference to alert the whole church to its responsibility as followers of those pioneer preachers who organized the denomination in 1784.

Oddly enough, Case seems to have been the only one to remember that this was an anniversary, and without his journalistic nose for news we might have missed it altogether. But by means of a magnificent historical issue of his magazine and the resultant publicity accruing from the Christmas Conference program held in Baltimore, Methodists are now aware of some facts which they might have missed.

It is interesting to note that young ministers are becoming very much concerned with the history of Methodism. An article by the writer in *Christianity Today*, entitled "Whither Methodism" has produced a flood of letters from all over the country, asking for more information about the Wesley Society and the Order of St. Luke, both relatively new organizations which stress the teachings of Wesley and seek to bring back the church to a better appreciation of our denominational heritage.

One of the reasons for our decision to return to the pastorate is our desire to be more active in teaching Methodist doctrines and telling the story of Wesley. Too many congregations know comparatively nothing about the origin of our church. Another of our ambitions is to have more time to carry on correspondence with the large number of young preachers who are writing to us for suggestions concerning worship. As president of the Order of St. Luke, it has been our privilege to encourage many who were almost ready to give up trying to be Wesleyan in the face of widespread

indifference to Methodist forms and doctrine.

As we said in the article in *Christianity Today* (which was written at the request of that publication), we "do not know where Methodism is going, but we know where she has been" — and we hope that she may find her way back to that place.

## Do We Need Two Ceremonies?

Methodists have been puzzled for many years over the peculiar custom which decrees that ministers must go through two ceremonies of admission into the ministry of the church. First, they are received on trial, then they are ordained deacon. After a period of time, usually two years, they are received in "full connection" and in a separate ceremony they are ordained elders. Seemingly, however, no one has looked into the matter to find out why all this is necessary.

If a young minister is ordained a deacon in the church, isn't he qualified as a member of the conference, and if he is admitted on trial, isn't that sufficient?

The answer to the first question is yes, but to the second, no.

By tradition, a minister must be ordained to one of the Orders (deacon, or elder) before being allowed to serve as a pastor with the right to do certain sacerdotal things. Unordained men cannot lawfully assist in the Holy Communion, or bury the dead. If then, he receives the right to do these things by being ordained a deacon, is he not then a Methodist preacher? He is, except for the fact that custom decrees that he must be "admitted" into the ministry in a separate ceremony.

Thus we have the confusion which occurs when a group of men are admitted "on trial" and only some of them ordained deacon, due to possible differences in circumstances, such as progress in their studies.

How does it happen that Methodism has this curious and unique method of receiving its ministers?

It came about in this way. When Wesley organized his "Traveling Connection," long before the organization of Methodism into a church in this country, he provided a process by which ministerial candidates were to be carefully screened. This resulted in the establishment of a trial period. During that period a man could be discontinued as a preacher at the discretion of Mr. Wesley, or, if he felt that he did not want to continue, he could withdraw without any blame. At the end of the probationary period, he could be admitted into full connection with the conference and from then on was a Methodist minister.

But in those days, Methodist preachers were seldom ordained men, and those who were had received their Orders from the Church of England. Ordination, at this time, had no relationship to conference status. The two ceremonies, admission on trial and admission into full connection, were all that there was. These were *preachers*, lay preachers, and not priests, or elders, for the Methodist Connection, as it was called in England, was largely a lay movement, although under the supervision of Wesley, a priest of the Church of England.

When John Wesley provided for the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America in 1784 he discarded the notion of a lay movement within the church (for there was no organized Church of England in the new United States of America after the Revolution) and he gave to the new church a Prayer Book and a set of liturgical ceremonies based upon the *Book of Common Prayer*. As he had ordained men for the new country as elders, he must, of necessity, provide a service of ordination. This he did, and the ordination of deacons and elders followed the pattern of the English Church.

Thus it was that the Methodist Episcopal Church came into being in this country (but not in England, where to this day, there are no Methodist bishops; and for this reason no "episcopal ordinations"). A full-fledged church with two Orders, Deacon and Elder (and possibly a third, Bishop), the Methodists were following the churchly pattern. It was not long until the present confusion set in, however, as we continued to borrow the customs of English Methodism and added them to our churchly plan. For many years the admission on trial and into full connection were given more prominence at annual conferences than the ordination of deacons and elders. I can remember, as a young preacher, the long hour during which I listened to the bishop's searching lecture to the men who were to be received on trial. I can remember also the perfunctory manner in which the same bishop gathered up the candidates for ordination and laid hands on them at odd moments of slackness in the business session.

Today all that is changed. Ordination has taken its proper place as the true mark of the ministry and ordination services are usually given a special place on the annual conference program. The candidates are clad in ministerial gowns and, in some places, are given clerical collars and vests before the ceremony.

If the Order for Admission on Trial is out of date, why continue it? If a man is not really in full connection until he is ordained, why bother to observe the out-moded custom?

The answer is that no one has dared challenge a habit that has become sanctified by long usage.

The coming quadrennium should bring us to serious enquiry as to the sense, as well as the liturgical fitness of some of our customs and ceremonies. It is our belief that Methodism no longer needs to observe the superfluous and often meaningless rites of the long-since departed days when we were a Society and not a Church.



# DEVOTIONAL

## Man's Best Medicine

By D. W. CHARLTON

The most popular programs on the radio and television are those that incite humor. Andy Griffith, the young comedian, bounced into fame by setting millions of people in an uproar of laughter.

Under stress and strain, there is a breakdown of health and homes today, and a widening of areas of conflict in human society. Humor brings some immediate relief from tensions. When Lincoln was chided about joking during the dark war days, he replied: "With the fear strain that is on me night and day, if I did not laugh, I should die."

"The Lord likes a little humor," said Billy Sunday, "as evidenced by the fact that he made the monkey, the parrot and some people." A jubilant woman mistakingly called the Methodist parsonage: "Is this the liquor store?" The preacher answered: "We dispense not spirits but the Spirit." But genuine piety, wholesome fun, and spiritual radiance are good yoke-fellows, and offer us a positive rather than a negative approach to life.

Jesus was a vital, exuberant, radiant person, who attracted children. His often repeated words are "joy," "rejoice" and "be of good cheer." His parables have elements of humor in them. He enjoined his followers to be as penetrating as salt, as illuminating as light, as personal and concerned as the Good Shepherd.

For one thing, we may occasionally laugh at ourselves. It may save us from pride and over-tension. We have a tendency to put ourselves at the center of the universe, and to feel that the earth will crumble and the heavens fall if our wishes and desires are not granted. "There is always the possibility that humor will make us humble. And it is one of the best solvents for the grit of irritation which gets in the cogs of life," said William E. Albright, Jr. A patient had a certain gastric disorder, and the physician gave it a long unpronounceable name. The man replied: "Doctor, it must be a distinction to have a disease like that."

Another thing, humor oftens lightens our relationships with others. A preacher was trying to quiet a mob that was yelling for segregation. Someone threw an egg that bounced off the side of his face. Looking his adversary in the eye, the minister said: "Why don't you bring

## THE PURPOSE OF JESUS

By WALTER E. ISENHOUR

Jesus never wrote a volume  
To perpetuate His name,  
Neither did He write a poem  
To produce a lot of fame;  
But He stopped to help the needy,  
Heal the sick, and cheer the sad,  
Hear the cries, and cleanse the lepers,  
Bless the good and save the bad.

Jesus never owned a fortune,  
Did not claim a foot of land;  
Never owned an earthly kingdom,  
Nor a mansion great and grand;  
But He lived among the people,  
Doing good by what He said,  
Pointing souls to God and Heaven,  
Even raising up the dead.

Jesus never sought for power,  
Nor the glory of the world;  
Never longed to sit as monarch  
'Neath the flags of earth unfurled;  
But He suffered much in body,  
More than anyone can tell;  
Gave His life that He might save us  
From the awful pit of hell.

Then we ought to love Him dearly,  
Worship Him in spirit true;  
Do His will and walk uprightly  
And to Heaven make it through;  
Winning souls along life's journey,  
Helping those who upward plod,  
That they may be true and faithful  
And forever live with God.

some of those eggs over to the parsonage and we'll fry them and talk over this thing." The crowd laughed, and later gathered at the church to discuss their common problems.

A soldier was once driving a team to a vehicle over a muddy road. He cursed the road so repeatedly that Mr. Lincoln tapped him on the shoulder and asked: "Are you an Episcopalian?" "No, I am a Methodist. Why?" "You cuss like Secretary Seward and he's a vestryman in the Episcopal Church." Mr. Lincoln's humor probably did more to break the man's habit of profanity than a direct rebuke.

Now the gospel is good news, something deeper than mere humor. Bishop Gerald Kennedy tells of the man who stood on a barrel on a busy street and shouted to the people who gathered around him: "Thank God, I have good news for you this morning, my brothers. It's the good news of joy, faith, hope, and eternal life."

The Master's greeting, even in the sick room, was be of good cheer. He has given us three cheers, as someone pointed out. (1) "Be of good cheer, for your sins are forgiven." To have our sins cancelled and a chance for a new beginning, surely that is good news. (2) There is also the good news of companionship: "Be of good cheer, it is I." A congenial friend means everything to a lonely person. One woman said that she was never lonely because she had the awareness of the ever present Christ. (3) We have the good news of a triumphant life: "Be of good cheer for I have overcome the world." Here we have the assurance and faith that will enable us to stand anything that may happen to us."

A little boy wondered about his father's death. How would a good God let that happen? How would his mother endure that experience? When he saw his mother's radiant face, he knew that all was well. She had an inner joy and peace.

Because joy has its source in God, we are not cast down by the adverse winds that beat upon us. Like the gyro in large ocean liners, joy and faith are the stabilizers of life, steadying the seacraft. A boy was in a boat when a storm hit the craft, yet the youth remained still and serene. "My father," he said, "is in charge of this boat." In spite of our explosive world, we have confidence and hope, for God is in charge of our universe.

A life that is planted deep in God has staying power, and has a joyous, overcoming spirit. A gallant explorer of the Antarctic was faced with bitter cold, icy winds and starvation. He wrote: "Pain and trouble, trial and disappointment are love tokens for those who love God. But for those who do not love Him, such experiences are a nuisance."

Americans, says a popular magazine after an extensive survey, are short on joy. It seems that we are too engulfed in outward things. Joy springs from the inner man. As Christ said: "The Kingdom of God is within you . . . it is joy, peace, righteousness."

"There ain't nothing from the outside that can lick any of us," said one of the characters in "Gone With the Wind." Joy has its roots in God. "The popular conception of Christ in the early church was of the strong, the joyous youth, of eternal growth, of immortal grace," said Arthur B. Stanley.



# Methodists Launch Four-Year Mission Advance

*Buck Hill Falls, Pa., Jan. 22.* — The Board of Missions of The Methodist Church launched a four-year program here today calling for a world-wide emphasis on producing Christian literature, increased evangelistic work in four "Lands of Decision," intensive church development in Hawaii and Puerto Rico and a nationwide Methodist study program on the mission of the church.

The new program will guide the action of the board in its mission work during the 1960-64 quadrennium and require an increased number of missionaries and increased funds both at home and overseas. The 135-member board adopted the program at its annual meeting, attended by about 600 persons.

Under the over-all title of "Our Mission Today," the program will focus special evangelistic efforts in four areas where, in the board's judgment, the time is ripe for a significant growth in membership and influence. These areas, termed "Lands of Decision," are West Pakistan, Southern Rhodesia, Argentina, and China-in-dispersion" (by which is meant Taiwan, Hong Kong and the Overseas Chinese in southeast Asian countries). More missionaries and increased funds for each of those areas will be sought during the next four years.

In support of their choice of the "Lands of Decision," the board said of each area:

**West Pakistan** — "The attitude of the Muslims, who make up the large majority of the country's population, is relatively friendly and open so far as Christianity is concerned. This is the time to make the most of the friendly environment for the witness and service of the church. Making Pakistan one of the Lands of Decision during the next quadrennium would insure conservation of recent gains and provide the impetus for a significant advance by The Methodist Church."

**Southern Rhodesia** — "There is no place in Africa where there is such an intense struggle going on for multi-racial partnership as here. Methodism has an opportunity to take a lead in this important development. Now is the time; tomorrow may be too late."

**Argentina** — "The Argentine Methodist Church finds itself in the middle of a great advance. Doors are open to it as never before. New churches are being organized, and church membership is growing. Now is the time to win thinking persons to the Gospel. As never before, they are ready."

**China-in-dispersion** — "Ninety-five per cent of the Chinese people live on the China mainland, but it has often been forgotten that there are 23,000,000 outside the mainland and thus outside communist control. No restrictions bar the way to a Christian ministry among these people. They live in Taiwan, Hong Kong and in the Chinese communities in southeast Asia. There is no Protestant church with a greater commitment to the Chinese than the Methodist Church; and this places a particular

responsibility on the Methodists for ministry and service."

During the 1956-60 quadrennium, the Board of Missions also had four "Lands of Decision" — Korea, Sarawak (Borneo), Bolivia and the Belgian Congo.

Another phase of the board's quadrennial program overseas involves the production and distribution of Christian literature and the communication of the Christian faith through a wider use of audio-visual aids. The board proposes to recruit a much larger number of missionaries trained in journalism, linguistics, literature production, audio-visuals, radio and television. The production facilities of Methodist publishing houses overseas will be enlarged, and bookrooms and bookmobiles will be increased in number and capacity.

"With the communist world press pouring out a steady stream of literature for political propaganda purposes," the board said, "Christian forces cannot afford to plan for less than an all-out effort to win the minds of men for Christ through the ministries of the printed word and mass communications."

In its home missions phase, the new quadrennial program encompasses six emphases: (1) Continued development of Hawaii as a "showcase of Christian interracial harmony" through evangelism and church extension. (2) An emphasis on "Puerto Rico for Christ," which involves maintaining the present rate of membership growth through "active evangelism in an atmosphere friendly to church development." (3) Adjustment of home mission programs to meet more adequately the rapidly changing parish conditions in the United States. This will involve especially the changes taking place in inner city areas of declining population. (4) Completion of the development of the Alaska Methodist University, which is scheduled to open in September in Anchorage. (5) Developing a new interpretation of home missions strategy and goals to meet "new needs and changing times in America."

The new program calls for a nationwide study by Methodists on the mission of the church, with emphasis on rapidly changing world conditions and what these mean for the Methodist missionary endeavor. The study will begin in 1961 among mission leaders in Methodism's 100 annual (regional) conferences, these leaders to include conference boards of missions and Woman's Societies of Christian Service. In 1962 three regional study conferences will be held in the East, the Mid-West and the West, to which leaders of the annual conferences will be invited.

The study will center on three aspects of the mission of the church:

"The faith which compels us. It is important that every Christian be reminded and confronted afresh with the essentially missionary nature of the Christian faith.

"The factors which confront us. We have constant reminders of the many revolutionary changes taking place in the world to-

day. Among these are: the increase of nationalism, the revival of ancient religions, population increases, and scientific and technical advances.

"The frontiers which call us. By these we do not mean merely the geographical frontiers but frontiers of society — the student, the laboring man, the intellectual, the farmer, newly emancipated women, the man removed from tribal life to an urban setting. Such groups are among the frontiers which summon a Christian to missions today."

In adopting the new program, the board said: "One way of looking at the whole matter of missions is to view the missionary task as threefold. It is apostolic — evangelistic; it is pastoral — it serves the needs of people; it is pioneering — forever branching out to claim new areas of life under the lordship of Jesus Christ. The program at the same time has a clarity about it and yet lacks in clarity. The role is clear; the goal is not clear. This is as it should be, for the ends lie with God."

## Methodists Appropriate \$22,321,749 for Missions

The largest appropriation ever made by the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church for its work overseas and throughout the United States and its possessions, was voted at the Board's recent annual meeting at Buck Hill Falls, Pa. The total of \$22,321,749 was voted for the twelve months beginning on June 1, 1960. This is almost half a million dollars more than the 1959-60 appropriation. The increased appropriation was based on added receipts from the local churches during the past fiscal year.

The amount voted to the Board's Division of National Missions for work in the U.S.A. was \$3,094,475. In addition to this, the annual conferences of the Church, numbering 103, raised several times that amount for the building of churches and the support of home mission institutions within their own borders.

The Division of World Missions, operating in some forty countries overseas, was voted a total of \$9,976,789.

To the Woman's Division of Christian Service was voted \$9,250,476 in appropriations. This Division works overseas; has many schools, clinics, and homes in America; and conducts a wide range of social welfare services within the nation.

## Show Membership Gains in Bolivia and Borneo

Reports from annual conferences in two "lands of decision" indicate significant growth in membership and other areas of church life. In Bolivia, the church reports a membership increase of 26% per cent in one year and the organization of five new churches. In Sarawak, Borneo, the church has moved from provisional annual conference status to a full-fledged annual conference with the right to elect General Conference delegates for the first time.

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A few make things happen. Many watch things happen. The vast majority haven't an idea what is happening.



# Many North Carolinians Will Enter Missionary Service

Several North Carolinians, in addition to Miss Louise Robinson (reported in last week's *ADVOCATE*), were among those commissioned as missionaries and deaconesses at the recent meeting of the Board of Missions at Buck Hill Falls, Pa.

Brief biographies of most of these follow:

**MR. AND MRS. JACK THEIS**, Weir, Kan., will go to Korea to do work in the field of business administration and education. Mrs. Theis is the former Barbara Smith of Elizabeth City, N. C.

Born in Girard, Kan., Mr. Theis spent his early life there and in Weir. He studied four years at the Kansas State College at Pittsburg and was graduated in 1952 with a

work for six years. For a year, he was a teacher in the Gastonia public schools and for the last five years has been at the Jamestown High School, first as a teacher, then as acting principal and finally as principal. He is an army veteran of World War II.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Mrs. Vuncannon attended Marion College, Marion, Ind., and received the bachelor of arts degree in music in 1947. She was a teacher of commercial subjects at Wesleyan Methodist College for four years and has done private secretarial work.

Mr. and Mrs. Vuncannon are members of the Wesley Chapel Methodist Church in High Point. They have a daughter, Janice Elaine, 8.

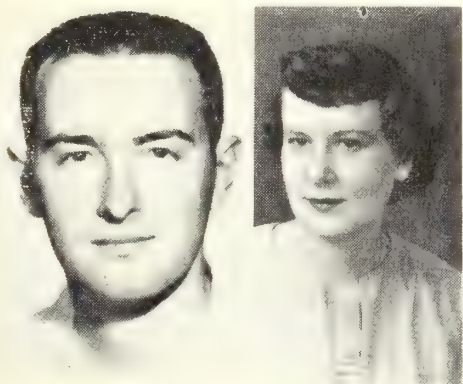
**THE REV. AND MRS. CLYDE HUGH DUNN**, Mebane, will go to Southeast Asia to do evangelistic work. Mrs. Dunn is the former

Albright Avenue, Graham, will go to the Belgian Congo to do educational and evangelistic work.

Born in Haw River, Mr. Bunn attended high school in Graham and studied two years each at Louisburg College, and High Point College. He received the bachelor of arts degree from High Point in 1955 in English and social studies. He took theological training at the Duke University Divinity School, and received the bachelor of divinity degree in 1959.

Mr. Bunn was pastor of the Troy (N. C.) Methodist Circuit from 1954 to 1958 and of the Carvers Creek Methodist Church during 1958-59. He is a member of the North Carolina Conference.

**THE REV. DR. AND MRS. F. RODERICK DAIL**, 10 Grandview Avenue, White Plains, N. Y., will go to India, he to do theological teaching and she to do work in the fields of writing and public relations. Dr. Dail is now the associate pastor of the Memorial



MR. AND MRS. JACK THEIS

bachelor of arts degree in business administration. He has done graduate study at the University of California at Berkeley and the Boston University School of Theology.

From 1956 to 1959, Mr. Theis was a special-term Methodist missionary to Korea.

A native of Elizabeth City, Mrs. Theis spent her early life there and attended Greensboro College, Greensboro, N. C., and received the bachelor of arts degree in Spanish and French in 1953. She did graduate work at George Peabody College and Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., and received a master's degree in teaching in 1954.

From 1956 to 1959, Mrs. Theis was a special-term Methodist missionary in Cuba, where she did educational work for two years.

**MR. AND MRS. JESSE M. VUNCANNON**, 219 Chestnut Street, High Point, will go to Costa Rica, he to do work in the field of educational administration and she to do general educational work.

Born in High Point, Mr. Vuncannon spent his early life there and studied two years each at Wesleyan Methodist College, Central, S. C., and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He received the bachelor of arts degree in history from the latter school in 1953. He did graduate study at the university and received the master of education degree in 1957.

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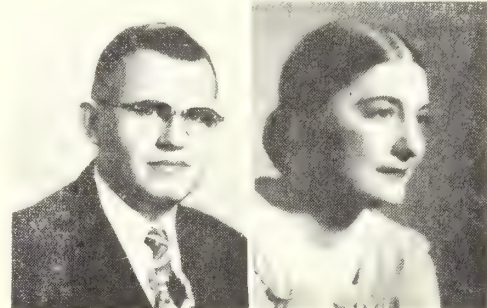
Miss Betty Doris Ziegler of College Park, Ga.

Born in Mebane, Mr. Dunn spent his early life there and attended Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky., where he was graduated in 1950 with a bachelor of arts degree in history. He took ministerial training at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., and received the bachelor of divinity degree in 1953.

For three years each, Mr. Dunn was pastor of the Monticello Methodist Circuit, of St. John's Methodist Church in Durham, and of the Horne Memorial Methodist Church in Clayton. He is a member of the North Carolina Conference and has been director of youth work of the Durham District. He is a Marine Corps veteran of World War II.

A native of College Park, Mrs. Dunn spent her early life there and attended Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga. She was graduated in 1948 with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology. Before her marriage, she was an airline stewardess for Delta Air Lines for two years.

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DR. AND MRS. F. RODERICK DAIL

Methodist Church in White Plains, and Mrs. Dail is associate secretary in the Department of Work in Foreign Fields, Woman's Division of Christian Service, Methodist Board of Missions.

Born in Leaksville, N. C., Dr. Dail spent his early life in North Carolina and Virginia. He studied at East Tennessee State College in Johnson City and received the bachelor of science degree in 1941. He took theological training at the Duke University Divinity School, Durham, N. C., and received the bachelor of divinity degree in 1947. He earned the doctor of education degree from Columbia University Teachers College in 1958.

Before becoming a minister, Dr. Dail taught school in North Carolina. He has been pastor of several Methodist churches in North Carolina and associate pastor of the Park Avenue Methodist Church in New York City. He has been at the White Plains church about two years. He is a member of the New York Methodist Conference.

A native of Franklin Springs, Ga., Mrs. Dail is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Lee of Decatur, Ga. Mrs. Dail attended Piedmont College, Demorest, Ga., and was graduated in 1941 with a bachelor of arts degree. She has done special study at Duke University and Columbia University.

As associate secretary in the Woman's Division of Christian Service for five years, Mrs. Dail has done work in the fields of public relations, writing and arranging financial support for missionaries of the Woman's Division.

Dr. and Mrs. Dail have a daughter, Janice, 14, and a son, Rickie, 11.



# The Women Make News

## Tentative Legislative Council Program Released

By MARY GARDNER

Representatives of the State Legislative Council, meeting in recent session, approved five items as the tentative program of the Council for the 1961 State Legislature. In order to be placed on the final council program, it is necessary that all items have the unanimous vote of all member organizations.

Since the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service is a member organization of the Council, delegates to the Annual Meeting to be held in Wilmington, April 5-7, will vote on the items composing the tentative program. They are: (1) Widow's support, (a law which would provide an increase in allotments for widows during the time the estate is being settled); (2) Provision for safe transportation for migrant workers; (3) Authorization for a commission to study a revision of the laws relating to capital punishment; (4) Modernization of residence laws, (designed for sharing of costs of emergency financial help); (5) Licensing of day care facilities.

## Students Using N. C. Conference Scholarships

By MARY GARDNER

Four students at Pfeiffer College have been recipients this year of scholarships donated by the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. They are Dorothy Chance, Lumberton; Joan Hayes, Jamesville; Sylvia Boyte, Aberdeen; and Betty Jo Neese, Swanee, S. C.

Betty Jo Neese, in a recent letter to the conference president, Mrs. Pierce Johnson, wrote: "You can't imagine how thrilled I was when our Dean of Women, Miss Mary Bethea, called me into her office to tell me that I had been given a scholarship in the amount of \$200 by the WSCS of the N. C. Conference. There are no words to express how grateful I am for your assistance. I feel that I am much indebted to The Methodist Church for helping make my college education possible.

"After graduating from Pfeiffer, I plan to be a director of Christian education. When I have worked enough to pay my expenses for my education, I would like to go to graduate school. I have been considering the mission field for some time now.

"I shall ever be grateful to you and the entire Methodist Church for assisting me in my expenses. The principles of The Methodist Church will always be utmost in my life."

The scholarships are available for students at Pfeiffer whose intent is to enter some area of full time Christian service. For full information or application, students may write Mrs. Allen C. Lee, conference secretary of Missionary Personnel, Farmville, N. C.

## New Bern District Officers Meet

The executive committee of the New Bern District Woman's Society of Christian Service met in a recent called session at Centenary Methodist Church, New Bern, to discuss potential names to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Donald Edman, who has resigned as district secretary of Promotion. The matter was delegated to the committee on nominations.

The Rev. Jimmy Jones led the devotional.

The president, Mrs. Albert Venters, appointed a program planning committee composed of Mrs. Eugene Koonce, Mrs. Hedrick Aman, Mrs. I. N. Moore, Mrs. J. Fred Smith, Mrs. John Steinart, and Mrs. Venters.

The New Bern District is 100 per cent organized.

## Conference Executive Meeting at Pfeiffer College

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

The executive committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church met at Pfeiffer College at Misenheimer Jan. 21-23 for its midwinter session.

Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford of Asheboro, president, presided over all sessions.

Conference committees met in separate sessions on the first afternoon. On Friday morning the reports of conference officers were given, while that afternoon was devoted to reports of standing committees and delegates to special meetings.

At the evening session the members of the executive committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild joined the group for a joint session. The Saturday morning session featured district reports, with the presidents and Guild secretaries of each district reporting together.

Plans for the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society were announced by Mrs. Thomas E. Frutchey, program chairman. The meeting will be held at Lake Junaluska June 14-16. Mrs. Otto Nall of Evanston, Ill., vice-president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and Mrs. Ralph Ward of Hendersonville, missionary to Taiwan, will be two of the outstanding speakers. A hymn sing by the lakeside at vespertime will be held. The Charlotte District WSCS will be hostess for the meeting. This will be election year for nine officers in Group II of the Conference Bylaws.

Plans for the annual School of Missions to be held at Pfeiffer College on August 15-19 were announced by Mrs. Gilmer Harris, secretary of Missionary Education and Service. Several basic changes will be made this year, said Mrs. Harris. Since this is a school with classwork for credit,

there will be no visitors. More time will be allowed for clinics. The instructors in the classes will do more teaching and have less class discussion. These suggestions were made by the delegates attending the school last summer.

In her report of missionary education, Mrs. Harris said that in the first part of the year's reports the Gastonia District is leading in the number of study classes held, the Marion District is in second place and the Greensboro District is third. The total number of classes was 109, an increase of 40 classes over the same period of last year.

Mrs. Arnold Kirk, secretary of Literature and Publications, gave an interesting comparison in the amount spent by Methodist women for literature now and 20 years ago. In 1939 women spent an average of 16 cents each for Woman's Society literature, and in 1959, she spent 70 cents.

## News Notes of Interest

The resignation of Mrs. Gilmer Harris as secretary of Missionary Education and Service for the conference was accepted with deep regret by the executive committee.

The committee recommended that the Conference WSCS purchase a set of the Interpreter's Bible to be sent to Miss Barbara Leonard, special term missionary in the Philippines, for her use in the work with the young people there.

The finance committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference recommended to the executive committee that the Woman's Society of this conference share in the support of Mrs. Ralph Ward when she returns as a missionary to Taiwan, amounting to \$1,500 per year.

Miss Virginia Miller of Newland is the new rural worker for the conference.

Thirteen scholarship girls now in school at Pfeiffer College were introduced to the executive committee by Mrs. Garland Stafford, secretary of Missionary Personnel. These girls are studying for Christian vocations.

## Methodist Woman of the Year

Who is the outstanding Methodist Woman of the Year in The Methodist Church in the United States?

This is a question to be decided. Her picture will be carried on the anniversary issue of *The Methodist Woman* to come out for the Week of Prayer and Self Denial. Nominations will be sent in from all conferences in all of the jurisdictions.

Mrs. Clarence Cranford made this announcement after her trip to the meeting of the Woman's Division of Christian Service at Buck Hill Falls in January.

## Calendar

Feb. 11-12—Conference on World Affairs, Carroll Hall, Chapel Hill.  
Feb. 16-18—Jurisdiction Annual Meeting, Lexington, Ky.  
Feb. 25—Conference Deaconess Board, Bethlehem Center, Charlotte.  
Mar. 4—World Day of Prayer.  
Mar. 11—Salisbury District Quiet Day.  
Mar. 15—District I, United Church Women.  
Mar. 16—District II, United Church Women.  
April 8—Charlotte District Day Apart.



# Complete Details for District Lay Rallies

By DALLAS MALLISON

Plans for a Laymen's Retreat in the New Bern District highlight the announcement of final details for the ten N. C. Conference District Lay Rallies set for this month in a statement made public by J. Nelson Gibson, Jr., conference lay leader.

The Laymen's Retreat in the New Bern District, to be held under the direction of Roy L. Turnage of Ayden, district lay leader, will take place during the afternoon just preceding the New Bern District rally. The rally will be held on Monday evening, February 22, in the Centenary Methodist Church in New Bern.

The New Bern District Laymen's Retreat is unique, in that it is the only such event set this year in conjunction with the annual district lay rallies. It will get under way at 2:00 o'clock and conclude around 6:30 o'clock. The meeting is scheduled for the Centenary Church education building.

Invariably a well-attended event, scores of persons, including district lay speakers, church lay leaders, Methodist Men club officers, leaders in the Every Member Canvass program, and associate district lay leaders, will take part. Discussion groups will be featured.

At the Retreat Bishop Garber will present the lay speakers with their certificates at 6:15 o'clock. Conference Lay Leader Gibson will speak to the entire group at 5:30 o'clock. During the afternoon a meeting of the District Board of Lay Activities will be held.

## District Lay Rallies

Mr. Gibson announced the final, complete schedule of the district lay rallies. Except in the Durham District the program proper will get under way at 7:30 o'clock, in each case preceded by a supper served cafeteria-style. A banquet will be served at the Durham rally, starting at 7:00 o'clock. The Durham rally is the only meeting that will be held in an armory.

The places of meeting and meal-times for each rally are as follows:

Feb. 15—Durham District — Durham City Armory — 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 16—Raleigh District — Edenton Street Church in Raleigh, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Feb. 17—Burlington District — Davis Street Church in Burlington, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Feb. 18—Rocky Mount District — First Church in Rocky Mount, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Feb. 19—Elizabeth City District — Perquimans County High School in Hertford, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Feb. 22—New Bern District — Centenary Methodist Church in New Bern, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Feb. 23—Wilmington District — Grace Church in Wilmington, 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 24—Wilmington District — Chestnut Street Church in Lumberton, 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 25—Fayetteville District — Hay Street Church in Fayetteville, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Feb. 26—Goldsboro District — Goldsboro High School, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

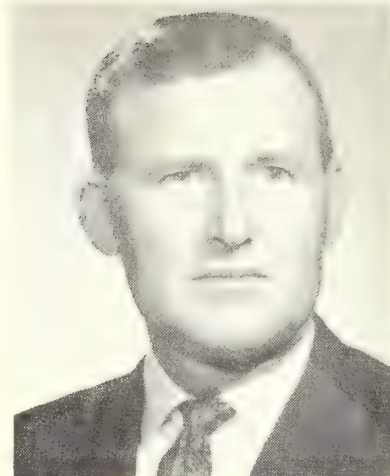
## N. C. Conference Lay Leader To Give Full Time Service

Bishop Paul Neff Garber, presiding bishop of the North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church, has announced that beginning on February 1, 1960, Mr. J. Nelson Gibson, Jr., lay leader of the North Carolina Conference since 1956, will give full time service as lay leader. Mr. Gibson, whose home is at Gibson, is a prominent business leader and farmer of that section. He is a graduate of Duke University and a member of the board of trustees of Methodist College at Fayetteville. He is also chairman of the North Carolina Conference delegates to the General Conference of The Methodist Church, to be held at Denver, Colorado, April 29 to May 7.

The appointment of Mr. Gibson to full time service has been made possible through gifts of certain North Carolina Methodist laymen who have underwritten all expenses connected with the enlarged program.

In his work Mr. Gibson will promote all phases of the Methodist program but will give special attention to stewardship activities. One of his first actions will be to hold lay rallies in all of the districts of the North Carolina Conference, February 15-26. In these rallies Mr. Gibson will be accompanied by Bishop Garber and Dr. Edwin A. Briggs of Chicago. It is expected that ten thousand Methodist laymen will attend these rallies which will give special attention to stewardship and finance.

Bishop Garber in announcing the appointment of Mr. Gibson expressed his happiness over the action of the laymen in making possible full time service by Mr. Gibson: "By this action the North Carolina



MR. GIBSON

Conference has taken a step which will be followed by the other Annual Conferences in American Methodism. I am deeply inspired by the leadership of our laymen and the privilege of having Mr. Gibson as a co-worker. In Mr. Gibson we have a consecrated leader who is making a personal financial sacrifice in order to serve his church. This action by Mr. Gibson is only another example of the growing interest of the laity in North Carolina Methodism."

## Science Program at Pfeiffer Receives \$25,000

Pfeiffer College President Dr. J. Lem Stokes II, announced today a gift of \$25,000 to the college from the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation for the expansion of the Pfeiffer science program in the field of physics. The grant will be used for the expansion and equipping of physics laboratories.

The Pfeiffer science building, placed in use in 1957, was designed for an expanded program in biology, chemistry, and physics, and biology was expanded. The grant from the Babcock Foundation will now make possible the planned expansion in the field of physics.

## Wesley Society Meets in Denver April 25

Early arrivals at General Conference as well as Denver Methodists will be offered opportunities to meet with the Wesley Society April 25 at 8 p.m. in Trinity Church. The invitation is extended by the president, Prof. Franz Hildebrandt of Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J. The Rev. Dr. Chester A. Pennington, minister of Hennepin Avenue Church, Minneapolis, will speak on "Neo-Orthodoxy, Neo-Wesleyanism and the New Testament." The society does not claim official status but for six years has encouraged scholars in an attempt to establish the solid and distinctive theological contribution which Methodism has to make to the universal church.

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"The rung of a ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man's foot long enough to enable him to put the other somewhat higher."



## North Carolina Has Eight Methodist Missionaries in Korea



FRONT ROW: Mrs. George L. Sidwell, Mrs. R. S. Pinkston, R. S. Pinkston. SECOND ROW: Dr. Chas. D. Stokes, Mrs. Stokes, Miss Marjorie Yarborough. Rev. and Mrs. Carl W. Judy on furlough—not shown.

## The Story of Angels Home for Neglected Korean Boys

(Mr. and Mrs. Theis are now in the United States. They were commissioned as regular missionaries to Korea in January. See story on page seven.)

Jack Theis, a young Methodist layman who went to Korea three years ago as a missionary accountant, has embarked on two unexpected careers — lay evangelist and social worker. And in Seoul, there are 125 former beggar boys who can call him "Big Brother."

Mr. Theis, who claims Weir, Kan., and San Francisco, Cal., as his American home, was assigned to Korea in 1956 as a special missionary for three years. With a background of education and experience in the field of business management and finance, Mr. Theis was appointed to work in the field of accounting in the Methodist missions office in Seoul.

Soon after his arrival in Seoul, however, Mr. Theis began to devote much of his time and attention to two activities outside the field of accounting and business.

One of these was the Angels Home, a combination home and school for neglected boys, in Seoul. Founded in 1957 by the Korean National Police as an independent social agency, the Home was soon taken over by Mr. Theis and other American volunteers. In 1958 it became related to the Korean Methodist Church.

Mr. Theis' other special activity was lay evangelism at the Seoul Old Ladies' Home, where he assisted Korean ministers and other missionaries in Christian work among the elderly residents. On one occasion last winter, twenty-nine of the women were baptized into the Christian faith through the efforts of Mr. Theis and his colleagues.

More than 125 former beggar boys and potential delinquents have found an oppor-

tunity for education and rehabilitation at the Angels Home, which accepts boys who for various reasons are ineligible to enter regular orphanages. Almost all of the boys in the home were picked literally off the streets by Mr. Theis and his fellow workers. Indeed, it was not an uncommon sight to see Mr. Theis arrive at the home in a Methodist-owned jeep with a load of dirty-faced, tattered and somewhat frightened boys.

Among those working with Mr. Theis are American servicemen and other missionaries. Volunteer teachers instruct the boys (and a few girls who are admitted to the school, but do not live in the home) in primary education and religion. Some of the older boys attend trade school at night.

All of the boys are not orphans. Some of them have families, but because of crowded conditions — or no home at all — they drifted about Seoul begging and, in some cases, stealing.

Long-range plans call for new, permanent buildings and a trade school. But for the present, Angels Home has all it can do simply to care for the basic needs of the boys.

In the other project, the Seoul Old Ladies' Home, Mr. Theis has worked with Mrs. Ruth Appenzeller, long-time Methodist missionary, and with Korean Methodist ministers and theological students. Mr. Theis visited the Home often over the period of two years, and he and his colleagues held weekly services for the residents. Of this program, Mr. Theis wrote:

"One seminary student told me that a 102-year-old grandmother with tears streaming down her face said, 'I want to follow Jesus. I can't walk to church. I

## Weaverville Methodists Dedicate Building

The new \$60,000 Reeves Education Building at Weaverville was formally dedicated on Jan. 31. The Rev. John Lowder, pastor of Biltmore Church and former pastor of the Weaverville Church, told the story of the construction of the building, which was finished in 1957. District Superintendent Robert Tuttle and Pastor Paschal Vaughn both spoke during the service.

The building was named in honor of the Reeves family, one member of which had given \$20,000 to the building fund and additional gifts for the furnishings of the building. The last of the indebtedness was paid on Jan. 3, 1960.

The education building is a 3-story, 17-room structure with a chapel on the first floor. It joins the main building of the church.

## Foundation Gives 2 Million To Syracuse University

Establishment of a unique center for education and research in mass communications — expected eventually to become the world's largest such center — was announced Jan. 25 by Chancellor William P. Tolley of Methodist-related Syracuse (N. Y.) University. To be known as the Newhouse Communications Center, it is to be located at Syracuse University and will be made possible by a series of gifts from the Newhouse Foundation, established by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel I. Newhouse. Mr. Newhouse, a university trustee, is publisher and owner of a group of daily newspapers and magazines, including the *Syracuse Post-Standard*. An initial gift of two million dollars will make possible construction and operation of the first unit of a new school of journalism and support of fellowships for graduate study and research in mass media.

## Farrow Elected President of Non-Profit Homes Group

At the January meeting of the N. C. Executive Association of Homes For the Aged, held at Methodist Retirement Home in Durham, Willard S. Farrow, business manager of the Methodist Home in Charlotte was re-elected president of the Association.

Other officers re-elected were: vice-president, Mrs. Carlette Harper, nursing supervisor of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, Greensboro; secretary, R. A. Short, executive director of the Presbyterian Home, High Point.

The Association is made up of the administrators and staff members of the non-profit homes for the aging in North Carolina.

can't see the Bible. Can I be baptized?' The student told her about God's love and said she could be baptized. What an inspiration it was to me to see her and twenty-eight other women baptized. They all wore the Korean traditional white, and each held a flower as a symbol of their new life in Christ."



# Missionary Friends Honor Bishops Moore and Smith

Bishop Arthur J. Moore and Bishop A. Frank Smith, both of whom will retire from active service this year, were honored at the annual meeting of the Board of Missions, at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., for service to the Board, its missionaries, and its institutions.

Bishop Moore has been president of the Board since its organization twenty years ago, and much of its present growth and development has come through his leadership. Previous to unification he was president of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Bishop Smith has been president of the Division of National Missions during the period since unification. Their successors as presidents will be chosen at the organizational meeting of the Board in Chicago in September.

Friends of Bishop Moore — many of them members and former members and staff of the Board — presented him and Mrs. Moore a silver tea set during the annual meeting. There was also presented by friends an illuminated scroll, recounting his services; a volume recalling his life story, written by Dr. Elmer T. Clark; and there was shown in motion pictures and still pictures some of the highlights of his career. This last was written by Mrs. Hilda Dail.

Friends of Bishop Smith, in another

ceremony, eulogized his services to the Board and the Church, and presented him a check, and also a book of letters from friends across the nation.

At Bishop Moore's "party," it was noted that he has personally commissioned more than 1,000 new missionaries.



Bishop A. Frank Smith, who will retire this summer after 20 years as president of the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions receives a check from H. Conwell Snoke, Division Treasurer. The check represents the gifts of many friends and associates of Bishop Smith. Bishop Smith holds a book of letters, written by persons who have been his friends over many years. The book was presented to Bishop Smith during a program in his honor at the Board of Missions annual meeting at Buck Hill Falls.

## Song Leader Available In Charlotte Area

W. Fred Bonney, formerly of Nashville, Tenn., and Norfolk, Va., is now living in Charlotte and is available to direct music for evangelistic meetings within the Charlotte area or in close proximity. Mr. Bonney has had wide experience as a song leader for church and community revivals in Norfolk and Nashville.

At present he is a member of Commonwealth Methodist Church, Charlotte, where he directs the choir.

He may be addressed at 1442 Medford Drive, Charlotte 15, N. C.

## Church Workers Available

Dr. Carl H. King, executive secretary of the WNC Conference Board of Education, sends the following announcement:

"Two of our well qualified young people are available for work in a local church. One is a graduate from Northwestern and is interested in a position as minister of music. The other will receive an M.A. degree in Christian education in Boston, Mass., in June. Both are among the best qualified persons available at this time. If interested, write or call Carl H. King, Salisbury, N. C."

## Stewardship Revival Held At Lillington Church

One of the most phenomenal demonstrations of church loyalty and devotion to a visiting evangelist was witnessed this past week in the sanctuary of the Lillington Methodist Church. The Rev. Mr. L. O. Leet and the Rev. Mrs. Idalee McCullar led the church in a marvelous series of meetings on the theme of "Christian Stewardship." One hundred per cent attendance was recorded by every church school class in the church at the final Victory Service, and 91 persons signed their names to indicate their intentions to become or to continue their practice of tithing.

Even in the face of the influenza epidemic that nightly reduced the size of the congregation and threatened the closing of the Crusade, the attendance continued each night at near capacity and often required overflow seating. Members of all the churches of Lillington and many from other churches in the county and beyond continued to come every evening they were able. The Leet Team found joyous and spontaneous response to their strenuous effort.

The Leet Team is truly unique in its method of holding a "revival." They artfully blend each meeting with doctrinally basic and beautiful little songs, with training in prayer and stewardship, with prayer and preaching, and conclude with quiet challenging meditations aimed at decision and growth in the individual spiritual life. The sponsoring organization is personally cultivated by the evangelist as he meets with the various groups within the organization at called meetings, and out of this is built an approved manuscript for guiding the continuation of the "revival" just begun in Christian Stewardship through the year that follows. The schedule calls for twelve weeks of advanced preparation by the Leet Team through correspondence with the pastor and staff, twelve days of final preparation at the church, and twelve months of "revival" growth by the church on its own with continuing guidance offered by the Team through correspondence. The program costs nothing more than one "love offering" from any participating person during the twelve days of the final preparation period.

This stewardship ministry by the Leet Team is to be highly commended for its cardinal Christian purpose, well developed program and proven helpfulness. Although the Team is almost constantly in the field, their home address is: The Leet Crusades, Incorporated, 629 N. Peak Street, Dallas 1, Texas. — WAYNE WEGWART, *Pastor*

## Mission Board Gives Nod To California Agency

The Division of World Missions of the Board of Missions has given its consent and co-operation for a Southern California foundation to operate as a Methodist agency in its overseas missions. The Agricultural Aids Foundation, sponsored by the Southern California-Arizona Conference, has been working in Africa three years to improve agriculture methods and make available simple machinery to small farms.



Dr. J. A. Engle presents an illuminated scroll to Bishop Moore at the closing session of Bishop Moore's 20th year as president of the Board of Missions.



# A Report on Christian Higher Education

By FLETCHER NELSON

The campaign in the Western North Carolina Conference for \$3,000,000 for our colleges, Divinity school and Wesley Foundations closed about a year ago. Since then while attending district conferences, meeting with church groups here and there and working with the actual pledges, I've gathered some impressions and facts.

As to facts and figures about the campaign: On January 20, the pledges stand at \$3,353,981 — \$3,009,991 from the churches and \$343,990 from individuals and corporations. The pledges from the churches are payable over a period that averages 3.7 years, instead of 3 years as we had hoped. That means the churches must pay about \$813,489 yearly if we stay on schedule. Furthermore, over 90% of pledges from the churches are in church budgets. These pledges were made in December 1958, and the Christian Higher Education item had to wait until the 1959-'60 budget to be included. The first year of the campaign then, from the standpoint of payment for over 90% of the pledges from the churches, will not end until June 1960.

Collections as of January 20 stand at \$806,487 — \$540,180 from the churches and \$226,307 from individuals and corporations. Over \$650,000 has been distributed to the colleges, Divinity school and Wesley Foundations.

As to impressions: Our people are proud of what they have done for Christian Higher Education. Over all there is a determination to see the thing through even if it does mean some hardship and sacrifice in spots and some adjustments in pledges in others. Our people are beginning to be aware of some responsibility for higher education and are willing to accept that responsibility. Questions asked me indicate a desire for more information about the colleges and Wesley Foundations, a knowledge that co-operation and support is a two-way street, a willingness to join hands and keep on doing the job.

You don't run into many spots of enthusiasm for higher education in the local church like you do for Missions and Evangelism and Church Extension. But there is a solid core of awareness of these colleges in this conference, a sense of pride in them, a desire to render every possible assistance in view of other equally urgent demands of the program of the church. And almost

without exception our people want our colleges and Wesley Foundations to keep in the center of all planning for the church and Christian living.

## Western N. C. Conference Interboard Schools

February 14-24

Interboard schools are scheduled in the W.N.C. Conference from February 14 through the 24th for the purpose of giving specific instruction for board chairmen, ministers, and chairmen in the five commissions covering major program areas in each local church. These schools were scheduled by Bishop Harmon and his cabinet at annual conference. Details of procedure have been worked out in co-operation with representatives of General and Conference agencies responsible for Evangelism, Education, Missions, Lay Activities and Christian Social Relations.

The leaders will consist of the host district superintendent along with Bishop Nolan B. Harmon and the following representatives of general agencies: C. Lloyd Daugherty, Walter Towner, Wayne Lindecker, Richard G. Belcher, Robert J. Genins and Carl D. Soule.

Other persons assisting from the conference are H. P. Myers, Jr., Carl H. King, Horace R. McSwain, Edwin L. Jones, Robert M. Smith, G. L. Goodson, Tom M. Little and Clifford Peace. Wilson O. Weldon, J. Elwood Carroll, Julian Lindsey and Paul Duckwall will also be assisting with the educational emphasis in one or more of the districts.

The afternoon and early evening will be devoted to workshop discussions on commission program areas and on the work of the official board. Following the evening meal at the church, Bishop Nolan Harmon will speak to the entire group at the closing session in the sanctuary of the host church.

District superintendents and host pastors who are preparing for these schools are Robert G. Tuttle and E. H. Blackard; J. E. Yountz and Walter Lee Lanier; Eugene C. Few and James G. Huggin; Paul W. Townsend and Harold Robinson; John H. Carper and Ralph Taylor; J. Clay Madison

and Charles P. Bowles; Garland Stafford and Roy Bell; Lee F. Tuttle and Mark Depp; J. Elwood Carroll and Garland Winkler; Walter J. Miller and Kenneth Goodson.

An Interboard School is not planned for the general membership of the church. Most persons who are expected to attend have received a personal invitation. Ministers, official board chairmen, and commission chairmen compose the main group of persons expected to be in attendance.

These Interboard Schools are scheduled by districts as follows:

Central, Asheville, Sunday, Feb. 14

First, Morganton, Monday, Feb. 15

First, Gastonia, Tuesday, Feb. 16

First, Salisbury, Wednesday, Feb. 17

First, Lexington, Thursday, Feb. 18

West Market, Greensboro, Friday, Feb. 19

First, North Wilkesboro, Sunday, Feb. 21

Centenary, Winston-Salem, Mon., Feb. 22

First, Hickory, Tuesday, Feb. 23

First, Charlotte, Wednesday, Feb. 24

## Otto Nall to Edit Daily Christian Advocate

Chicago. — Dr. Otto Nall, editor of the *Christian Advocate*, will again serve as editor of the *Daily Christian Advocate* to be published during the General Conference in Denver, April 27 to May 11.

Assisting him will be Newman S. Cryer, Jr., managing editor of the *Christian Advocate*; Charles Munson, associate editor in charge of news for both *Together* and the *Christian Advocate*; Grant J. Verhulst, public relations manager of both magazines; James Wall, news writer; and Miss Else Bjornstad, editorial assistant in charge of research.

Warren P. Clark, business manager, announces that subscriptions to the *Daily Christian Advocate* will be taken in advance, as in former years. The cost for 13 issues mailed in one bundle at the close of the conference will be \$2. Persons wishing to subscribe for a complete set bound can do so for \$3. Delivery date for such bound volumes will be close to September 1. For daily delivery via airmail, the subscription price will be \$5.

"Interest in the Conference *Daily* on the part of pastors and laymen at home has been increasing in recent years," reports Mr. Clark. "During the 1956 conference in Minneapolis, more than 2,000 persons subscribed. Of this number, 500 subscriptions were sent out each day via airmail to keep readers back home posted on the day-to-day proceedings at the conference."

All advance orders should be addressed to Business Manager, *Daily Christian Advocate*, 740 North Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.

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Lee A. Ranck has been named director of Methodist Information for the Washington, D. C., episcopal area. Ranck, who has been managing editor of *Contact* and a staff member of the Board of Temperance, succeeds Miss Anne Robinson, who resigned after heading the office three years.

Here's the way the districts looked on January 1, taking into consideration only the pledges from the churches. The pledges from individuals and corporations are more than 75% paid.

District	Church Pledges	Av. Yrs. for Pmt.	Church Pledges Pd.	% Pd.	Amt. of Pledges Due End of 1st Yr.	Balance
Asheville	\$253,254.00	4.2	\$53,481.46*	21%	\$ 60,300	\$ 6,819
Charlotte	523,573.00	4.4	70,380.55	13%	118,994	48,614
Gastonia	279,660.00	3.1	97,349.57†	35%	90,215	
Greensboro	447,986.00	4.1	59,529.51	12%	116,582	57,053
Monte	158,737.00	3.6	39,176.87	25%	44,094	4,918
N. Wilkesboro	85,494.15	3.3	18,732.18	22%	25,907	7,175
Salisbury	257,275.50	3.4	51,377.66	21%	75,669	24,292
Statesville	237,910.00	3.3	48,925.35	20%	72,118	23,193
Thomasville	251,351.86	3.6	49,852.95	20%	69,820	19,968
Waynesville	123,212.00	3.2	25,515.12	21%	38,504	12,989
Winston-Salem	365,450.00	4.4	58,571.77	16%	83,057	24,486

\*\$19,406 in Brevard College Campaign  
†\$43,100 in Brevard College Campaign



# News from the Districts

## Raleigh

G. S. Eubanks, D.S.

The 300 delegates and visitors representing the 93 Methodist churches of the Raleigh District, with memberships totaling 28,000, convened in historic Louisburg Methodist Church, January 29, for their district conference.

Highlighting the program were a sermon by Dr. Harry Denman, a devotional by Dr. Harold Hutson, president of Greensboro College, reports of the churches' progress during the first six months of the current conference year, and granting to six young men licenses to preach.

During the past six months' period, Methodist churches of the Raleigh District have received 933 new members, paid \$127,588 on ministerial salaries, and \$116,632 for its benevolent and missions programs.

The Rev. J. L. Joyce, speaking on Christian Education, asserted: "We should be concerned that in the program of total enlistment we shall use every resource possible. The Rev. Paul Carruth said that the three and a half million dollars pledged to Christian Higher Education by Methodists of eastern North Carolina has placed the N. C. Conference at the top of the list of any single conference giving to this cause.

Mrs. P. C. Perdue, vice-president of the Raleigh District WSCS, reported 89 local societies, 3 district members, and 5 charge members, and urged co-operation of the pastors in making possible a 100 per cent organization of woman's work in the district.

The Rev. W. K. Quick called on the pastors to nominate a Commission on Social Concerns in their respective churches to work in the areas of the problems of alcohol, delinquency, and race relations.

Delegates approved a recommendation of the district trustees that the present district parsonage be sold, and the purchasing or building of a new home for the district superintendent.

Dr. Howard P. Powell presented six young men as candidates for local license to preach. They were Wallace Gray Johnson, Garner Methodist Church; Robert David Mustian, Union Chapel Methodist Church; Thomas Reid Conway, Louisburg Methodist Church; Robert Travis Bedle, Arthur John Wilson III, and Jack Le Grande Hunter, all of the Edenton Street Methodist Church.

Re-elected as district trustees were C. A. Dillon, chairman; Mrs. J. W. McGee, treasurer; Mrs. C. E. Abernathy, Ryan Bashford, and P. D. Snipes.

Climaxing the program, Dr. Harry Denman, executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Evangelism, named four disciplines as means of receiving spiritual power to win souls to Christ. They include prayer, Bible reading, witnessing, and Christ-like living. "If Methodists are not willing to be concerned about the lost, God will give them to some other people," he declared. "We get spiritual power through prayer . . . We need the discipline of the Word. We

will never have a revival until we have a revival of Bible reading . . . Jesus told us to witness as a means of grace. When you stop witnessing you have lost your spiritual joy . . . We either bring people to Christ or we drive them away . . . We need a dynamic faith in Christ that will help us pray, read the Bible, witness and live for Christ."

The Rev. Graham S. Eubank, district superintendent, presided.

The 1961 Raleigh District Conference will be held in Garner's new Methodist church.

—Reported by Mary Gardner.

## Quick is Zebulon "Man of the Year"

**Zebulon.**—The Rev. William K. Quick, minister of the First Methodist Church, has been chosen the "Man of the Year for 1959" for the town of Zebulon. The distinct honor for the young man was made known through the *Zebulon Record* and the Zebulon Chamber of Commerce, Robert D. Massey, president.

The annual selection is sponsored by the local newspaper in co-operation with the Chamber of Commerce and votes are submitted to the newspaper office. The honor for the popular young minister came after a residence in this eastern Wake County town of 2,000 of only six months. The Rev. Mr. Quick was appointed at the 1959 N. C. Annual Conference and moved here July 2. Despite his brief residence, he is accorded this high honor from the town.

Only 26 years old, he has been in wide demand as a civic and devotional speaker. His local radio sermons, devotional messages and prayers at Thanksgiving and Christmas over the station were widely acclaimed in the area. As a free-lance writer, his articles frequently appear in the daily newspapers throughout the state. His writings are not restricted to religion and The Methodist Church alone, and last summer a number of afternoon dailies published his story on "Epilogue of a German Prisoner of War."

His work with the young people in the local school and particularly his interest in and work with the athletic teams has been greatly noted. He edits and writes the sports for the *Zebulon Record*.

After his appointment in Zebulon he planned what he termed "a very unpopular move in our day and time," that is, a Sunday evening service. The local Methodist church did not have Sunday evening worship services prior to September and these services have meant much not only to the congregation but to the townspeople as well. They are well-attended and on any given Sunday night will include visitors from several churches.

Mr. Quick is a native of Gibson and a graduate of Pfeiffer College, Randolph-Macon College for Men in Ashland, Virginia, and the Duke Divinity School. He has served as associate pastor of the Broad Street Methodist Church in Richmond, Va., and at Camp Glenn, Morehead City; and

Bahama in north Durham County. He is married to the former Barbara Campbell of Bluefield, West Virginia, and they are the parents of two children, Stephen, 4; and Kathryn, 2.

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Miss Florence Palmer, a missionary to India for nearly 30 years, has been named executive secretary for Southern Asia of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. She succeeds Miss Lucile Colony, who will serve as full-time chairman of the staff of the Department of Work in Foreign Fields.

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Prayer works better in time of trouble if it has been used freely in good times.

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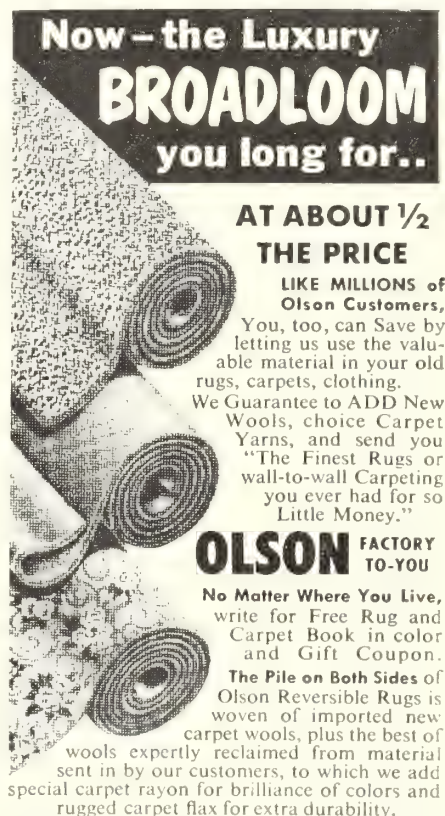
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# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## The St. Valentine Wind

By IRENE S. WOODCOCK

Ruth had quarreled with Rosalie for the first time since they had been playmates. And now St. Valentine's Day was coming, and she would not send the valentine she had bought so joyfully only a few days before.

"I don't care," Ruth said, as she put the other valentines into envelopes. But she knew that she did care a great deal. She sat and gazed at the valentine that had been intended for Rosalie. What should she do with it?

"I know what I'll do," she said to herself. "I'll just take it with me when I go out to carry the other valentines, and perhaps I shall think of someone to give it to."

She and Rosalie had always carried valentines around together, and Ruth felt queer and lonesome now as she started off alone. It wouldn't be nearly so much fun, she knew, to ring bells all by herself, and then run and hide. She gave a deep sigh.

As she passed Rosalie's house she looked toward it out of the corner of her eye. Was Rosalie there, or was she, too, going forlornly around alone, carrying valentines?

By the time Ruth had finished running up and down the village streets slipping her valentines under doors and ringing bells, she was quite out of breath. There was only one valentine left — the one that she had intended for Rosalie.

"I suppose I might just as well take it home," she said sorrowfully.

The second time she came near to Rosalie's house, she tried to go by, but somehow or other her feet lagged. What would happen if she ran up the walk and rang the doorbell? Would the door fly open, she wondered, and someone shout, "Valentine! I caught you!"?

Ruth hesitated a moment; then as she started to walk on again, something unexpected happened. The wind, which as night fell had been blowing harder, came swirling suddenly around the corner of the house and snatched the envelope from her hand. Away it went, high into the air, whirling and circling. It flew

## TO LINCOLN

Out of a lowly cabin,  
After a humble start,  
You carved your name forever  
Deep in your country's heart.  
Vision and love of freedom  
Burned in your stalwart breast;  
Love for your fellow mortals,  
Freedom for all oppressed.  
Lincoln — it is your birthday.  
E'en though your day has sped,  
You are a mighty beacon  
Lighting the road ahead.

—By NICK KENNEY

straight over the fence and into the yard of Rosalie's house. Up and up, into the air it went, and then down again it fluttered, and landed right at Rosalie's door.

Ruth was so astonished that she stood stock still in surprise. Then she pushed the gate open quickly. She must get the valentine back, and in a hurry, too.

There it lay, right on the doorstep. Somehow it seemed to be just the right place, but it must not stay there.

As she stooped to snatch it up the door flew open. "Valentine!" a voice cried joyfully. "I caught you!" Someone seized her and drew her into the hall. It was Rosalie.

"I saw you pass," Rosalie said, "and I hid behind the curtain and watched. I kept hoping you had brought a valentine for me. Then when you came in the yard I knew you had."

"But I didn't," Ruth said, though she didn't want to say it. "That is, I had a valentine for you, but I wasn't going to give it to you. The wind snatched it out of my hand."

"Well, what do you know!" said Rosalie, laughing. "I had a valentine for you, too, and I couldn't make up my mind what to do with it. I'm so glad the wind was blowing tonight."

The next minute Ruth was running home to ask if she might stay to supper at Rosalie's house. When she came back the wind was roaring down the chimneys and rattling the windows.

"Blow, wind," said Ruth. "We don't mind."

"Yes, blow," echoed Rosalie. "You are a St. Valentine wind — and full of fun."

—*Youth's Companion*

## HE LEFT THE LIGHTS ON

In Springfield, Illinois, where the immortal "Abe" Lincoln once lived, a mother often told her children the majestic story of the great emancipator.

One evening, while walking with her little girl, she paused reverently before Lincoln's old home. The lights from within the house were shining through the doors and windows. The little girl's imagination quickly caught fire, and she said, "Mommy, Mr. Lincoln left his lights on!"

Yes, Mr. Lincoln did "leave the lights on," that all the world might see and follow the great humanitarian principles to which his life was devoted.

—*Indiana Freemason*

## CHUCKLES

The teacher was giving the youngsters a mental drill. "Now, Bobby, tell me which month has twenty-eight days in it?"

Bobby had forgotten. After a moment he answered excitedly, "They all have."

Willie was being measured for his first made-to-order suit of clothes. "Do you want the shoulders padded, my little man?" inquired the tailor.

"No," said Willie, "but please pad the pants."

Teacher: Billy, can you give me a good definition of the word "memory?"

Billy: Sure I can. It's the thing I forget with.—*Clipped.*

## Bible Quiz

### Songs of the Bible

1. The most famous of all birthday songs which was sung by angels. ....
2. The most beautiful song ever sung by a woman. ....
3. A song sung by an old man in the Temple after he had seen the Lord's Christ. ....
4. The song of a prophetess, with timbrell accompaniment after Israel's deliverance. ....
5. The song of the lawgiver of Israel, sung just before his death. ....

### Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Olive Tree—Genesis 8:6-11
2. Sycamore Tree—Luke 19:1-4
3. Palm Tree—John 12:12-15
4. Cedar Tree—Isaiah 2:12-13
5. Fig Tree—Matthew 21:18-20



# International Sunday School Lesson

FOR FEBRUARY 14, 1960

By RAYMOND A. SMITH

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## OUR FIGHT AGAINST ORGANIZED EVIL

**Background Scripture:** Acts 18:22 through 20:12  
**Lesson Scripture:** Acts 19:8-10, 23-28; Acts 20:1-3

Last Sunday's lesson dealt with personal evangelism; today's with social evangelism. These are not unrelated, but rather two sides of the same coin. Wherever Christ is taken seriously in one's personal life it is sure to be reflected in that person's attitude toward the evil that is everywhere about him. And it really is everywhere. Note the translation by Phillips of our Memory Verse for today: "For, as I expect you have learned by now, our fight is not against any physical enemy: it is against organizations and powers that are spiritual. We are up against the unseen power that controls this dark world, and spiritual agents from the very headquarters of evil" (Ephesians 6:12). All this is another way of saying that evil forces have a way of using non-material means of fighting the good — things like ideas, feelings and attitudes.

Our main question is this: how can local Christian groups through united effort overcome the pressures of evil interests which seek, by every means possible, to establish themselves in our communities?

Perhaps we may learn something from Paul's experience in Ephesus. We are told that "he spoke boldly, arguing and pleading about the Kingdom of God." Sometimes it seems that everything cautions against boldness of action. We don't want to be unpopular; we don't want to be thought of as "fanatics"; we may feel we just don't know what to do about the evil, so we do nothing. Paul would have none of these cowardly reasons. He got right into the middle of the fight and stayed in it until he saw some results of his efforts.

Now the particular challenge Paul had to meet was from those who were profiting from evil. It appears that his style of preaching wasn't good for business — at least for the idol-making business. There are still a lot of idols about, and men still get rich making them. Webb Garrison in the *Adult Teacher* refers to Gregory the Great, one of the greatest leaders in Christian history, who insisted that the first and last of all evils is idolatry. "Every man worships an idol, he said, when he transfers his loyalty from God to anything that God has created."

When we turn to the current scene in our country it is not hard to find examples of organized evil. One of the most harmful is the beverage alcohol industry. They use the most appealing advertisements, have their lobbyists at the state and national capitals and like to point with pride to the tax money that rolls into the public treasury from the sale of their products; not mentioning, of course, the tremendous expense which the state incurs as a result of the crime, accidents and illness that are by-products of their business. The head of the North Carolina Highway Patrol is quoted as having said that 47% of all accidents in our state are caused by either a drinking driver or a drinking pedestrian. But auto accidents are only one aspect of our problem. When we view the broken personalities, the many failures in business and in home life, the economic waste caused by the billions which might help legitimate industry and commerce — all this, and much more, can be written into the bill of indictment against the liquor interests.

Add to the above the problem of organized crime which has become so powerful it sometimes dictates the policies of labor and business organizations, corrupts officers of the law and fills the land with numerous racketeers. Organized gambling interests influence legislation and sometimes buy with money exemption from interference by the law.

Other types of organized evil might be mentioned, but space is not available. There is one lesson we must draw from all these facts. It is this: *an unconcerned and morally neutral church is no kind of church for these times.* We must somehow recover the aim of early Methodism which was "To spread Scriptural holiness through this land." That is the crying need of the hour. "Arise, let us be going."

## Book Reviews

**Let Us Break Bread Together**, by Fred Daniel Gealy. (Abingdon. \$2.50)

Published as a tribute to a beloved professor emeritus of Perkins School of Theology, this volume of short communion meditations covers the entire church year. There are 72 meditations, each with a scripture text and prayer. Perhaps the outstanding quality of excellence in the book is in the fact that these are not the usual "meditations." They are not sad little pious talks about the death of Christ, such as are sometimes used by ministers and which provoke the laymen to complain that "The preacher sounded like he had just got back from Jesus' funeral." Instead, each short message has a point. Sometimes that point is a matter of doctrine or of church history; sometimes it is an interpretation of the appropriate scripture for a church festival.

We sometimes deplore the change which has come upon the church in regard to the celebration of Holy Communion and the careless manner in which it is offered and received. This book will assist ministers to think about great doctrines and to interpret them to the people on this very holy day when the Lord's Supper is given to His followers. — R.P.M.

**The Master's Men**, By William Barclay. (Abingdon. \$2)

What do you know about the twelve apostles? Most of us could not name them all, and there are several problems connected with the listings as found in the New Testament. William Barclay disposes of some of the problems in his introduction and then goes on to present in very interesting form the Scripture narrative (as much as available) of their lives. There is a wealth of background material in these sketches. Dr. Barclay, a Scottish scholar, displays his usual blend of wit and wisdom in this book. — R.P.M.

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## IN PASSING

### "Sporting Goods"

Glancing through a mail-order sale catalogue, I came upon a listing of bargains in various departments. To my amazement I found, under the heading, "Sporting Goods" such items as lawn mowers, thinning shears, and a garden cart.

Now such tools may be sporting goods in these days of short hours and too much leisure, but it was not so in my time. I well remember the struggle which took place around home when my mother tried to interest me in mowing the lawn. It didn't seem sporting to me and I looked upon the chore with acute dislike.

Well, times change, and I suppose there are fellows who can make a game out of digging up dandelions and chopping down mullen stalks. In fact I know one man who does nothing else for fun or relaxation but work on his lawn. Day after day, winter and summer, my neighbor will be at work on that patch of grass, and I have seen him start out for his office in the morning and then bring his Cadillac to a shrieking stop as he spies a two-inch twig that has fallen on the unsullied surface of his lawn.

For him, evidently, such work is a sporting proposition and he gets a lot of fun out of it. He doesn't admit that it is fun he is seeking, however. He says all that bending over and pulling up keeps him in shape. He must be right, for, now past sixty, he has the trim physique of a baseball player.

But for me, I'll take my sport with a camera.

### Back to the Pastorate

Since the news got out that the writer is planning to give up being an editor and return to the pastorate, letters have been coming in from old friends and new wanting to know why the sudden decision.

Well, the fact is that it is not sudden,

## Need to Keep Climbing In Higher Education

The Commission on Christian Higher Education has led The Methodist Church to unprecedented heights. This was reported at the joint annual meeting of the commission and the National Association of Methodist Schools and Colleges and at the earlier meeting of the Board of Education. The agencies met in Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 5-9. However, it was also reported that the commission sees the heights as only a toehold a little way up the cliff that needs to be climbed in higher education. In view of the tasks ahead, the commission voted to ask the General Conference to let the Division of Educational Institutions of the Board of Education continue promoting the higher education cause, which has been the commission's special responsibility.

but the result of a plan made several years ago. When I was asked to consider coming back into the editorial field in 1955, I replied that I was not at all interested, that I felt that the pastorate was the place for me. When, at length, I consented to take the job and became interested in it because of its opportunity of service in an area which was familiar, I still had doubts as to whether I had done the right thing. Those doubts grew stronger as time went on and I found that being an editor is still a lonely job for a man who loves people. The only thing that kept me going for five years was the opportunity of preaching almost every

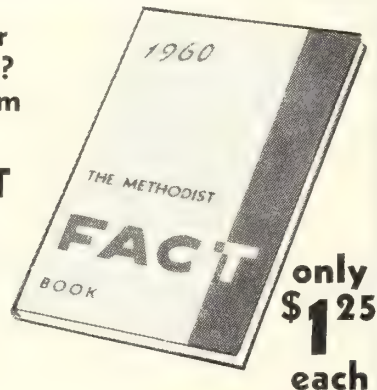
Sunday in some church, through the kindness of the pastors.

During the past 4½ years I have preached in more than 500 churches, met at least 50,000 Methodists and loved every minute of it. But I don't love, or even like, the chores of management or promotion.

And so it is that, despite my affection for the people of North Carolina churches and my feeling that there is a great opportunity with the *ADVOCATE*, I intend to go back to the work that I love more than all, the pastoral ministry and the writing of articles and books.

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# LETTERS

## From an Old Friend

Dear Editor:

I enjoy (the *ADVOCATE*) and don't want to miss an issue. I am sorry that you are resigning as editor. I enjoy your editorials so much. . . .

Sincerely,  
MRS. I. V. LOWDER.

## "A Real Methodist"

Dear Editor:

Being a real Methodist, I look forward to receiving this little Church paper each week and enjoy it very much. I find that it is too *big* to miss.

Sincerely,  
ELSIE GAY PACE.

Henderson, N. C.

## A Reader of "In Passing"

Dear Editor:

I feel very sad over your giving up being our editor, for I have enjoyed every article you have written, especially "In Passing."

I am an old woman and I have read and enjoyed the *ADVOCATE* all my life . . .

Sincerely,  
MRS. M. T. MANN.

Chapel Hill

## Improvement Noted

Dear Editor:

I have been greatly disappointed in the news that you are leaving the *ADVOCATE* . . . Let me say also that I think that the *ADVOCATE* has been improved in recent months with the new layout. I believe that the paper is more attractive than ever before and hope that we preachers will get out and build up the subscriptions to the point worthy of our church and its state paper.

Sincerely,  
(Rev.) LEROY SCOTT.

Gastonia, N. C.

## Just as He Expected

Dear Editor:

When I looked at the *ADVOCATE* this week I saw just what I had expected. After you announced your resignation, I knew many people across the state would ex-

press their regrets concerning this announcement. For you have endeared yourself to thousands of people who have been informed by your timely editorials, inspired by your newsy accounts, and blessed by the paper which you have so capably edited . . .

Sincerely,  
ERVIN S. COOK.

Concord, N. C.

## Surprise and Regret

Dear Editor:

It was not only with surprise but also with regret that I learned of your plans to give up your work as editor of the N. C. *CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE*.

In leaving the *ADVOCATE*, you can certainly take comfort in the realization that you have given us a good periodical. I have read it these many years with interest and appreciation.

I trust that your future work, whatever it may be, will prove just as stimulating and rewarding as have your past experiences in the church.

Sincerely,  
J. LEM STOKES II, Pres.

Pfeiffer College

## Likes the New Format

Dear Editor:

May we take this opportunity to congratulate all those affiliated with the *ADVOCATE* for the pleasant and attractive way that it has been made up during the past few weeks. Likewise, many readers at the Methodist Home have commented on the switch back to a better quality paper stock.

Sincerely,  
WILLARD S. FARROW, Bus. Manager  
The Methodist Home  
Charlotte, N. C.

**Editor's Note:** We are happy to note that the changes in format and stock have been received with approval by many of our readers. Just as we get ready to leave the job we are able to do several things that could not be done before. Ever since we took over as editor we have wanted to make these changes, but it has not been possible, for several reasons, until now. Give our managing editor, Mr. Park, credit for the fine appearance of the paper. Without him, the editor would be completely lost — not just a lost editor.

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## Editorial Brevities

Because of the importance of the Report on the Duke Endowment, printed in this issue, we have felt that we must give it plenty of space, and therefore have had to reduce the amount of general news in this issue. Pastors and laymen will find this report of great interest, and we suggest that they read it carefully.

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The Rev. Dr. Webb Garrison has resigned as president of McKendree College, Lebanon, Ill., to become pastor of Roberts Park Church, Indianapolis, Ind. He succeeds the Rev. Dr. Amos L. Boren, who transferred to the Hollywood Hills Church, Hollywood, Florida.

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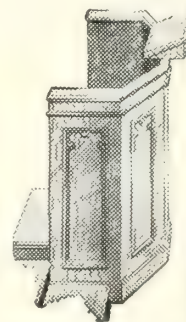
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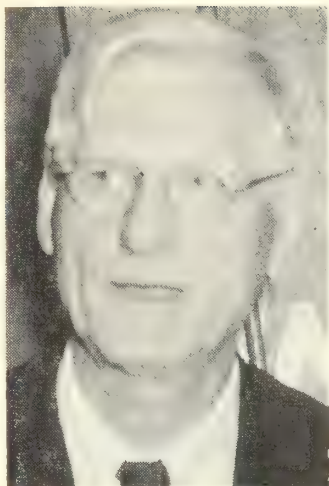
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DR. GILBERT T. ROWE

## Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe Dies in Durham

Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, retired member of the WNC Conference, died at his home in Durham on Wednesday, Feb. 10, at the age of 85. Dr. Rowe retired from his position as professor of Christian Doctrine in Duke University in 1948, a position he had held since 1928.

Holding some of the most prominent positions of leadership in The Methodist Church, he was successively professor of Greek in Hendrix College, pastor of leading churches in the WNC Conference, editor of the N. C. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE (1921), Book Editor of the M.E. Church, South, and editor of the Methodist Quarterly Review (1921-28), before coming to Duke University.

In addition to writing many scholarly articles, he was the author of two books, "The Meaning of Methodism," and "Reality in Religion."

During the last twelve years he had made his home in Durham. (A more extended account of his life will be printed later. Editor.)

## Two Qualify for Club Rate; Two for Honor Roll

Since the last report, the following churches have qualified on the Club Plan (20% of membership): Buie, Pembroke Circuit, Travis Owen, pastor; and Norman. Norman Charge, J. W. Hamilton, pastor.

Two churches have made the Honor Roll (10%): Maysville, Maysville Charge, J. T. Smith, pastor; and Hill's Chapel, Lowesville Charge, W. E. Fitzgerald, pastor.

## Charter 13,000th Club of Methodist Men

Charter No. 13,000 has just been issued by the General Board of Lay Activities to the Methodist Men's Club of Trinity Church, Mt. Prospect, Ill. This announcement was made Feb. 2 by Dr. Don L. Calame of Chicago, director of the board's department of Methodist Men.

# Carolina Briefs

ROLAND PRATT EARLY, father of the Rev. Joyce V. Early, pastor of Grace Church, Wilmington, died at his home in Raleigh, Jan. 28, after a long illness.

MR. FRED FALLS of Kings Mountain is now associated with Central Church, Spencer, as adult counselor for the Senior MYF. Mr. Falls is a senior at Pfeiffer College and is majoring in religious education.

A STORY by Mrs. Louise Wright, contributing editor of the ADVOCATE, in the current issue of *The Methodist Woman*, features the work of two WNC rural workers, Miss Laura Wells of Clay County and Miss Anita Benoy of Surry County.

MISS DEANNA BLANCO, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David R. Blanco of Winston-Salem, has been chosen a member of the May Court at Randolph-Macon College, Lynchburg, Va. She is a member of Centenary Methodist Church.

GEORGE WESLEY BLOUNT, son of the Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Blount, of Wesley Memorial Church, Raleigh, received the God and Country award at a recent service in his father's church. George is an officer of the local MYF, a member of the Honor Society of Josephus Daniel Junior High School, and received his license as a "ham" radio operator at the age of thirteen.

THREE BOY SCOUTS from the congregation of First Church, Mount Olive, received the God and Country Award at a recent service. They were: Danny Kornegay, Jimmy Kornegay, and D. C. Summerlin. Seven scouts have received the award during the past three years. Gray Geddie received the Eagle Scout award at the same time. . . . Nelson Gibson, NC Conference lay leader, will be the speaker here on Laymen's Day, March 13 and will install officers of Methodist Men. . . . The Rev. T. Marvin Vick of Queen Street Church, Kinston, will be guest minister for a series of services at this church, March 20-25.

## Improvements Made at First Church, Canton

A number of improvements have been made in the sanctuary at First Methodist Church, Canton. It has been completely re-decorated in shades of light green. The floors have been re-finished. The pews have been re-worked. Tile has been laid in the narthex. The altar rail and chancel area have been remodeled, making it more worshipful in appearance. Memorial brass candle-sticks have been given to the church, along with a robe and extension candle-lighter, which are used every Sunday by the boys of the Junior department.

Woodrow Robertson is general chairman of the improvement committee.

For two Sundays the congregation met in the Fellowship Hall, while these improvements were being made.

The women of the church, under the direction of Mrs. Ted Whitted, president of the WSCS, are planning to buy new carpet for the sanctuary. They have a number of projects to raise money for this purpose.

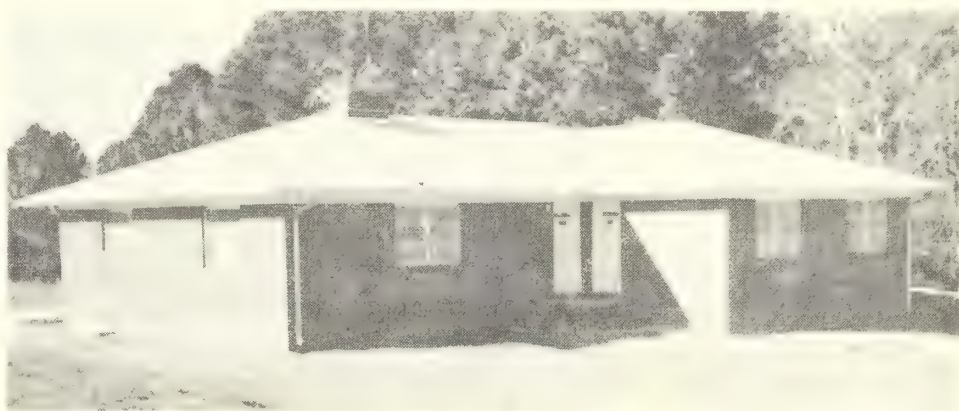
All the while, payments are being made to a building fund for a new sanctuary, which will be needed eventually.

A School of Missions has just been completed with an average attendance of around 75 for five sessions during the Sunday nights of January. There were three different age groups besides adults in this school.

At the Quarterly Conference last Sunday, it was reported by Superintendent Frank Smathers that First Church has already paid \$2,000 on its pledge to the Higher Education Campaign, which is right on schedule. The Rev. Miles McLean is pastor.

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Dr. J. Carlisle Holler of Columbia, S. C., is one of 20 school administrators chosen to participate in an international education exchange program which calls for an eight-week trip to Europe. Dr. Holler is director of South Carolina's Division of Instruction and is a member of the General Board of Lay Activities.



The attractive nine-room building pictured above is the new parsonage of the Ansonville Charge. Built at a cost of \$18,000, the house contains a living room, dining area, kitchen, family room, three bedrooms, 1½ baths, utility room and study, and is situated on Highway 52, just inside the Ansonville town limit.

Although the Ansonville Charge has only 298 members, there is neither a mortgage or a debt on the house, says the pastor, the Rev. L. H. Lawing. The plans for the parsonage were put in motion last spring when the Rev. Thor Hall was pastor. With the aid of District Superintendent Walter Miller, and the Charlotte Mission Society contribution of \$1,000, added to the \$5,000 received from the sale of the old parsonage, the congregation assumed and paid the remainder. Much work was donated by members and friends.



# EDITORIALS

## Who Won?

Television viewers all over America saw films taken at the recent "sit-down" strike in Greensboro lunchrooms. They heard the story of the students' attempt to dramatize a situation which they disliked, and they saw with their own eyes the actions of a few white hoodlums who sought to incite a riot.

They saw, on the other hand, the disciplined courtesy of both white and Negro adults who maintained friendly relations in the midst of the tension. They saw the firm, but polite manner of the city police who treated white and black alike and resolutely held the line against violence and insult.

After the establishments were cleared of patrons, the students from A&T College, who had staged the sit-down, broke into cheers. "It's all over," they shouted in jubilation, as they marched back to their school.

But was it over? And if it was, what had been accomplished?

The issue was still unresolved, racial relations in this very tolerant and friendly city had been strained, and two stores had lost thousands of dollars in business.

Perhaps the only gain was in one fact: The students had dramatized a situation which few white people realized existed. They had demonstrated the injustice of a rule which said that a Negro could eat standing up but not sitting down.

All that the students asked was the privilege of eating a meal for which they had paid in the comfort of a chair like other people.

## Too Good to Be True

We are always interested in news of mergers and prospective mergers, and when the word got out that the proposed union of three Methodist General Boards had been approved by the agencies involved we were delighted.

But we knew that there would be some sort of hitch before the matter came up for approval by the General Conference in April.

The hitch has come, and from the expected direction. Two of the Boards have voiced objections to the recommendation that one general secretary should administer the proposed new Board of Christian Social Concerns. Instead of having one general secretary, the Board of Temperance and the Interboard Com-

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"Art thou lonely, O my brother?  
Share thy little with another!  
Stretch a hand to one unfriended,  
And thy loneliness is ended."

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mission on Christian Social Relations recently voted to request that the new Board have three general secretaries, each to head a division.

If this request is agreed to by the Co-ordinating Council and the General Conference, much of the saving in money and energy envisioned by the merger will be lost. If there are to be three general secretaries, then it is probable that there will be one secretary in charge of the general secretaries and each general secretary will have to have the usual quota of assistants. Which, in the long run will mean that we will have added perhaps seven or eight men, increased the output of expensively printed literature, and made confusion worse confounded.

Some years ago The Methodist Church spent several hundred thousand dollars to have a survey made. It solemnly received that survey, paid off the makers and tabled the report. Since then, the machinery of our church has grown more complicated, the agencies have proliferated, magazines have multiplied like rabbits, and the bombardment of the pastor by the various "causes" (each provided with a staff of publicity men and women and an adequate amount of money) has grown to epic proportions.

We have no doubt that there will be no cut in the number of agencies or publications, no matter how many mergers are carried out. Methodism, like the U. S. Government (and most other churches, as well), is becoming so top-heavy with agencies that it is in danger of losing its enthusiasm while searching for efficiency.

## The Line Wouldn't Carry the Load

Hawthorne Lane Methodist Church in Charlotte was scheduled to broadcast its services on a recent Sunday, but to the dismay of minister and radio officials, the Word didn't get through. In vain they checked the equipment and the lines. Everything seemed to be in order,

yet no broadcast. During the next week technicians worked over the system and their trial experiments showed that everything seemed in perfect order. But the next Sunday the same thing happened again — no broadcast from Hawthorne Lane.

At last the trouble was found.

The line was all right as long as it was only being tested, but when the time for action came a faulty connection opened up and stopped the flow of power.

Said the pastor, the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, "This technical difficulty may be classified under the category of freak circumstances." And he is right.

But there are many Christians who suffer from the same trouble. They cannot carry the message through in times of stress. The line that only works sometimes is not dependable, for the poor connection usually breaks down when needed most.

## He Bought the New TV

The Rev. William A. Rock tells of a visit he made in the home of a Methodist layman who showed him a new TV set. Explaining his purchase, he said, "Well, our old one gave out and I got a new one. I don't have time to watch it and there is nothing worthwhile on when I do."

"A little later," said Mr. Rock, "we were discussing the *ADVOCATE* and he said, 'We used to take it, but we just let our subscription lapse. Didn't have time to read it. Don't even read the daily paper.'"

In telling the story, Pastor Rock added, "He had said just about the same thing about the TV and the *ADVOCATE*. He didn't have time to look at TV nor time to read the *ADVOCATE*. But he had put enough into a new TV set to pay for a lifetime subscription to the church paper."

That experience might be duplicated in the experience of most of our ministers who try to sell the conference organ. That's why so many of them become discouraged and quit, and we don't blame them—much. We get discouraged, too. But Bill Rock didn't quit and we imagine that he is going to send in a big list of subscribers, as he usually does.

Of course, if you are reading this editorial, you are not like the man mentioned in the story—unless, perhaps, your subscription is one of the 1,000 that have just expired and will be cut off next week.



## New Building Opened at Central, Concord



The formal opening for the new educational building at Central Methodist Church in Concord was held on Sunday, January 31, 1960. A special worship service was conducted at eleven o'clock. Former pastors, the Rev. George B. Clemmer and the Rev. W. A. Jenkins, along with Dr. Carl H. King of the Board of Education and the present pastor, the Rev. Julian Holmes, shared in the leading of the worship service. In the afternoon, from two until five o'clock, open house was held in the new building.

The new educational building is a three-

story structure and is air conditioned throughout. The building is of masonry and steel and has a total of 19,500 square feet. The cost of the new building and equipment and the renovation of the older educational building necessitated an expenditure of more than \$265,000.00. These facilities now make available to the church 22 classrooms, a church office, pastor's study, director's office, choir rooms, a library, a youth lounge and kitchen for the MYF, a fellowship hall with a stage and a seating capacity of more than 350, and a modern well-equipped kitchen.

## N. C. Council of Churches Sets New Date for Annual Meeting; Dr. Robbins Re-elected

The North Carolina Council of Churches which recently concluded its Annual Meeting in Charlotte, has announced acceptance of an invitation from White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, to hold its next annual session there. The dates set are January 30 to February 1, 1960. These dates will be a week later than those set during recent years, according to Morton R. Kurtz, council director, and are for the purpose of avoiding certain conflicts which have been a problem in the past. Denominational agencies and churches cooperating with the council are asked to avoid scheduling meetings during the dates of the annual meeting if at all possible. The sessions begin Monday evening, January 30, and conclude with lunch on Wednesday.

Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, president of Louisville College, was re-elected president of the council at its recent meeting.

Members newly elected to its executive

board include: The Rev. George R. Whitticar, St. James Lutheran Church, Concord, first vice-president; Voit Gilmore, Southern Pines businessman, and Presbyterian lay leader, second vice-president; Mrs. Harold J. Dudley, Raleigh, fourth vice-president and general chairman of United Church Women; President Emmett K. McLarty, Brevard College; President Carlyle A. Campbell, Meredith College, Raleigh; Bishop Herbert Spaugh, Moravian Church, Charlotte; President Samuel E. Duncan, Livingstone College, Salisbury; Mrs. Edgar F. Allen, Lenoir; Rev. Gaylord B. Noyce, United Church, Raleigh; Rev. William P. Price, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, High Point; Rev. I. Howard Chadwick, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Charlotte; Dr. W. J. Andes, Elon College Community Church (United Church of Christ); and Rev. George M. Webb, Shelby Presbyterian Church.

## A Nine-Cent Trip to Europe

Nine cents, a great deal of courage and determination, and a desire to serve God have taken a young Emory theology student to Europe and back again.

Keith Tonkel and two other young preachers hitch-hiked through the United States, Canada and Great Britain to learn and share.

"Our trip was dedicated to the proposition that all people are created with the capacity to love one another," said Keith.

"We started out from Jackson with a pile of luggage that would discourage any good Samaritan and a sign that said 'Montreal, please.'" "Later," said the young minister, "we added signs like 'Montreal, via Birmingham, please.'"

"Nobody thought we could do it, but we made it. One town in Canada we had to spend the night in jail but that was the only place where people didn't take us in."

The youthful preachers did make it to Montreal and by ship from there to England where they preached at many Methodist meetings.

"I even preached from John Wesley's pulpit in London," laughed Keith. "But it was to an empty auditorium and my sermon was brief. I just wanted to say I had been in Wesley's pulpit."

"What we really saw on our long hitch-hike was the goodness in the world. You only need to look for the good to find it, but need to look good."

Keith has told the story of his trip in a book, "Finally the Dawn," published by E. L. Mendenhall, Inc., of Kansas City, Mo.

The author is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Tonkel of Jackson, Miss. Now a freshman in theology at Emory, he is also assistant pastor at Northside Methodist Church in Atlanta.

Following graduation from college in 1958, Keith was found to have cancer. Medically, a year ago things looked dark indeed. But Keith has confounded the doctors.

Recently a doctor-friend said, "Why, you're as healthy as I am."

His reply, "Of course, Doc. We're lucky enough to have two great teams working for us — you and your colleagues — and Him and His."

## Bishop Harmon Has Busy Sunday

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon preached at the eleven o'clock hour on Feb. 7 at Christ Methodist Church, Greensboro, and dedicated altar furnishings given by members of the congregation. He was assisted by Dr. J. Clay Madison, district superintendent, and Pastor Mel Harbin.

At three o'clock Bishop Harmon and Superintendent Madison were at Friendship Church, near Monticello, where Bishop Harmon preached and dedicated the church which was completed several years ago but paid for only recently. The Rev. G. A. Hovis is the pastor.

Following the service, the bishop came back to Greensboro, from where he returned by bus to Charlotte.



# Donors Help With Support of Methodist Home for Children

Benefactors of the Methodist Home for Children, Raleigh, express in a very real and tangible way their interest, concern and love for the boys and girls. Contributions are always equally large in their good intent to not only keep the doors of the Home for Children open, but to extend the hand of improved services for boys and girls.

Mr. John Wilson Lane of Elizabeth City put his good intentions into effect with his cash gift of \$300.00 recently, and enclosed with it this very enlightening letter.

"To the Honorable Mr. C. A. Dillon, President of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Home for Children, Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Sir:

I am handing you herewith my check for \$300.00 which is a donation that I desire to make to the Methodist Home for Children in Wake County, Raleigh, North Carolina. And this is purely a donation to be used by the above named institution for its benefit as deemed best by its members and trustees.

Very respectfully,  
(Signed) JOHN WILSON LANE

P.S.: I'm in my 86th year, and my gross income including social security is less than \$825.00 annually. Lost my good wife November 6, 1958, age 80 years. Miss her beyond expression. Living alone except for a roomer. Have made so many black marks in life, I'm trying by God's help to get them blotted out and to make Heaven my home when I pass into that great beyond. Pray for me."

Mr. C. A. Dillon's response was this: "Mr. John Wilson Lane  
408 Pearl  
Elizabeth City, N. C.  
Dear Mr. Lane:

Your letter written January 5 with your personal check in the amount of \$300 made payable to The Methodist Home for Children touches me very deeply, and for The Methodist Home for Children and as chairman of the board of trustees, I want to thank you most sincerely. You have done a noble thing in this generous expression of your concern for and interest in The Methodist Home for Children. I am sure that you will experience much satisfaction in knowing that you are making it possible for these boys and girls who have no other home to have the comforts and the care made available to them by our Methodist Home for Children.

For one on your limited income to send such a generous check impresses me as being an expression of true religion for I remember that Saint James in his Epistle has clearly defined our Christian religion as follows: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and

to keep himself unspotted from the world." You can say that you thus qualify as practicing "pure religion."

You have my sympathy in the loneliness which you experience because of the death of your wife on November 6, 1958. However, I am sure that you will not forget to be grateful for the many years through which you had her companionship.

All of us have made our mistakes in life, but it is most commendable to find that you are trying by God's help to overcome any mistakes which you have made in the past which reminds me to quote one of the most comforting promises in the New Testament given by Saint John in his First Epistle, the first chapter, the ninth verse: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." This promise should be to you and the rest of us a source of great comfort, reminding us that through

the confession of our sins we experience forgiveness.

May the Lord bless you and reward you for your interest in our children.

Sincerely and gratefully yours,  
(Signed) C. A. DILLON

Expressing their gratitude for their happy home and for their parents with their contribution to less fortunate boys and girls, Shirley Jane, thirteen, and Barry M. Walker, eight, of Maple, N. C., wrote:

"Please take this money and buy some little boy or girl something for Christmas. We have a mother and daddy to do things for us, and we would like to do something for someone else."

To such fine people who every day rededicate themselves to Christian living and Christian giving is owed, to a great extent, the very existence of the Methodist Home for Children.

ROBERT L. NICKS, Supt.  
Methodist Home for Children  
Raleigh, N. C.

## North Carolina Conference Recreation Workshop to Gather One Hundred

One hundred youth and adult leaders of local church recreation are expected to gather for the North Carolina Conference Recreation Workshop, March 11-13, 1960, in Greenville, N. C. The workshop will meet at Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church, W. M. Howard, Jr., pastor.

Outstanding leadership has been secured for the gathering and will feature John Meares of Raleigh, the Rev. Troy Barrett, Warrenton; Bob Buckner, Goldsboro; Virginia Gregory, Raleigh; Mrs. Russell Dicks, Durham; and Kirk McNeil, Hamlet. Several qualified youth leaders have also been secured for the workshop.

The purpose of the workshop is to help youth and adults develop a Christian philosophy of the use of leisure time and to train selected leaders in planning and leading recreation in the local church. Other activities, which get under way at 3:00 p.m. Friday, March 11, with registration include ice-breakers, get-acquainted games, skits, party games, folk games, fellowship singing, and party planning.

Cost of the three-day workshop is \$9.00 (payable with application) and will include meals, insurance, registration, and other expenses. Delegates will be housed in private homes in Greenville. Application blanks may be secured from Box 6667, College Station, Durham,

N. C. Refunds will be made if notice is received by March 5.

In order to provide the best possible workshop, attendance will be limited to 100 persons. The desired proportion is 60 youth and 40 adults. However, applications will be received on a "first-come, first-served" basis. Get your application in today to be sure of a place.

The Recreation Workshop is sponsored by the Youth and Adult Divisions of the Board of Education, North Carolina Conference, The Methodist Church. The Rev. Harold Minor and the Rev. Bob McKenzie will serve as directors for the workshop. Additional information may be secured by writing either of the above named persons.

## Spend \$986,278,000 on Church Building

The Methodist Church spent \$986,278,000 on church building in the decade of the 1950's, an average of \$98,626,800 yearly, a specialist in church extension said at the annual meeting of the Board of Missions in Buck Hill Falls, Pa., Jan. 20. The Rev. Dr. B. P. Murphy of Philadelphia reported that the cost of church building in 1959 was \$115,006,000, which was about \$4,000,000 below the record year of 1958, but the second largest amount ever spent in one year for church extension. Dr. Murphy is the executive secretary for church extension of the Division of National Missions. The prospect is not in sight for any let-up in church construction, he added.



# Women Active in W. N. C. Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

Two new units of the Woman's Society of Christian Service have been organized in the Thomasville District, one at the Pleasant Hill Church on the Seagrove Charge and the other at the Julian Church in Randolph County.

The officers of the Pleasant Hill society are Mrs. Guy Scott, president; Mrs. Amos Hayes, vice-president; Mrs. John Craven, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Vernon Hayes, secretary of promotion; Mrs. Bobby Marsh, missionary education; Mrs. Charlie Scott, youth; Mrs. Malcolm Davis, literature and publications; and Mrs. W. S. Richardson, supply work.

The officers of the Julian society include Mrs. Alton Blackard, president; Mrs. Paul Gilmore, vice-president; Miss Elizabeth Hanner, secretary; Mrs. John R. Hardin, treasurer; Miss Elizabeth Hanner, promotion; Mrs. A. P. Browder, spiritual life; Mrs. George Pickett, supply work; Mrs. Lois Nall, missionary education; and Mrs. Las Brown, literature and publications.

## SALISBURY DISTRICT

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Salisbury District will have a Quiet Day Service on Friday, March 11, in the chapel at Pfeiffer College from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Miss Janet Robinson of Charlotte, teacher of Bible in the Charlotte High School for many years, will be the leader of the day apart. Mrs. F. T. Lisk of Albemarle is district secretary of Spiritual Life and is in charge of arrangements.

## MISSIONARIES FROM SALISBURY DISTRICT

The Salisbury District has six missionaries, five in the foreign field. Mrs. William Clayton, district president, reported to the Conference Executive Committee at their recent meeting at Pfeiffer College.

These missionaries are Miss Helen Overcash in Kentucky; the Rev. and Mrs. Jack Smith in Kahuku, Oahu; Mr. and Mrs. William Bingham in Brazil; and Miss Barbara Leonard in the Philippines.

Mrs. Clayton said, "We keep in touch with the missionaries from our district."

## DEACONESS ASSOCIATION TO MEET

The annual meeting of the Deaconess Association of the Western North Carolina Conference will be held at the Charlotte Bethlehem Center on February 25 at 10 a.m.

Deaconess Mary Floyd, chairman of the association, says that there are now 20 deaconesses in the Western North Carolina Conference. Eleven of this number are in active ministry and nine are retired.

She also said that there are 500 deaconesses in The Methodist Church.

## MONEY TALKS!

Miss Una Edwards, conference treasurer for the Woman's Society, reports that \$117,547.69 was sent to the Woman's Division of Christian Service from the women of the Western North Carolina Conference for the 1st and 2nd quarters of the current year.

This total included the following items: Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild pledge to missions, \$71,815.50; Youth, \$2,463; Children, \$94; making a total of \$74,372.73 on appropriations.

The Week of Prayer offering was \$5,927; cash for supplies, \$18,322; and supplementary gifts, \$18,924.

Miss Mary Bright, treasurer of Wesleyan Service Guilds, reports the Guild total as \$17,102.26, for the first two quarters.

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More than two-thirds of the 16 annual conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction have participated in a total enlistment emphasis and others are expected to take part between now and Easter, according to the Rev. Dr. D. Trigg James of Atlanta, an executive secretary of the Jurisdictional Council.

## Junaluska Woman Official Delegate at Australian Church Meeting

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

Miss Louise Ballard of Lake Junaluska will be the only American in the group of official delegates at the meeting of the National Council of Australian Churches to be held in Melbourne, Australia, in the near future.

Miss Ballard is spending six months in Australia as the guest of Sir Frederick Stewart and Lady Stewart in Sydney, Australia.

It is considered quite an honor for Miss Ballard to be included in the list of official delegates. She will be one of 70 delegates of the Methodist Church in Australia. She writes that, "There will be twenty Protestant denominations and the Roman Catholic Church is sending two observers for the ten-day meeting."

In a letter to Mrs. James W. Fowler, Jr., of Lake Junaluska, Miss Ballard tells of the discussion groups to be held at the ten-day Council meeting. She says, "We will have Bible study groups and these are the five discussion groups: (1) 'The Authority of God'; (2) 'The Evangelistic Responsibility of Australian Churches in Their World Setting'; (3) 'Ethical Problems of Economic Aid and Technical Assistance'; (4) 'The Life of the Church in an Industrial Community'; (5) 'The Life of the Local Congregation.'"

Miss Ballard is looking forward to the challenge of these subjects, for she writes: "It sounds wonderful, does it not? There will be speakers from India, etc. I hope that I can take advantage of every minute."

The story of this across-the-seas friendship began on the shores of Lake Junaluska in June 1958. Sir Frederick and Lady Stewart were at Lake Junaluska so that she might attend the meeting of the World Federation of Methodist Women in session at that time. Lady Stewart met Miss Louise Ballard and her sister, Miss Ray Ballard, who were assisting Mrs. James Fowler in being one of the hostesses for the world convocation.

The Stewarts were VERY interested in Lake Junaluska — how it had its beginnings, how it was planned and built, what need it fulfilled in the Methodist churches

This total included these items: Mission pledge, \$10,584; special memberships, \$295; cultivation fund, \$1,007; Week of Prayer offering, \$760; cash for supply work, \$1,563; magazine and picture fund, \$219; missionaries' salary, \$405; Pfeiffer College, \$29; love offering, \$2,235.

of the Southeastern Jurisdiction. They wondered about the possibility of Australia having its own "Lake Junaluska" with a summer program for all departments of church work. In fact, they thought of a spot where such a summer assembly ground might be built.

Then Sir Frederick and Lady Stewart thought how wonderful it would be to have Miss Ballard come to Australia and visit them — then they would have all of their good, practical advice right at hand!

Of course, now that Miss Ballard is there, there are many other interesting things taking place. She writes: "In my greatest anticipation I never dreamed that all these experiences would be mine. Other than all the beautiful and delightful parties, tours, (the Garden Club of Australia has just outdone itself in activities), we have been on interesting and informative trips, such as going away three days last week that I might see the farmlands, sheep stations, orchards, (still seems odd to see oranges growing on trees while the temperature is in the 80's, also we are revelling in watermelons, cantaloupes, cherries, peaches, etc. It does not seem possible in January.)"

"This week we are going down to Canberra (the capital), the Snowy Mountains and see the Hydraulic Stations which were ten years in the building and construction and cost eighty million pounds. Since Sir Frederick has held every portfolio in the government but one, it is 'Open Sesame' to everything one would want to see and do."

Miss Ballard sends greetings to her friends in western North Carolina by saying, "I wish you a very happy and peaceful New Year, if one may do such after January has advanced thus far in January. But good wishes from the heart should be timely always, should they not?"

Miss Ballard is the former state president of the North Carolina Federation of Garden Clubs. She also served as a special term missionary to China under the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church. She has taken a prominent part in the work of the Woman's Society in the Waynesville District and also in the Western North Carolina Conference.



# Vacation Church Schools a Summer Opportunity

By LOUISE ROBINSON

"The Church" is the recommended theme for vacation church schools this summer. Churches which provide this opportunity for their boys and girls will help them grow in an understanding of the church as a Christian fellowship. They will seek to help each pupil find his rightful place and to assume his own responsibility in the church.

## District Conferences on Christian Education Training the Vacation Church School Worker

To help each local church make such provision for the Christian nurture of its boys and girls, courses for vacation church school leaders will again this year be included in our district conferences on Christian Education to be held in each district in March or April.

Responsibility for selection of persons to attend belongs to the commission on education. Any person selected to teach in the vacation church school will find the discussion helpful. A minimum from each church should include the minister or director of the vacation church school, a kindergarten worker, a primary worker, a junior worker, and a junior high worker.

## Texts Available for Each Class

Texts which have been chosen to help churches carry out these purposes in vacation church school will be on sale in each group at the district conferences on Christian Education. It will help to conserve time for teaching and to avoid confusion if each worker will bring correct change for the desired texts. The materials which will be on sale are as follows:

### Kindergarten

Teacher's Book, *Together in Our Church* by Bernice E. Lyon (\$1.00)  
Pupil's Book, *We Learn at Church* by Lyon (.20¢)

### Primary

*Everyone Needs a Church* by Lois Eddy McDonnell. (Teacher's Book \$1.00—Pupil's Book .25¢)

### Junior

1. For Group and Broadly Graded Churches: (This course to be offered in all District Conferences on Christian Education)  
*The Church Around the World* by Mabel Brehm. (Teacher's Book \$1.00—Pupil's Book .30¢)
2. For Closely Graded Churches: (This course also will be offered in the following District Conferences: Charlotte, Gastonia, Greensboro, Salisbury, Statesville, Thomasville and Winston-Salem)  
Teacher's Book—*The Story and Work of the Methodist Church* by Constance Rumbough—\$.75¢  
Pupil's Book—*John Wesley* by May McNeer and Lynd Ward—\$1.25

### Junior High

Teacher's Book—*The Church in Today's World* by Olive L. Johnson and Frances M. Nall—\$1.00  
Pupil's Book—*The Church in Today's World* by Olive L. Johnson and Frances M. Nall—.75¢

## District Superintendents and District Directors Promote

The following district superintendents and district directors of children's work are working with the conference staff in scheduling, promoting, and carrying on the district conferences on Christian Education to help local churches provide this rich opportunity for Christian nurture of their boys and girls through vacation church schools:

*Asheville District:* Robert G. Tuttle and Mrs. G. M. Lookabill.

*Charlotte District:* Walter J. Miller, Miss Kate Crowell and Mrs. Dix Sarsfield.

*Gastonia District:* Dr. E. C. Few and Mrs. Douglas French.

*Greensboro District:* Dr. J. Clay Madison and Mrs. David J. Robinson.

*Marion District:* J. E. Yountz and Miss Margaret McGimsey.

*North Wilkesboro District:* Garland R. Stafford and Mrs. Julius A. Rousseau, Jr.

*Salisbury District:* Paul Townsend, Mrs. W. P. Moore, Mrs. J. B. Hough and Mrs. Cullen Moss.

*Statesville District:* J. Elwood Carroll and Mrs. S. A. Rhyne.

*Thomasville District:* John H. Carper and Mrs. W. F. Perkins.

*Waynesville District:* Frank C. Smathers and Mrs. David Hyatt.

*Winston-Salem District:* Lee F. Tuttle and Mrs. Howard Chafin.

## All Texts New—No Mimeographed Outlines

Since all textbooks are new and contain adequate guidance for teachers on how to plan as well as on what to plan, mimeographed suggestions will not be prepared by the conference office. For best results in the discussion groups it is imperative for every teacher to secure the text in advance or come prepared to buy it at the beginning of the class.

## North Carolina Missionary Assigned to Chile

By MARY GARDNER

The North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service has a new representative in Latin America. She is Sudie Hunt Doughton of Durham. A native of Charlotte, the 23-year-old special term missionary is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Doughton and a member of Asbury Methodist Church, Durham.

Sudie Hunt received her higher education at Duke University and the University of Tennessee, where she majored in history, home economics, education, and specialization in crafts.

While at the two universities, Sudie Hunt's extra-curricular activities included publicity and worship chairman of the Wesley Foundations, chairman World Christian Community and Home Economics Club, vice-president East Tennessee

Student Christian Council, and work with drama groups and a concert band. Among her other activities Sudie Hunt has held several offices in the Methodist Youth Fellowship on conference, subdistrict, and local levels; has served as a member of conference deputation teams, and as delegate to the National Methodist Student Conference in Kansas.

Currently, Sudie Hunt is enrolled in the Spanish Language School in Costa Rica, from which she will be sent in mid-April to Sweet Memorial Institute, Santiago, Chile, to begin her work. Sudie Hunt is sponsored by the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Sweet Memorial Institute was established in 1924 from gifts of the Sweet Family of Topeka, Kansas. The original building, burned in 1946, has been replaced with gifts from Methodists of the United States, the Chile government, and numerous friends. It is a project of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Sudie Hunt Doughton's present address is: Aparpado 2240, San Jose, Costa Rica.

## Coupons for M. H. C. Pay Dividends

By MARY GARDNER

Collections totaling \$1,164.78 from Premium Associates, Inc., and other coupons sent the Methodist Home for Children in Raleigh during 1959 represented an increase of \$364.73 over 1958.

Women throughout the N. C. Conference have cooperated in the Coupon Campaign since its inception in 1932. The money collected from Premium Associates, Inc., coupons is used to purchase needed equipment for the Home. Currently, new laundry equipment is being paid for through collections of these coupons. Among valid coupons from Premium Associates products are Borden's Evaporated Milk, Luzianne Coffee and Tea, Octagon Soap and Detergent, Calumet Baking Powder, Mrs. Filbert's Margarine and Salad Products. Also, Austex Canned Meats, Jet and Bonus Dog and Cat Foods, Pride of Illinois and Joan of Arc Canned Vegetables, and Skinner Macaroni, Raisin Brand, and Raisin Wheat Cereals.

The goal for 1960 Premium Associates Coupon Collections is \$1,000.

Students graduating from high school and leaving the Home for college, etc., have immediate needs. The pictures of the little pig clipped from each package of Jesse Jones Meat Products is directed to the Student Benefit Fund.

Mrs. Gurney P. Hood, of Raleigh, conference chairman of the Coupon Campaign, is urging that an interested woman be appointed in each local society in the conference who would collect and send eligible coupons to Mrs. Edward Russell, the Methodist Home for Children, Raleigh, N. C. Advertising materials and other information concerning the campaign may also be obtained from Mrs. Russell.

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A man is tallest on his knees. In that position he stretches clear up into heaven itself.



# News from the Districts

## Statesville

*Dr. J. Elwood Carroll, D.S.*

The Statesville District Conference was held Thursday, January 7, in the beautiful, contemporary-designed Fairgrove Church with the host pastor, the Rev. Zane Grey Norton, presenting a devotional message on "Goal Posts: Success or Service?"

The program, arranged by the district superintendent, the Rev. Dr. J. Elwood Carroll, provided opportunities for the various directors of the lines of service to speak to their reports, which were contained in an attractive brochure distributed to the delegates upon their arrival at the seat of the conference.

Among those interpreting salient facts of their written reports were: J. S. Bellamy (adult work); Miss Ramona Morton (youth work); Paul D. Lowder (Christian vocations); Charles E. Bruce (evangelism); G. E. White (temperance); D. K. Funderburk (Bible society); Zane G. Morton (N. C. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE); C. Marvin Boggs (missions); Robert M. Hardee (world peace); Donald W. Haynes (town and country); M. T. Hipps (golden cross), and Mrs. W. E. Marlow (Woman's Society of Christian Service).

The statistical reports include the following facts: world service, accepted, \$50,023, paid to date, \$25,838; a total acceptance of advance mission specials in the amount of \$47,280, paid, \$18,729; received on profession of faith, 185; received otherwise, 317; total accessions, 502.

Two candidates were granted licenses as local preachers: Norman Gerald "Jerry" Barrier, Broad Street, Statesville; and Powell Lahmon Wilkins, Jr., Wesley Memorial, Statesville.

The Rev. William Grady Benfield, student at Candler School of Theology; the Rev. David Adam Yount, student at Duke Divinity School, and the Rev. Levi E. Paschal, pastor of Shiloh Church (Catawba County) were recommended to the Western North Carolina Annual Conference for admission on trial: the Rev. Charles E. Bruce, pastor of the West Iredell Charge; the Rev. Tracy H. Streater, pastor of the Littlejohn-Gamewell Charge, and the Rev. William H. Pheagin, Jr., pastor of the New Salem Church, were recommended for full connection in the Western North Carolina Annual Conference. The Rev. Bryson C. Sweezy, pastor of Jones Memorial, Mooresville; the Rev. Olin Bernis Isenhour, student at Duke Divinity School, and the Rev. W. G. Benfield were recommended for deacon's orders. The Rev. Parker Holmes Hager was recommended for re-admission to the conference.

Representatives of conference organizations in attendance and making presentations to the conference were: the Rev. A. J. Clemmer (Pfeiffer); Dr. Harold Hutson (Greensboro College); Dr. Fletcher Nelson (Higher Education); Dr. Horace McSwain (Missions); Mr. Jack Hoyle (Children's Home); and Dr. H. G. Allen (Brotherhood).

The highlights of the program were the emphasis upon missions which featured an address by the Rev. Donald K. Funderburk, pastor of Triplett Church (the conference moved, seconded, and adopted a resolution that a copy of his address be sent to the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE for printing in its pages); words of greeting and farewell from Miss Jewel Lineberger, R.N., of the Mt. Pleasant Church (Terrell Charge) who leaves soon for Ganta Mission, Liberia, to work with Dr. George Harley; words from Miss Lelia Tuttle, former missionary to China, and a closing inspirational message by Miss Elizabeth Lee, executive-secretary for the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

The conference will meet next year at Broad Street Church, Mooresville.

*C. MARVIN BOGGS, Secretary*

## West Bend Holds Open House In New Building

Members and friends of West Bend Church, Asheboro, had the pleasure of viewing the new education building at the open house held on Feb. 4.

More than fifty years old, West Bend was named for its location in the bend of the old Albemarle road, on the outskirts of Asheboro. Now the church is in the midst of a thriving city development and is keeping step with life about it.

The new building, which will house all activities of the Sunday School and wor-

ship services, was built last year at a cost of \$91,456. Of contemporary design, it consists of a fellowship hall, a chapel-library combination, 13 classrooms, a youth activities room, pastor's study, sacristy, kitchen, storage rooms and a utility room. The building, erected on a split-level plan, is composed of three main sections, for children, youth and adults, with the fellowship hall (which now serves as a sanctuary) in the center.

Ground was broken for the new building in November of 1958, and the work went forward during the next year, under the leadership of the pastor, the Rev. Kenneth Johnson, and the church officials.

## Seven Leaders to Preach at Gastonia Church

Under the title, "Seven Great Services with Seven Great Servants," Bradley Memorial Church, Gastonia, has planned a seven-Sunday schedule of preaching by well-known ministers. During this period, beginning March 3 and ending April 14, the congregation will hear, in this order, Dr. John Brokhoff, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Charlotte; Dr. Roy O. McClain, First Baptist Church, Atlanta; Dr. John Redhead, First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro; Dr. Albert P. Shirkey, Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church, Washington; Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, First Methodist Church, Dallas, Tex.; Dr. Roy Angell, Central Baptist Church, Miami, Fla.; and Dr. Pierce Harris, First Methodist Church, Atlanta.

The pastor, the Rev. Calvin Leonard, invites visitors to these services.

## Methodist Headquarters Building to Open in Statesville Feb. 22

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon will formally open the Methodist Building in Statesville on Monday, February 22, at ten o'clock. The building has been in use since the first of the current year.

The Western North Carolina conference has constructed an office building at 828 Wesley Drive, Statesville, for the use of connectional workers of the conference. Currently, the Methodist Building is being used by the Board of Education, the Board of Missions, the Commission on Town and Country Work and the Conference Historical Society. The Historical Society has no paid employed workers in the building, but does have a vault for storing Secretary White's records and other historical manuscripts, and an adjoining reading room where such materials may be used. Staff members of the Board of Education are moving from Salisbury, and officers of the other officials are being moved from their homes in Statesville. Members of the boards using the building are being invited to the opening service.

The Methodist Building has been erected by the Western North Carolina Conference and interested friends. The functional type building was planned by Andrew L.

Pendleton, Jr., architect of Design Associates, Statesville, and represents a value of approximately \$125,000, of which more than twenty thousand dollars have been donated by Statesville and Hickory friends. The Methodist Building contains 6,800 square feet of space on one floor, is air-conditioned, and located on a two and one-half acre lot across the street from the new Wesley Memorial Methodist Church. Statesville was chosen for the location of the new conference building because of its central location in the conference and the donation of the building lot by Gordon L. Wilson, of Statesville.

The Methodist Building has been created out of about five years of planning, and represents the needs of the boards of the conference. Construction has been under the supervision of the board of Trustees composed of J. Elwood Carroll, James G. Huggin, Gordon L. Goodson, J. Edward Stowe, James E. Pugh, and Flake Sherrill. Following the opening, the Methodist Building will open to friends and guests on week days.

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Step out! Nobody makes footprints on the sands of time by sitting on it.





REV. LINWOOD BLACKBURN

## Linwood Blackburn Is Missions Purchasing Agent

The Rev. Linwood E. Blackburn, Norwalk, Conn., and Fayetteville, N. C., has been elected purchasing agent of the Methodist Board of Missions. He was elected at the Board's annual meeting in January at Buck Hill Falls, Pa.

In this position, Mr. Blackburn will handle the purchasing of supplies and equipment for Methodist missionaries around the world. The volume amounts to almost \$800,000 yearly. Mr. Blackburn has his office at Board of Missions headquarters, 475 Riverside Drive in New York City.

Born in Wayne County, N. C., Mr. Blackburn spent his early life there and attended the Goldsboro, N. C., High School. He took both college and seminary work at Duke University, Durham, N. C., and holds the bachelor of arts and bachelor of divinity degrees. He has done graduate study at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., and the Kennedy School of Missions, Hartford, Conn.

After graduation from seminary, Mr. Blackburn went to Angola, Africa, as a Methodist missionary, where he served about 14 years. At first he was an educator and evangelist at the interior Quessua mission station. Later he worked in the coastal city of Luanda (population 180,000) as director of a large Christian social center and supervisor of the Methodist urban evangelistic program.

Mr. Blackburn has been pastor of the First Methodist Church of Pembroke, N. C., and is a member of the Angola Methodist Conference. Before his election as purchasing agent, he had been on the Board's purchasing staff for about three years.

## Ecumenical Consultation

A commission on ecumenical consultation, set up by the Council of Bishops, met in Evanston, Ill., Jan. 28-30 under the chairmanship of Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Des Moines, Ia. A response to a document being prepared for the World Council of Churches' Third Assembly in Delhi in 1961 will be drawn up by a committee headed by the Rev. Dr. Harold A. Bosley, pastor of First Church, Evanston.

## Methodist Center Proposed For Washington, D. C.

Washington, D. C.—A choice 18-acre site in the Nation's Capital will be offered to the General Conference of The Methodist Church as the location of a possible church center.

The Methodist Board of Temperance, owner of the property, approved a resolution to this effect at its annual meeting here Jan. 27-29.

The resolution was approved earlier by a special committee composed of representatives of the Council of Bishops, the Council on World Service and Finance, and the Co-ordinating Council.

The offer will be presented to the General Conference when it opens its quadrennial sessions April 27 in Denver, Colo.

The Co-ordinating Council plans to recommend that the General Conference establish a special committee of 30 persons, including three from each of Methodism's six jurisdictions, which would incorporate as an authorized agency to handle the property during the next four years.

Other than the General Conference, The Methodist Church has no agency at present which is empowered to buy and maintain property in the interest of the general church.

The Board of Temperance purchased the tract for \$1,500,000 in 1957 when it appeared that the federal government would pre-empt the Methodist Building here on Capitol Hill. Congress has postponed action, but it is believed that the government will eventually acquire the site as a part of its expansion program.

The 18-acre tract to be offered to General Conference borders the campuses of two Methodist institutions — American University and Wesley Theological Seminary — and is adjacent to the Metropolitan Methodist Church. Nearby is another Methodist institution, the new \$8,000,000 Sibley Hospital and School of Nursing, now under construction.

At the time of purchase Bishop John Wesley Lord of Boston, Mass., president of the Board of Temperance, said, "We have made possible a site for a great Methodist center if the church desires it."

If the General Conference accepts the property, it would reimburse the Board of Temperance and assume the indebtedness.

Presumably, any plans for a Methodist center would be placed in the hands of the General Conference's special committee for study and recommendation at the 1964 sessions.

The Protestant Episcopal and the Roman Catholic churches have centers in the National Capitol in connection with great cathedrals. The United Presbyterian Church recently announced plans for a \$10,000,000 center to be built on land adjoining the Methodist tract.

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"A drunken America cannot hope to be strong enough for great leadership to a distraught and disenchanted world. We cannot remain a gluttonous island of plenty in a turbulent sea of poverty. We cannot safeguard the interests of the free world half-drunk and half-sober."

—The Rev. Dr. Caradine R. Hooton

## New Missionary Executive



Mrs. Porter Brown, of Salina, Kansas, and New York City, has been elected to the newly-created post of general secretary of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, of the Board of Missions, Methodist Church. She has been treasurer of the Division since September 1958. In her new post, she will head a staff of 43 departmental executives.

## Bad Weather "Good" Says Harry Denman

Nashville, Tenn.—Bad weather evangelism was recommended here by Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, general secretary of the Methodist Board of Evangelism, at a national workshop on evangelism.

"Go ahead and schedule your visitation evangelism when the weather's bad," Dr. Denman told the nearly 100 local-church directors of evangelism attending. "Not only are the people more likely to be home, but then they will know you are in earnest."

Dr. Denman told the directors, most of them associate pastors or laymen from large churches, that their primary responsibility is not to visit prospective members.

"Your main responsibility," he said, "is to enlist, train and direct laymen in visiting prospective members."

"Of course," he added, "you have to set the example."

The meeting, sponsored by the Board of Evangelism, was held February 1-5 at the board's headquarters.

Workshop instructor in evangelistic methods was the Rev. Joseph T. Edwards, Detroit, director of Methodist evangelism for Michigan.

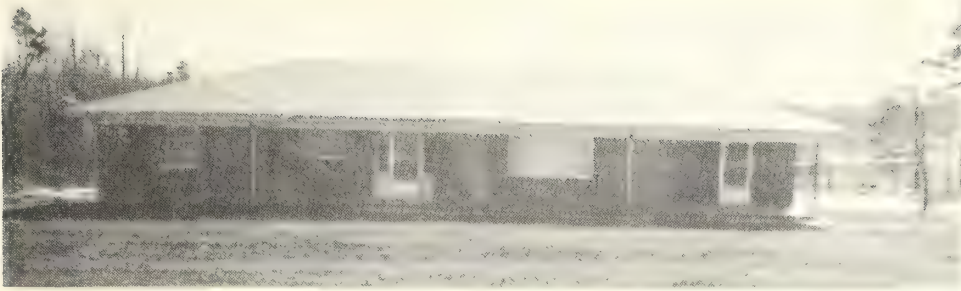
## Puerto Rican Gains

The Methodist Church is growing faster in Puerto Rico than in virtually any other U. S. area, Bishop Fred P. Corson of Philadelphia said at the Puerto Rico Provisional Conference meeting in San Juan Jan. 27-31. "All too often the church appears to be static in the mainland U. S.," he said, "but in Puerto Rico growth has outstripped the resources we can make available to it. We could establish 20 new churches here tomorrow and have no trouble filling them with members if we had sufficient leaders and resources in money," he said.

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God never expects any man to do more than his level best.





Valued at \$28,000, the new Woodleaf Charge parsonage is an eight-room brick house, containing three bedrooms, a large living-and-dining room, a paneled study and den, two baths and a kitchen, with all appliances built in. There is a full basement with garage, and the home is completely air-conditioned. The congregation is proud of the fact that the parsonage was begun on Thanksgiving Day, 1958, without any funds on hand, and was completed last May with only a small amount remaining on the debt. This is expected to be paid within a few months, according to Pastor Herbert C. Davis.

## The ABC's of Christian Social Relations

By MARY GARDNER

Mrs. Ralph Aldridge, of Yanceyville, has composed some ABC's of Christian Social Relations involving spiritual enrichment for people who practice them and for those whose lives these practitioners touch.

They are:

**A**—Alter our lives by taking circumstances beyond our control and committing them to God.

**B**—Believe the Christmas story.

**C**—Cease to fret and worry by walking closer with Him.

**D**—Daily Devotions.

**E**—Eyes open to the needs of others near and far.

**F**—Follow the teachings of Christ.

**G**—Give Christ our hearts for service.

**H**—Head up all activities with the standards of God rather than those of man.

**I**—In quietness and confidence find new strength.

**J**—Just a plain visit with a shut-in.

**K**—Kindness in every thought and action.

**L**—Lift Christ up through love for Him and our fellow man.

**M**—More time to do the things Christ would have His followers do.

**N**—Never fail to stand for Christ.

**O**—Open our homes and hearts to the One who died for our sins.

**P**—Pattern our lives after Jesus.

**Q**—Quietly speak your Christian convictions.

**R**—Rest assured that He will not fail those who seek Him.

**S**—Sacrifice something for the Christ child.

**T**—Thank God for His goodness.

**U**—Upon the highway of life, follow God's laws and directions.

**V**—Vacate those rooms in our hearts which are occupied with undesirables.

**W**—Wait on the Lord.

**X**—X-ray our souls—there may be a spiritual disease that will destroy.

**Y**—Year's subscription to a spiritual magazine for a youth or shut-in.

**Z**—Zealous to do our best for Christ regardless of the discipline He requires.

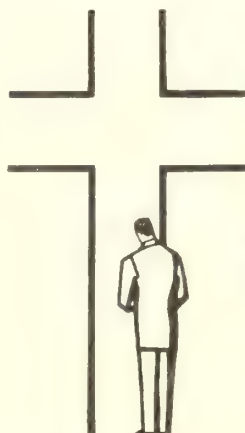
Mrs. Aldridge is Secretary of Christian Social Relations for the Burlington District Woman's Society of Christian Service.

## General Funds Receipts Show 7.47% Increase

Two-thirds of the way through the fiscal year, receipts for general benevolence funds are 7.47 per cent ahead of the same time a year ago. The Rev. Thomas B. Lugg, general secretary and treasurer of the church's Council on World Service and Finance, Chicago, issued an eight-month statement covering the period from June 1, 1959, through Jan. 31, 1960. World Service, the largest and most basic benevolence, had received \$6,326,205.85 — a gain of 2.99 per cent.

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—Bishop Gerald Kennedy



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## SELF-GIVING IN CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Background Scripture: Acts 20 through 21:16  
Lesson Scripture: Acts 20:18-21, 28-35

A sub-title suggested for our lesson is: *How Are Good Churchmen Developed?* A real hard look at this question may show that more is involved than regular attendance and regular contributions — though these are certainly not to be scorned.

In our Scripture lesson for today we see the great apostle Paul in one of the most moving scenes in the New Testament. He was leaving his friends in Ephesus and going to Jerusalem. He hoped this trip would enable him to present the funds he had been collecting for the Jerusalem Church, and then start on his long-dreamed of trip to Spain. But there were many signs that he might encounter strong opposition from the Jews, and this proved to be the case.

At any rate, his leave-taking from his friends at Ephesus was fraught with many solemn overtones. Both he and the leaders of the Ephesian Church felt this might be the last time they would ever see each other. Naturally, Paul wanted to impress them deeply with his hopes for their future and to warn them about certain difficulties and problems which lay in their path.

It is well to remember that Paul was not speaking to clergymen, but to laymen. The rites of ordination had not then become a part of the church's practice. So to these lay people the apostle says "Feed the church of the Lord which he obtained with his own blood." This ought to remind us of one of Protestantism's most precious (and yet most often neglected) doctrines: the priesthood of all believers. It means that the work of faith is not alone that of the official clergy, but that every member of the church is to do the work of a priest, namely, of helping others find God and be found by Him.

The apostle also warned them of divisions that would appear within the fellowship — bitter divisions, that would set one group over against another in hatred and hostility. How prophetic was this warning! Perhaps we could say that more harm has been done to the Christian cause by religious wars and strife than has been caused by outright opposition from evil forces outside. If inner conflict is unfortunate in a business, or an athletic team, or a school, how much more so in a Christian group! To prevent this state of affairs from developing the apostle says: "I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up." If we as Christians of today would learn the meaning of this, and avail ourselves more completely of the means of grace that are ours, we should find ourselves "in love and charity with our neighbors" and thus reduce the conflicts which hinder the work of the church.

A final way of self-giving through Christian service is by helping the weak (see verse 35). In urging the Ephesians to follow his own example here, Paul also reminded them of a saying of Jesus that occurs nowhere in the gospels: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." We can readily imagine a dozen ways this command can be carried out. We think of the influence each Christian exerts over others, of the need of material goods that our generosity may help fill — both at home and abroad, of the need of encouragement to those who find the road of life hard and steep, of the struggling churches we might help, of service in our own church, etc.

We need greatly to get over the idea that the church is a sort of club where we pay our "dues" and get certain services in return. We need to know that each of us can be the church in action wherever we live and work. More-over through our wonderful program of world service our gifts may reach to the ends of the earth in helpful and healing ways. In these ways, and many others, self-giving in Christian service may become a reality for you and for me.

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# Church Building Programs in the Rural Areas of the State of North Carolina

Remarks made by Randolph E. DuMont, Treasurer of the Duke Endowment, at a meeting held November 3, 1959, at Duke University, Durham, N. C. with Bishop Nolan B. Harmon and his Cabinet and registered architects who reside in the Western North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church

It is a pleasure to meet with you today to discuss matters pertaining to church architecture in the rural areas of the Western North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church.

On several occasions over the past two years, we have addressed certain groups on the subjects of rural church architecture, and we hope that those of you who were then present will not find what is said today to be too repetitious.

Although a program for improving architecture is well under way in the North Carolina Conference, the discussions of today center upon the Western North Carolina Conference to determine if a program should be developed in that conference based upon ideas and plans which will be of particular interest and benefit to that conference.

Several years ago, immediately following a meeting of our rural church committee in Durham, at which time applications from congregations for assistance in their building projects were reviewed and screened, the thought occurred that surely there must be enough architects scattered throughout North Carolina who would be willing to consult with congregations in their particular areas in an effort to bring to that area attractive churches.

We contacted both Bishop Harmon and Bishop Garber and told them of our interest in helping to improve the architectural appearance of rural Methodist churches and inquired if they would consider appointing a conference committee to be known as "The Bishop's Committee on Church Architecture" which committee would to a large degree be composed of registered architects residing in the various districts of their conference.

Both Bishop Harmon and Bishop Garber indicated that this idea carried merit and expressed an interest in having a program for the improvement of church architecture developed within their respective conferences.

Since the North Carolina Conference is the smaller and the more rural, a program was inaugurated in that conference on sort of a pilot run to determine what might be accomplished, and we sincerely believe that much has been accomplished to date and with each pass-

ing month the program appears to become more effective.

One thing which we have learned is that such a program must be basically educational in contacting the various congregations.

During the past thirty-odd years, assignments have taken me deep within the financial records and history of the Duke family and through these records runs a consistent pattern of philanthropic giving. This pattern runs back to the life of Mr. Washington Duke, father of Mr. James B. Duke and Mr. Benjamin N. Duke.

Together with other giving and long before the Duke Endowment was established, Mr. James B. Duke established and maintained a fund which was administered through Trinity College and identified as the James B. Duke Church Extension Fund. On many occasions, Mr. James B. Duke expressed his appreciation of the ministry which had come into his home during the early years of his life through the medium of the circuit rider, and this ministry undoubtedly carried considerable weight during the years he was thinking out and planning what was destined to become the Duke Endowment.

Prior to the establishment of the Duke Endowment, Mr. Duke's contributions were, to a large extent, to institutions and for purposes which particularly held his interest, but on December 11, 1924, he vastly expanded his philanthropy by establishing the Duke Endowment to provide in some measure for the needs of mankind along physical, mental and spiritual lines. Today, the Duke Endowment is the third largest charitable foundation in the United States, and 100% of its distributable income is distributed to beneficiaries located within the states of North Carolina and South Carolina.

We recommend that each of you carefully read the Trust Indenture which established the Duke Endowment. This instrument represents a final determination of a man resulting from many years of experience, thoughtful consideration, research and study.

The seeds which grew to become the Duke Endowment must have been rooted in Mr.

Duke early in his life and those seeds must have grown in proportion with his growth and success. In reading the Trust Indenture, you will find the purpose, the reasoning and the responsiveness of a man who accomplished so much within 67 years of life and a demonstration by a man who truly recognized his stewardship.

## RECORD OF AID EXTENDED

Since the establishment of the Duke Endowment, through December 31, 1958, funds have been provided for the following purposes out of income.

To Duke University, \$89,133,070.

To Davidson College, \$4,495,072.

To Furman University, \$4,551,563.

To Johnson C. Smith University, \$2,890,388.

For assistance in building and the operation of non-profit hospitals located in North Carolina and South Carolina, \$31,698,577.

For assistance in the operation of non-profit orphanages located in North Carolina and South Carolina and for support of programs for placing children for adoption and for foster home care under supervision, \$5,273,324.

For Superannuated Preachers who have served within the North Carolina Conference and the Western North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church, \$1,028,673.

For assistance in the building, remodeling and expansion of rural Methodist churches located in the two Conferences, \$2,579,495.

For assistance in the operation of Rural Methodist churches located in the two Conferences, \$2,066,085.

Total, \$143,716,247.

In reading the Trust Indenture and from the grants just stated you will note there is no provision for assistance in the establishment of any entity for a stated purpose unless there is also a provision for the assistance in the operation and maintenance of that entity or for a like entity for a like stated purpose.

These facts are definitely not for the purpose of attempting to impress you, or to patronize. Instead, they are stated for the purpose of in-



jecting this information in the hope it will be of some help in relation to the deliberations we are about to embark upon.

Since the inception of the Duke Endowment, 1,035 separate rural Methodist congregations have received assistance for building projects, and appropriations granted aggregate \$2,408.-079.00.

### THE TWO-YEAR LIMIT

During the early years, appropriations usually did not exceed \$3,500.00 for any one project and applications for grants were accepted from month to month and then acted upon by the Duke Endowment. As time went on, the number of applications increased as did the cost of each project and, in view of the fact that funds held available for the purpose had a limitation, it was decided that applications for assistance would be accepted at but one designated time each year and at that time they would be carefully screened. If requests exceed the funds available, priority is given to those projects which are the more rural or the more urgent. Appropriations are limited to projects which from information submitted can be completed free from debt within two years from the date the appropriation is granted.

This time limit of two years was decided upon for the reason that all funds available are subject to appropriation each year and if a congregation is unable to qualify for payment of its appropriation over an extended period some other congregation which would be in a position to qualify might be held back and be deprived of the immediate use of this money. Before this policy on time limit was determined, there were some appropriations which lingered as long as ten years before the congregations could qualify for payment.

The Duke Endowment desires to pay out its appropriations as quickly as possible and not carry unpaid appropriations over an extended period.

This time limit provision does not mean that a congregation automatically loses its grant if it cannot qualify within two years. If it appears that a congregation will not qualify for payment prior to the expiration date of the appropriation, a progress report is obtained from the congregation just prior to the expiration date and if it appears from this progress report that within a reasonable time the congregation will be able to qualify for payment a limited time extension is granted. If it appears from this progress report that the congregation will not be able to qualify for payment within a reasonable period then that congregation is asked to release its unpaid appropriation in order to make those dollars available to another congregation which would be in a position to qualify for payment.

Appropriations cancelled due to time limit expiration are usually cancelled by mutual consent and with the understanding that the congregation will be free to submit another application when it appears that the project can be completed free from debt within a two-year period.

### TERMS OF PAYMENT

Terms for payment of a Duke Endowment appropriation are as follows:

**Terms of Payment (1st Installment):** When it has been shown to the satisfaction of the trustees of the Duke Endowment that the project has been started and that at least 50% of the total cost has actually been

expended and applied to the project and when the balance of the cost over and above the Duke Endowment appropriation has been secured in cash or good subscriptions.

**(Final Installment):** When with this amount the project will be completed and turned over to the congregation free from debt excepting loans from The Methodist Church boards, provided adequate insurance is secured and will be maintained.

### HANDLING APPLICATIONS

Applications for financial assistance for church building projects are submitted by the various congregations to the Durham Committee at Duke University not later than mid-October of each year and that committee after reviewing same submits its reports and recommendations to the rural church committee of the Duke Endowment in November of each year, at which time a joint meeting of the two committees is held.

At this joint meeting, all pending applications are thoroughly screened and the recommendations of the Durham Committee are considered and in turn the Duke Endowment Committee submits its report and recommendations to the trustees of the Duke Endowment.

The Durham Committee, working through the director of the work of the rural church, counsels with the separate congregations who plan building projects for which they expect to request Duke Endowment assistance; sees that building plans have been properly prepared and approved, and accepts applications for assistance from rural Methodist churches. It is also part of its function to intimately know the nature and details of each project and its location and to recommend an amount to be considered for appropriation by the Duke Endowment; also to make recommendations as to the deferment of a request or the rejection of a request.

The Durham Committee does not have the authority to grant an appropriation or to assure a congregation that an appropriation will be granted by the Duke Endowment.

In the event the Durham Committee may from time to time feel constrained to indicate to a congregation that it might be willing to recommend a certain stated amount for appropriation to assist in a building project, such an indication should in no way be construed to be a firm commitment on the part of the Duke Endowment.

There are certain restrictions placed on appropriations which can be granted by the Duke Endowment which relate to the geographical location of the project. I quote from the Trust Indenture:

"... To build Methodist churches . . . but only those churches located in the sparsely settled rural districts of the State of North Carolina, and not in any city, town or hamlet, incorporated or unincorporated, having a population in excess of 1,500 people according to the then last Federal census."

Each year a few applications are submitted for projects located in areas open to question as to whether or not they can qualify under the terms of the Trust Indenture because of their geographical restrictions.

A study is being made to determine if a general policy could be set which would con-

form with the provisions of the Trust Indenture. However, the Durham Committee, the District superintendents, and the local pastors should come pretty close to knowing whether or not the geographical location of a project is within the limitations set down in the Duke Endowment Trust Indenture.

I would like to make this observation. The Duke Endowment desires to assist Methodist congregations to the fullest extent possible, and I believe it would much prefer, if possible, to give a congregation the benefit of doubt rather than be firm and unbending in rejecting applications—but—the terms of the Trust Indenture must be satisfied.

### CHURCH ARCHITECTURE

Now to get down to the prime purpose of this meeting—**Rural Church Architecture.**

The rural church program of the Duke Endowment is a program of assistance, and to make this assistance the more effective there should be a close working relationship between The Methodist Church at the conference level, the district level, the local congregation and the Duke Endowment. With this conviction and with the approval of the Rural Church Committee, we approached Bishop Harmon to enlist his interest in this program, and we sincerely appreciate the interest which Bishop Harmon has evidenced.

It is Bishop Harmon who has made today's meeting possible.

You gentlemen have come to Durham at the invitation of Bishop Harmon, and we who are associated with the Duke Endowment are here hoping to collaborate with you in working out a program which will be mutually satisfactory.

It is our conviction that an attractive church is a good preacher in itself—preaching day and night, telling of man's aspirations—and it sets one to preach unto himself.

Mr. Duke expressed the importance he placed upon the appearance and the location of the church when he requested and directed the architect of Duke University to have the Chapel at Duke University so located that it would dominate the campus.

For some time past, there has been a constantly increasing feeling that much could be done and should be done to improve the architectural appearance of the rural Methodist churches in North Carolina.

It has been said that many churches which started as a one-room project, to which additions were added at a later date, are not very pleasing to look upon, and some congregations have placed upon the roof, as a substitute for a steeple, something that resembles an inverted dove-cote.

I do not say this in ridicule for, as a matter of fact, the Duke Endowment has been a party to it and has been involved in no small way, since each congregation which received aid was required to submit plans and have them approved by the Durham Committee.

In order that you will know how this came about, I must explain that during the early years of the Duke Endowment the prime intent was to assist folks in the rural areas to provide for themselves a sanctuary—a place in which to worship—and not too much stress was then placed upon architectural appearance. The secondary effort was to help provide Sunday school facilities.

For some time past, the building pattern



has been changing and local congregations are now planning for the future. Many are building under a "unit" plan and in a number of instances the educational units and facilities take precedence over the erection of the sanctuary, and the Duke Endowment has been trying to encourage local congregations to erect buildings which will be of pleasant appearance and suitable to the particular area.

It is recognized that, while a certain type of structure might be most fitting at one point, the same type of structure might not be suitable in the next nearest community. We also feel that much beauty can be captured through simplicity.

We encourage each congregation seeking aid to consult with, and engage a registered architect—but there are some congregations who feel it is sufficiently difficult to raise the money required to build, without having to provide for an architect's fee, and they hesitate to accept the fact that in many instances the architect might easily effect savings which would more than offset his fee.

The Duke Endowment will not insist upon any specific type of architecture or constructional material. We believe that the services of an architect are desirable regardless of the size of the project and hope that, by way of a well-planned educational program and with the co-operation of persons in authority within the church organization, the need for an architect will be recognized by each congregation contemplating a building project.

One thing the Duke Endowment wishes to avoid is having structures so similar in design that they would be identified as churches assisted by the Duke Endowment.

The architectural problem is not new to us. Back in the year 1931, the Duke Endowment provided funds to maintain an office for an architect at Duke University. An architect was made available to all churches which wished to avail themselves of his services, and the church paid a fee mutually agreed upon between the local church and the architect. The local church paid this fee.

With churches located throughout the 100 counties of North Carolina, it became physically impossible for one man located in Durham to adequately handle this work; and although the fee paid by each church was not too large, some considerable feeling built up, in that fees were being paid by the church for a service which was not fully satisfactory or adequate.

After several years, the architect's office at Duke University was discontinued; and although the architect continued to offer his services as a separate entity, it was evident that unless there could be local architectural service available, such services would not be used.

Here are some facts which should be taken into consideration and which bear evidence that collaboration of The Methodist Church at the conference level and at the district level with the Duke Endowment is necessary:

1. The larger part of the cost of construction is provided by local congregations.
2. Methodist Boards at the conference level make sizable outright grants, as well as loans, to many of the congregations for construction projects in which Duke Endowment participates..
3. A considerable amount of local labor

and material is donated and native materials are largely used.

4. Duke Endowment appropriations range from approximately 5% of the cost of larger projects to approximately 25% of the cost of the smaller projects which are more rural and where need is usually the greatest.
5. It is required that all building plans be approved by the Durham Committee before an application is considered, but, unfortunately, too many times a project will be started before an application for appropriation is submitted and before construction plans are approved.
6. The Duke Endowment encourages each church to engage an architect, but we realize that at present there is some resistance which we hope will gradually be eliminated by counseling with congregations.
7. The Duke Endowment's first interest leans toward the smaller projects in the more rural and needy areas, rather than toward the larger projects located in the more prosperous communities where an architect is usually employed. Approximately 75% of our appropriations are for projects costing less than \$50,000.00. However, unit planning and unit building may run well over \$50,000.00 per congregation in the aggregate.

#### CO-OPERATION SOUGHT

The degree of success we will have in carrying out this program for improving the architectural appearance and the functional design of the rural church will largely depend upon the extent of the interest which local architects have in such a program, coupled with the co-operation of rural church congregations and the support of the church as a whole through the bishops and their committees.

This program, of necessity, first requires an educational approach. By this we mean that local congregations should be encouraged to consult with and to engage an architect for each project before a site is selected and before any construction or remodeling is started, and it should be pointed out that in many instances an architect will effect savings that will more than offset his fee.

It is fully realized that to make this program successful some basis of operation must be found which will be acceptable to the architects and not become too much of a drain upon their time. Also, a basis of operation will have to be determined which will in no way violate the code of the architect. Of course, what I refer to is limited to counseling service.

The Bishop's Committee on architecture is not intended to be a Duke Endowment committee. It would be a Methodist Conference Committee and its functions would not necessarily be limited to rural areas as is Duke Endowment aid, and the architects might wish to request the Bishop's permission to identify themselves as consultants to his committee on architecture.

The Duke Endowment will stand ready to receive suggestions from the Bishop's committee and will be willing to consider the committee's recommendations as to how nominal operational costs may be met.

The Duke Endowment will reimburse each committee member the amount of out-of-pocket costs involved in attending all meetings, and we are very much aware of the fact that each architect will be giving valuable clock-hours while attending these meetings.

If after today's discussion, Bishop Harmon decides to formalize a committee<sup>\*</sup> on church architecture, we suggest that it be composed of all the members of his Cabinet and as many registered architects as can be obtained, and it is hoped that there would be at least one architect from each district named to the committee. It is further suggested that Bishop Harmon consider naming a member of his Cabinet to serve as chairman of the committee and a registered architect to serve as vice-chairman. A secretary and a treasurer should be named, either by Bishop Harmon or by his appointed chairman.

It is further suggested that a subcommittee of architects be established within the framework of the Bishop's committee and that an architect be named as chairman of that subcommittee. This subcommittee would be composed of all the architects on Bishop Harmon's committee.

At this point I would like to say once again that if a committee on church architecture is formalized by Bishop Harmon, that committee should work toward a program which will be independently thought out with the Western North Carolina Conference primarily in mind. In other words, that which has been worked out in the North Carolina Conference to date should in no way be considered to be binding upon the Western North Carolina Conference.

However, you may wish to have the benefit of their experience and, of course, all records, source materials and plans of operation developed to date within the North Carolina Conference are available to you. You will have ready access to these records and you can feel free to call upon any member of Bishop Garber's committee for any information you wish to have if you think it would be helpful to you.

#### EXPERIENCE OF NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

For the sole purpose and intent of providing you with information, I would like to brief you as to what steps have been taken in the eastern conference.

Much has been accomplished by the subcommittee of registered architects associated with the North Carolina Conference at meetings held separate and apart from the Bishop's committee as a whole. At one time this subcommittee reviewed the advisability of providing a nest of working drawings with specifications for churches of several sizes with various sketches for exterior design. It was determined that this should not be done for a number of reasons. One reason for discarding this idea was that a local congregation would quite likely take the plans and without consulting an architect, or without proper supervision, start construction and come up with a structure that would not be sound and not pleasing in appearance. Another reason was the fear that sooner or later a close similarity in appear-

<sup>\*</sup>Under the direction of Bishop Harmon, the Committee on Church Architecture was formalized and Dr. Frank Smathers, superintendent of the Waynesville District, was appointed chairman. Mr. Louis Asbury, architect from Charlotte, was asked to serve as chairman pro tem of the subcommittee of architects.



ance would develop. A third reason was that to furnish stock plans would be somewhat contrary to the educational feature of the program whereby congregations are encouraged to engage a registered architect.

At the 1958 summer session of the North Carolina Chapter of the A.I.A., I had the pleasure of meeting Dean Kamphoefner of the School of Design of State College, and he then evidenced his interest in the program and, subsequently, under the direction of Dean Kamphoefner and Dr. Cecil Elliott, the School of Design made a study on rural churches in North Carolina. The idea for this study originated within the subcommittee of architects and was recommended by that committee and approved by the Bishop's Committee. The study was financed by the Duke Endowment at a fee mutually agreed upon. At the last meeting of the Bishop's committee, Dr. Elliott submitted the results of the study which included six panels, each of which carried a concise but adequate description of what the panel was intended to cover. These panels start with the selection of a site and each panel in turn takes on advanced progression in construction relating to educational units, recreational units and work up to the completed sanctuary.

The subcommittee of architects is presently considering the advisability of inquiring if there are, within the North Carolina Chapter of A.I.A., architects who would be willing to submit plans of designs on a competitive award basis. These plans would not have to be plans currently prepared; on the contrary, they could be plans contained in the files of the architect. The architect or architects, whose plans were selected, would be asked to grant permission to the Duke Endowment to display same and/or to have a scale model constructed and placed at Duke University as a permanent exhibit. The name and address of the architect would be identified with the model. A committee designated by the North Carolina A.I.A., would judge the plans and designs submitted and the Chapter would make the award. In view of the fact that such competitions would render a distinct service to the program, it is quite possible that the Duke Endowment committee on rural churches might consider providing funds for such awards.\*

The subcommittee of architects has proposed that consideration be given to the possibility of acquiring a mobile exhibit through the A.I.A., together with a slide library for display among the various districts and at the annual conferences of The Methodist Church.\*

The subcommittee of architects has suggested that a one-day institute be held at Duke University each year on church architecture under the direction of that committee.\*

One of the truly great contributions made by the subcommittee of architects originated within that committee itself. I must say to you that I was more than deeply moved when one of its members proposed that each architect on the committee agree to donate one day each month to go into the field and consult with any congregation within his area planning a building program, if his services are desired. This motion was quickly seconded and unanimously adopted by the architects themselves.

Gentlemen, that action truly evidenced a

\*Final decisions concerning these proposals have not been made.

genuine sincerity of purpose and an expression of faith in what we are attempting to accomplish.

In addition to donating one day a month, the architects have divided themselves into small groups and each group stands ready to meet and confer with the Duke Endowment Durham Committee at times mutually agreeable, in an effort to work out current problems.

A major difficulty which we are going to have to face up to is the expansion and the remodeling of present structures. The chairman of the Town and Country Commission of the North Carolina Conference has stated that one out of every eight rural churches in that conference is a one-room church and that one out of every eight rural churches is a nearly one-room church, which means that 25% of the rural Methodist churches in the North Carolina Conference will sooner or later embark upon an expansion program.

It is seemingly a more difficult problem to remodel and expand than it is to develop a completely new structure, and here again the educational feature of the program becomes important; for unless the advice and guidance of the architect is obtained, some sorry structures are very apt to emerge both in appearance and in functional design.

Another difficult problem is that many of the present structures are poorly located and, due to the fact that a portion of their property constitutes a cemetery, they hesitate to move to a new site.

As a means of getting this program with its purpose to the local rural congregations a brochure is being prepared and in this the role of the subcommittee of architects is of much importance. Also the "N. C. Christian Advocate" has agreed to run one column each month featuring the Bishop's Committee on Architecture. This will enable each architect on the committee to express himself through this column from time to time if he should desire to do so.

All of you are, of course, aware of the fact that I am not an architect but I want you to know that I am getting a pretty good schooling by way of the architects on the Bishop's Committee, although some of them at times may think me to be a rather slow learner.

At the last meeting of Bishop Garber's committee at which time the School of Design exhibited the panels, considerable discussion took place in relation to one of the panels. Exception was taken because this panel showed a central meeting room off of which were classrooms on all sides. It was indicated that this design while perhaps economical to construct presented a problem with regard to classroom sizes. It, too, was indicated that although some denominations use this design with small classroom areas the Methodists hold to classrooms having a greater area which I believe was stated to be 30 square feet per child.

## CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I would like to make a few additional remarks about the Duke Endowment which I have been associated with since its inception. In fact, my entire business career has been in the service of various Duke interests.

I had the privilege of knowing Mr. Duke

over a period of eight years, and he was truly a great man. In the memories of those who knew him personally, he continues to be a personality, but as new generations come along he is becoming and will increasingly become legendary.

Mr. Duke was an architect and he was a great one. Not by profession, but through his great imagination and his ability to visualize great construction projects which eventually would harness water of North Carolina and bring to this state electric energy sufficiently cheap to attract industry and encourage its growth, in the belief that this would in turn bring prosperity to the peoples of his native state.

As you know, Mr. Duke amassed a great fortune and he applied a great portion of this personal fortune to develop Duke Power Company. Mr. Duke commenced his life span with practically no resources and at no time was he ever subsidized, and the monies which went into the development of Duke Power were his very own dollars. Today, Duke Power Company is recognized among financial circles as being one of the strongest utility companies in the country.

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Some few months ago I stopped at Lake James with Mr. Pickens, and as I rode across that lake I suddenly realized that that which I was then looking upon as islands scattered about the lake were once small mountain tops before Mr. Duke's imagination and dollars were applied. I looked over the lake—yes, it was a 25-square-mile body of water—but this was indeed not just water. Tomorrow it would be converted into energy and turn the turbines which would produce electricity. This electricity would be converted into dollars and a sizable portion of those dollars would become income to the Duke Endowment.

The next time you visit Lake James I suggest that you take a good hard look, and if you will concentrate and look hard enough you might see reflected in your mind's eye not just water, you will see cared-for sick, cared-for orphans, men and women being educated, elderly preachers in the sunset of life made happier, churches being built and operated. This is the journey of the water once held back in Lake James.

I thank you for bearing with me, and I appreciate the interest you have shown in the suggested program by being present at this meeting.

I believe that with the interest of Bishop Harmon and you gentlemen, much can be accomplished, and the day will come when North Carolina will be known for the simplicity and beauty of its rural churches.

If there are any questions which you may wish to put to us, please feel free to do so.

Bishop Harmon, we thank you for making this meeting possible and on behalf of the Duke Endowment we express to you sincere appreciation.—Adv't.



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## The Brook That Failed

A Sermon by the Reverend Frederick Brown  
Harris, D.D., Chaplain of the  
United States Senate

*"And it came to pass after a while  
that the brook dried up."  
First Kings 17:7*

Parched and thirsty lips make all  
humanity kin. There is a modern song  
which to the ears of the mid-twentieth  
century epitomizes the age-long plain-  
tive plea for cool, clear water.

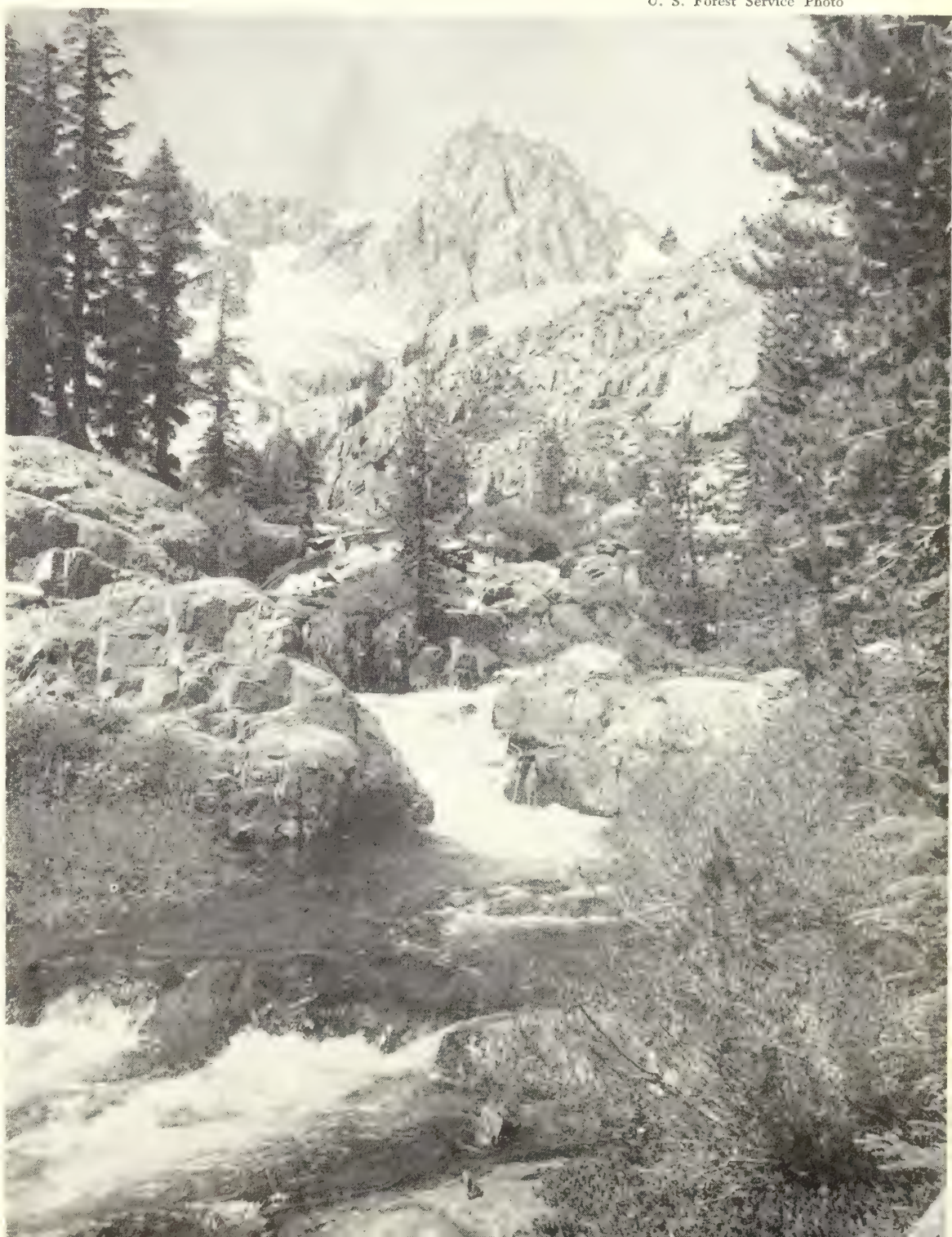
"All day I face the barren waste  
Without the taste of water— cool  
water.  
Old Dan and I, with throats burnt dry  
And souls that cry for water— cool,  
clear water.

The shadows sway and seem to say  
Tonight we pray for water— cool  
water,  
And 'way up there He'll hear our  
prayer  
And show us where there's water—  
cool, clear water."

(See page twelve)



Once away from its snow-fountains, the moun-  
tain stream is protected in its course to and through  
the valleys by trees and other vegetation of the  
forest. Because it is the source of the drinking  
water for 70% of the people of Los Angeles, the  
Inyo ranks among the most important watersheds of  
the nation. Picture taken by Daniel O. Todd.





# LETTERS

## Good Words for the Advocate

Dear Editor:

My husband and I were sorry to hear of your resignation as editor of the *ADVOCATE*. You have improved the whole paper. Your editorials of information and inspiration have expanded our horizon of thought. "In Passing" was read with interest. When I was in England, I visited many of the places you mentioned. As you described things so clearly I felt that I was re-visiting the native land of John Wesley. The Bible Quizzes on the Children's Page are a challenge to me for Bible study.

May the Lord bless you in your new work.

Sincerely,

MRS. DORA ZIMMERMAN REYNOLDS

**Editor's Note:** Glad you mentioned the Bible Quiz. Miss Elizabeth Whisner, editor of the page, has spent a great deal of time preparing the material on that page and we have an idea that many adults are enjoying it as much as the children.

## A Report from John H. Green

Dear Editor:

Will you give me a bit of space in the *ADVOCATE* for a report of my work since retiring three years ago last September?

God has been good to me. He has opened the doors of the churches across the country for revival work. One in Florida. Two in the churches of the N. C. Conference. One in S. C. During these years I have conducted forty-three revivals. One was a wonderful campmeeting. Many of these revivals were outstanding. God came on the people in an unusual way, hundreds have been saved, reclaimed and Spirit filled. Many calls have come for revivals which I could not fill. I want to thank the preachers and churches for their faith and confidence in me, to ask me to conduct revivals in their churches.

I am now making up my revival slate for this year. If any of the brethren, after much prayer, feel that God can use me in your church and community in revival work, please write me at once. My slate is filled until May 1. I have May and the first week in June open.

Sincerely,

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## A Word of Thanks

Dear Editor:

May I use your columns to express my appreciation for many cards and letters received since a heart attack two weeks ago? Many people from former pastorates, especially Morehead City and Roanoke Rapids, have remembered me. The doctors say I am better, but must have some time here (in the hospital) yet.

I note that you are giving up the *ADVOCATE*. I thank you for your good work and hope that you will settle among us.

Fraternally,

J. FURMAN HERBERT

Room 429

N. C. Memorial Hospital,  
Chapel Hill, N. C.

**Editor's Note:** Dr. Herbert's friends will, no doubt, continue to shower him with messages of love and appreciation as he recuperates from his illness. Perhaps no minister in the state has endeared himself to those who know him as this man. We join in the prayers and good wishes for his speedy recovery.

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## Life Isn't Easy on the Mission Field

In a letter to friends in North Carolina, the Rev. Edward F. Smith, missionary to Congo Belge, Africa, gives a sidelight into some of the problems of our missionaries in some of the troubled areas of the world. He says:

"Sad happenings continue each day here now. Yesterday a truck which hauls people and mail on a government contract was stopped. The driver and some passengers were killed according to the reports which reach us and the truck with cargo was burned. This was about 100 miles from us here at Katubwe. We are, at the present moment, right in the center of the hottest action and most violent feelings that are manifested in Congo. I do hope that you will pray for us. So far as I know, we are not in any physical danger ourselves though there is always a chance that some one will be drunk or crazed by drugs and will act irresponsibly. Our great concern is for preserving the unity among our student body. They come from many tribes and sections and as time goes along and the tensions continue to mount, it is inevitable that they be affected by what is all around them. As we think they are the hope of the church and that we are responsible for their well being (and lives) so long as we continue our work here, we feel that we need the prayers of folks around the world who are interested in what happens here.

Yesterday the governor of the province dropped in for an unannounced visit. This was ostensibly a visit which was long promised; in fact, I think that he came to see for himself what happens here at this time. Many Catholic schools and indeed, whole stations, have been deserted by both whites and blacks; Luluabourg is now loaded with folks looking for some way to get out. I feel that M. de Jaeghaer wanted to see for himself if it is indeed possible for one to continue this work in such circumstances as we now have. I believe that he went away with a resounding affirmative — and a much heightened re-

spect for Protestant work. Such visits do give a chance for a good strong witness and we try to make it just that without sectarian bias."

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North Carolina was represented by four delegates at a National Seminar on Alcohol and Gambling Legislation Feb. 9-12, sponsored by the Methodist Board of Temperance. They are: the Rev. D. W. Charlton of Enfield; the Rev. James W. Ferree of Lumberton; the Rev. Vance Lewis of Rich Square and the Rev. S. L. Townsend of Lenoir.

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# Carolina Briefs

☛ **DURHAM METHODIST** churches will conduct a religious census of the city during the first two weeks of March.

☛ **MOUNT OLIVET CHURCH**, near Concord, has bought a bus which will be used for transportation of children and adults.

☛ **THE ADVOCATE** editor will conduct a preaching mission beginning March 20 at Oak Ridge Church, assisting the Rev. J. M. Burton.

☛ **THE BULLETIN** of Stokesdale Church last week carried the names of all 39 persons who attended the evening service on the previous Sunday.

☛ **SOUTHERN PINES CHURCH'S** revival, March 20-25, will be led by the pastor, the Rev. R. C. Mooney, Jr., and the Rev. Robert Moore of Carthage Church will lead the singing.

☛ **THE VERY ATTRACTIVE** and interesting bulletin of the Stantonsburg Church last week carried an enthusiastic "plug" for the **ADVOCATE** and set a deadline for the campaign.

☛ **THE REV. ROBERT P. CRAWLEY**, pastor of Love's Church, Walkertown, has announced that Mrs. Mildred Pope, editor of *New Life News*, official publication of the Disciplined Order of Christ, will conduct a series of services in that church during the Week of Dedication, March 6-13.

☛ **DR. G. RAY JORDAN**, chapel minister and professor of Homiletics at Candler School of Theology, will be the guest preacher at Hawthorne Lane Church, Charlotte, assisting the pastor, the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt. Song leader for the series of services will be the Rev. Jake Golden, pastor of St. Luke's Church, Hickory.

☛ **MYERS PARK CHURCH**, Charlotte, was fifth among all Methodist churches in the country in the amount contributed in Advance Specials to the Division of World Missions during 1958-59. The WNC Conference was third among all Annual Conferences in giving to the Division of World Missions.

☛ **THE REV. CHARLES WESLEY WOOTEN** of Keener Church, Goshen-Keener Charge, is planning his **ADVOCATE** campaign for the charge, according to his bulletin, and will send out representatives to secure subscriptions. (This is the way to do it. *Editor*) His goal is subscriptions for every family in the two churches.

☛ **LINWOOD GUTHRIE** was the first Boy Scout from Christ Church, Greensboro, to receive the God and Country Award from the sponsoring church. Linwood is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Guthrie, active workers in this new and thriving congregation. The award was presented by the pastor, the Rev. Metlon E. Harbin.

☛ **A TRAINING CLASS** for prospective Church School teachers at Mt. Olivet Church, Concord, enrolled fifteen at its first session. (This is a very important phase of educational activity and should be carried on by every Church School. Too many teachers fail to interest their pupils because they lack the necessary training for their job. *Editor*)



Mrs. Willie May, Sr. (seen above with Mr. May) has been a subscriber to the **ADVOCATE** for 45 years, according to her pastor, the Rev. Merrill Perkins. A member of Hill-King Church on the Louisburg Circuit, she has seven living children, 25 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. She will be 87 years old on March 22 and is still active. Her hobbies are reading and knitting and she has read the Bible through 10 times.

Mrs. May's philosophy is "Live one day at a time." She says, "How can anyone live in such a beautiful world and not enjoy the goodness of God?" and she quotes Matthew 6:4: "Take therefore no thought for the morrow, for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself . . ." She thinks that all church members should subscribe for and read the **ADVOCATE**. "I wouldn't know what to do without my church paper," she says.

☛ **THE ANNUAL REVIVAL** meeting of Trinity Church, Raleigh, will have for its leader the Rev. W. A. Horne, Barnwell, S. C., preacher, and Mr. Howard Whitmore of Kentucky, song leader.

☛ **DR. VAN BOGARD DUNN**, dean of the Methodist Theological School, Columbus, Ohio, is preaching this week at First Church, Wadesboro.

☛ **GOD AND COUNTRY AWARDS** were given to six young men of Dilworth Church, Charlotte, on a recent Sunday. They were: Dorsey Brewer, Jimmy Fitzgerald, James G. Therrell, Timothy and George Wilkinson, and Stanley Wisdom. (These awards can be a vital link between the church and Scouting. We are happy to note that many of our churches are using them to further interest among the youth of the congregation.—*Editor*)

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## Advocate Campaign Report

Garber Church, New Bern, named in honor of Bishop Paul N. Garber, was organized in November of last year and the charter membership closed on January 10. One month later, the pastor, the Rev. Lewis Dillman, sent in subscriptions for every family to the N. C. **CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE** and to *Together*.

Although no church has made the Honor Roll this week, many have sent in 10 or more subscriptions. We would commend the pastors and agents for their work this year. So far, the campaign has resulted in many more subscriptions than this time last year.

The following have been added to the Every-Family list:

Trinity-Marshallberg, Rev. J. O. Jernigan.  
St. Andrews, Greensboro, Rev. E. F. Bradley.

Garber, New Bern, Rev. L. C. Dillman.  
Pleasant Hill, Asheville District, Mrs. R. C. Israel, agent.

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If you really intend to make good somewhere, why not right where you are?



Plans for the new building of Garber Methodist Church, New Bern, have been approved and the first unit will be started soon in the Trent Woods section of the city. The building committee consists of Robert L. Boyd, chairman, Ralph T. Morris, and Dr. C. T. Barker. The Rev. Lewis Dillman is the pastor.

The congregation has assumed a budget of nearly \$8,000 for the coming year, including local expense, Conference benevolences, subscriptions to the church papers for every family, and a large amount for the building.

An Orina Garber Memorial Committee has been set up and anyone wishing to contribute to the fund can send their gift to W. B. Turley, treasurer, Box 261, New Bern, or to Dr. A. J. Hobbs, Box 187, New Bern, N. C.



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# EDITORIALS

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## A Forgotten Task

Early Methodist preachers were often reminded by their bishops that one of the principal duties of the minister was to train the children of his flock, to get to know them personally, and to strive to lead them to Christ. Have we forgotten that task?

Of course, we have not. Don't we have millions in Sunday School? Don't we receive thousands of children into full membership each year? Don't we provide them with teachers and good lesson literature?

All this is true, yet, at the same time, we may be failing to do the job which is possibly the most important one in our ministry.

The multiplication of office work ties the average preacher down to a desk and a telephone. The advent of television and the difficulty of finding children at home makes it almost impossible for the pastor to learn to know the children of his charge. To many of our boys and girls, the pastor is "that man" who talks after Sunday School to the grown-ups. He has no connection with the children and no ties of friendship and love bind them to him.

One minister remembers two factors which entered into his decision to become a Christian. One was the teaching of a beloved Sunday School teacher; the other the kindly interest of a devoted pastor. Without either he would never have found the way. If he had not learned to love the dear old man who took time to talk to him, lend him books and tell him stories of the pioneer Methodist preachers, he might have been a nominal church member, kept in the circle of the organization by the efforts of the teachers and leaders, but he would not have learned the meaning of sacrificial service in the kingdom of God.

Out of all the Sunday School lessons that he ever heard he remembers only one — the one about a particularly drastic punishment meted out by an Old Testament character. He couldn't accept the story as being in line with his ideas of religion and his teacher couldn't help him, for he was just as confused as the boy. But he remembers many a sermon, not so much because of its excellence, but because it was preached by one in whom he had confidence and because it was a part of the worship of God.

Pastors who leave the children to the Church School and spend all their time making plans for the various mechanical programs of fund raising and building,

Man of Sorrows! What a name  
For the Son of God, who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim!  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

are not helping the Church as much as they are hindering it.

One pastor asked a young mother why she did not attend worship services. "Why, I come to Sunday School every Sunday," was her reply. The pastor looked at her quizzically and asked another question. "When are you going to grow up," he enquired, "and come to Church?" She had been trained to think that it was sufficient to spend an hour in Sunday School. She had never thought of it as other than something that one did, for some reason, on Sunday morning. She was not to blame for her attitude. But someone was, and that someone was a pastor who had showed by his attitude that he was not interested in youth.

## March Is the Month for Evangelism

For many years The Methodist Church, in common with most Protestant denominations, seemed at a loss to know what to do with the Lenten season of the Church Year. In fact, they had almost forgotten that there was a Church Year. It was not until about thirty years ago that we began to realize the potential for good in the ancient tradition of increased devotion during the forty days leading up to Easter. Gradually, however, we began to set aside this period for evangelism of various kinds.

This year almost all North Carolina churches are planning to hold revival meetings during March. Hundreds of guest preachers and evangelists have been secured and preparations are under way for preaching missions and "revival efforts." (We like the latter word, although it may seem to denote a lack of faith. It seems a bit presumptuous to advertise a "revival" without being sure that we are going to have more than an "effort.")

But a revival is needed and there is better time for it than the spring season. It is no accident that Lent comes in this hemisphere in the months when nature is being revived, when flowers are budding, and new leaves are coming out on

the trees. Spring is always a time of new life.

March is the month for evangelism, but merely perfunctory efforts will not bring about a revival, for these are *prayed down* and not *worked up*.

## An Editor Can't Do It Alone

It is with sincere regret that we learn of the resignation of Editor R. P. Marshall of the N. C. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE effective June 1. In the five years that he has served as editor of the Methodist weekly, we have turned regularly to his editorial page to see what he had to say. His editorials were always stimulating and of course his frequent references to Baptists have made us like him all the more.

We are not familiar with all the reasons behind Brother Marshall's desire to return to the pastorate. We do know that the Methodist publication, like many others, has not had it easy in recent years. The introduction of a new, four-color magazine called *Together* has cut heavily into ADVOCATE subscriptions until the circulation is now less than 15,000. Although the beautiful family publication serves a vital need (similar to *Home Life* among Southern Baptists), it does not — and cannot — take the place of a state denominational paper.

Our Methodist friends are at the crossroads with regard to the future of their paper. They are fully capable of making their own decisions that will insure its continuance. We would pass along this friendly observation: An editor can't do the job alone. He must have the help of denominational leaders and pastors, especially in promotion of the paper. If pastors become lax, it soon becomes evident on the circulation rolls. A good word now and then can have a telling effect on church members. On the contrary, if no mention is ever made of a publication, you can be sure that it will soon be forgotten in the minds of people.

What we say to our Methodist friends, we say to Baptists, too. If people are not informed, they simply do not respond. It is as simple as that. And the best way to keep them informed and inspired is to put the Baptist state paper in their hands. Even then, no miracles are likely to occur, but at least they are exposed to a publication designed to make them better Christians and better informed church members. Try it, won't you?

—Biblical Recorder



# Keeping Those We Have

By J. CLAY MADISON

A recent issue of this paper carried a suggestive editorial on "Lost Methodists." For the last few years there has been a growing concern within the Methodist Church over the large numbers lost each year by action of the Quarterly Conference. An official report states that 200,000 names were removed from Methodist church rolls in 1958 by action of quarterly conferences. That number is almost equal to the membership of the North Carolina Conference. According to the 1958 journal of the WNC Conference, 3,265 names were removed in this conference alone. During the conference year 1956-57, the number removed was 3,552. This figure equals the membership of some of our largest churches.

It is time that we become concerned. No other single condition suggests the spiritual poverty of the church more than this. As we go out to win the world to the Church, the world can justly say, "Physician, heal thyself." Winning others is important, but it is no more important than keeping those we already have.

As the church wrestles with this issue, occasionally someone suggests that the problem is primarily a matter of book-keeping. While I do not feel that this is basic, I do see an element of truth here. Quite often, reported losses in membership simply represent a pastor's effort to be honest. Carelessness in keeping local church records often results in gross errors in statistics. When such a mistake is discovered in membership records there is no earthly excuse for continuing that mistake simply to keep from showing a loss. Before annual reports are made, it is my conviction that every name on the church roll should be counted, and the pastor and Commission on Membership and Evangelism should make sure that *each name represents a person*, and then the pastor should report that roll exactly as it is and not as he would like it to be.

But placing the blame on records is in reality an evasion of the issue. Statistics may not always be accurate, but they are at least revealing. Anyone who is intimately concerned with the life of the church knows that thousands of members are being lost every year, not only by our church but by other denominations as well. On almost every street there lives someone who used to be a Methodist, perhaps still has his name on a church roll, but who never attends with regularity anywhere now. What has happened?

For one thing, there is good evidence that these losses are partly a result of a poor program of preparation and assimilation. The scandal of lost Methodists may

be simply a projection of the scandal that the church never really had these members at all. Some of them were taken in without any effort having been made to help them understand what church membership really involves. Also, after they joined, some of them were simply forgotten until the quarterly conference decided to remove their names from the rolls because they were lost.

To conduct a membership training class for boys and girls is a generally accepted practice in our churches. This is tremendously important, but I am afraid that we pastors are often so busy with other responsibilities that we do not do the job as thoroughly as we ought to. Membership training classes for young people and adults are being conducted in some churches and it seems to me that there is every reason to believe that this should be a universal practice. Even though the new member may be transferring from another Methodist church, it is a good time for him to rethink his Christian experience, and to face anew the obligations involved in Christian discipleship and in church membership. Before any individual is taken into the church he ought to know that the privileges of church membership carry with them certain definite obligations.

But the church has responsibilities too, and those responsibilities do not come to an end when the name of the new member is placed on the roll. The church is the shepherd of the flock. This new member must be helped to find a place in the fellowship. He must be guided into the practice of those disciplines of prayer, study, stewardship, worship, and service which will make for a growing Christian experience. As he is led to witness to his faith, he will soon discover that in helping others he himself grows strong. The General Board of Evangelism publishes an abundance of materials that will help the church in its program of training and assimilation. There were some aspects of the Total Enlistment Program which might well be a permanent part of the program of the local church. I speak of the family group meetings in particular. But whatever the method used, the church must assume the responsibility of giving the new member careful training in the opportunities and responsibilities of church membership; it must seek to guide him into a growing experience of Christian Faith; and as long as his name is on the roll, it must keep him ever aware of his vow to be "loyal to The Methodist Church and uphold it by his presence, his prayers, his gifts, and his service."

Any honest facing of the problem of lost church members will recognize that one of the contributing causes of this problem is the constant movement of people in our day. It has been established that one-fourth of the people of America move their residences every year. It is obvious to me

that The Methodist Church has not yet developed an effective strategy for keeping up with its moving members. Section 2 in part 2 of the 1956 Discipline, dealing with transfer and termination of membership, attempts to give guidance in this matter. If we follow these directions carefully, I am sure that we would be on our way to a solution. What happens to a member when he moves to a new community, of course does not depend entirely upon what the church does. Much will depend upon the church loyalty of the member himself, and upon what or where that loyalty is centered. If his loyalty is to the old cemetery down in the country, he may never identify himself with a church in town. But, assuming that he is a committed Christian, and loyal not simply to a church but to The Methodist Church, he will then most likely carry his membership with him into the new community where he moves if he is given proper guidance and encouragement. Every church might well have a membership secretary, who in addition to the pastor seeks to keep up with the movement of all members, and to notify a Methodist church in the new community to which a member moves.

These various methods for keeping up with our members and keeping them active, along with many others that could be mentioned, will be effective only if they are motivated by genuine concern for people. When the name of "John Doe" is presented to a quarterly conference with the recommendation that the name be removed because he has not attended church or contributed to the budget for several years, and no one knows where he lives, it is one thing to think simply of a useless name on the roll; it is quite another thing to think of John Doe as a person who once stood before the altar of the church and honestly confessed his faith in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, and assumed the vows of church membership. Truly, something has happened along the way. Maybe he was like the rich young ruler who turned away sorrowful when he faced the demands of Christian discipleship. Maybe he simply wandered off on one of the alluring bypaths of life as did that lost sheep in the story of the ninety and nine. Or, maybe he was caught in this tremendous secular drift which leads first to indifference, then to compromise, and finally to an outright denial of the Christian Faith, a drift, the pull of which in our day is felt by us all. But whatever the cause, this name, John Doe, represents a person; he is one of God's children; he is one for whom Christ died. We dare not treat him just as a statistic. He should be the object of our concern and of our prayers. We should go after him just as diligently as did the good shepherd long ago, remembering that to bring him back into the fold will cause as much rejoicing in Heaven as does the conversion of one who has never known the Lord.



# Sails for Liberia

By HORACE McSWAIN

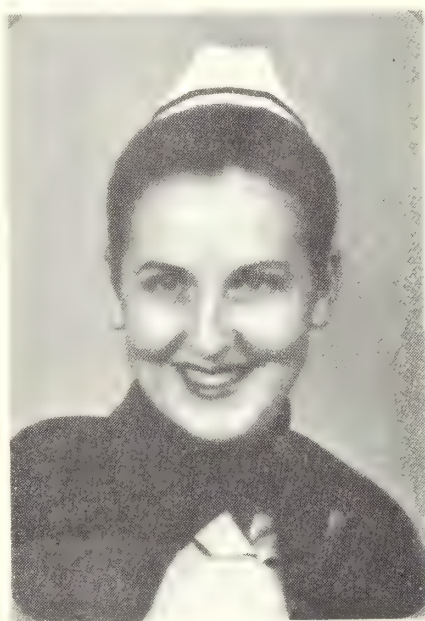
"She is so happy, and I don't grieve one minute over her for I know that this call is from God, and I know this is her work. I pray that she will have strength of body and spirit," so writes the mother of Miss Jewell Lineberger, who sailed for Ganta Mission, Liberia, Africa, on February 2.

No young women go into the mission field with higher qualifications than Miss Lineberger. When she received her B.S. degree in Nursing in June 1959 at Queens College, Charlotte, she was awarded the Algernon Sidney Sullivan Award which is made by the New York Southern Society annually in a number of selected colleges for unselfish service. Upon her graduation at Presbyterian Hospital she received the "general excellence" award which is the highest award given to a graduating nurse.

Jewell, as a child, had thought of being a teacher, a missionary, or a nurse, among several other things, but during her high school vacation which she spent as an aide in a hospital, she became captivated with the medical profession. She told herself that a "clean, white-uniformed Christian nurse serving mankind was almost like a missionary," but that answer did not completely satisfy her. It was after prayer and study as she remembered her minister's words, "Whom shall I send?" that she answered, "Here am I." It was not until later that she could finish that phrase, but this month, the Woman's Division of Christian Service has dispatched her as a special term, nurse-missionary to the Ganta Mission in Liberia where she will be associated in the work of Dr. George Harley, a world-renowned medical missionary.

Dr. and Mrs. Harley were pioneer missionaries in the inland mission of Ganta. The job which the Board of Missions had for them "seemed to call for a magician as well as a farmer, machinist, carpenter, Christian doctor and student of tropical diseases." Jewell is thrilled with the anticipation of working along with this outstanding couple and the people they have loved and lived with for more than thirty years. But this will be a two-way street. The Harleys will be glad to have this happy, energetic, quick-witted, efficient and dedicated nurse who has for hobbies: swimming, tennis, hiking, dancing, music, sewing,

writing, gardening, basketry, painting, canning and cooking. When Dr. Harley was in North Carolina a few years ago, he said that if he had the choice of the gift of a million dollars to his work or a



NURSE LINEBERGER

fine young, dedicated missionary, he would take the missionary. Now she is on her way.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Lineberger, Jewell spent her early life on the farm where she learned well the joys and the tasks of rural living. She is a product of a small country church, Mt. Pleasant, Sherrill's Ford, N. C., where she served as Sunday school teacher, a member of the choir, in the vacation church school, assisted with Woman's Society work and helped with the Easter and Christmas pageant preparations. She went on from there to serve as a member of the honor council, junior class officer and president of the Christian Fellowship, business manager of the school paper and a member of the Glee Club during her nurses' training at Presbyterian Hospital and Queens College in Charlotte.

Besides her academic training, Miss Lineberger served as an aide at the Newton, N. C. Hospital for two summers, assistant infirmiry nurse at Queens College, and Infirmiry nurse, Mecklenburg County Girl Scout Camp at Lake Lure, N. C. She goes with the highest professional and personal qualifications. Friends say that she "never belonged to

a clique or a gang, but made friends wherever she was, has an excellent sense of humor," and "is easy to talk to." And besides all this, she's pretty, too. She was voted the "most attractive" in superlative elections at Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing in 1954.

Though Miss Lineberger as a short-term missionary did not go through a commissioning service, she has, to some great extent, commissioned herself. She has said, "Doers are needed in the mission field so the people can not only hear but see Christians. I want to love the people I work with and I want them to know that God loves them, too. I believe that I can show them this love by nursing their bodies and caring for their needs. I have much to learn. I am expecting trials, perhaps discouragement, and at times frustration, but I face the future unafraid and strengthened by the power that calls me to this task."

(For friends who would like to write to Jewell, her address is: Miss Jewell Lineberger, Ganta Mission, Liberia, Africa.)

## Week of Dedication Projects Listed

*Chicago.* — Methodists throughout the country will have opportunity to make sacrificial gifts to meet emergency needs in mission fields and overseas relief during the church-wide Week of Dedication, Feb. 28-March 6.

Many students will have the privilege of study under the Crusade Scholarship program, which has prior claim on the church's Week of Dedication offering.

Church officials have designated the following critical projects to receive aid from the 1960 offering:

*Division of National Missions* — Crusade Scholarships, \$50,000; St. Croix, Virgin Islands, new church and parsonage, \$20,000; Mobile units for Puerto Rico, Alaska, Hawaii and the American Southwest, \$20,000; Indian Mission churches and parsonages, \$25,000; Turnagain, Alaska, church, \$25,000; Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, church, \$25,000; Waimea, Oahu, Hawaii, church, \$15,000. Total, \$180,000.

*Division of World Missions* — Crusade Scholarships, \$100,000; College of West Africa, Monrovia, Liberia, \$10,000; United Christian Hospital, Lahore, Pakistan, \$75,000; Training School, Costa Rica, \$35,000; Schools in Japan, \$75,000. Total, \$295,000.

*Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief* — Disaster Relief, \$50,000; Assistance to refugees, \$25,000; Relief in Korea, \$30,000; Homeless in Hong Kong, \$25,000. Total, \$130,000.

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Training for Methodist adult education leaders will be offered in courses set for June 19-23 at Scarritt College, Nashville, and Estes Park, Colo., June 27-July 1 by the General Board of Education. Each conference is urged to send at least two leaders.



# N. C. Conference Sets Evangelistic Missions

By DALLAS MALLISON



With Evangelistic Missions set for March and April the N. C. Conference 1959-60 Evangelism Program is reaching its climactic season.

The Evangelistic Missions get under way during the week of March 6-11 in the three coastal districts. They continue in the three inside districts during the week of March 20-25. They conclude during the week of April 3-8 in the three compact districts in the north-western corner and central part of the state. (See program herewith.)

## Visitation "ABC's"

Conference Evangelism headquarters issued a strong appeal to all pastors to promptly order the materials they will need for the Evangelistic Missions. The recommended list of materials went out to all pastors several weeks ago. They are listed in the green program folder under February, March, and April.

Evangelism headquarters is recommending a splendid new book, "The ABC's of Visitation Evangelism," for use in the preparation of the visitors. The

booklet is most clearly and attractively written and a most valuable help. Each member of the visitation teams should have one. They are available from Evangelism headquarters (Box 10522 in Raleigh) at ten cents a copy or \$1.00 per dozen.

## Four Results Sought

(1) *Thousands Won to Christ:* Each local pastor and his members are strongly urged to do all within their power in the dedicated task to win this year as many as possible of the 100,000 goal set for the N. C. Conference to win as soon as possible (in the next one to five years).

(2) *Personal Evangelism Strengthened:* This has direct reference to the personal work of pastors and individual church members, as illustrated in the number of experiences reported by pastors in their own personal and local church Evangelistic work.

(3) *Many Win-One Fellowships Created:* This is a fellowship of those who covenant to try to win one to Christ. The possibilities of this type of fellow-

ship are many and will form an effective agency in winning persons to Christ.

(4) *Local Commissions of Memberships and Evangelism Re-vitalized:* One of the by-products of the current Evangelism program, especially through the Evangelistic Missions of March and April, will be new spiritual strength and energy which will carry over into years to come.

## March-April Program

### A. Conference Evangelistic Missions:

1. March 6-11—Elizabeth City, New Bern, and Wilmington districts.
2. March 20-25—Fayetteville, Goldsboro, and Rocky Mount districts.
3. April 3-8—Burlington, Durham, and Raleigh districts.

### 4. Suggestions for each Mission:

- (a) Preaching each night, Sunday through Friday.
- (b) Missions should be held in each station church; on charges, local pastor will decide if missions should be held in each church on his charge or in one-designated church.
- (c) Teams visiting for decisions for Christ should continue before and during each Mission.

### B. Membership Classes:

1. Each church or charge is urged to conduct special membership training classes for each of the major age groups—children, youth, and adults.
2. Excellent times for the reception of new members will be Palm Sunday (April 10), Easter Sunday (April 17) or any other times considered appropriate.
3. This is an appropriate time for emphasizing the baptism of babies.

### C. Lay Visitation Evangelism:

1. Continuous, effectual prayer should continue.
2. Lay Visitation teams should remain active.



# Older Youth Family Life Conference

By PAUL H. DUCKWALL

An Older Youth Family Life Conference has been scheduled for the weekend of March 4, 5, 6 at Christ Methodist Church, Greensboro. The conference is a joint project of the Older Youth Council and the Board of Education of the Western North Carolina Conference. It is planned for all Older Youth, both working and college youth between the ages of 18-23 years. Engaged or married Seniors, ages 15, 16, 17, are also invited to attend.

The purpose of the conference is "to consider the task of planning a home and its relationship to church and society." The program is built around four discussion groups: "Engagement — What It Is Supposed to Be and Why Have It?"; "College Marriages;" "Social Drinking and Other Diseases and Handicaps;" and "Co-ordinating Church and Home." In addition to these discussion groups several speakers will speak on related subjects of interest to Older Youth, followed by discussion periods. Two films, "One Love, Conflicting Faith" and "Marriage Today," will also be a part of the program.

Leaders for the conference are as follows: Rev. Howard C. Wilkinson, chaplain to Duke University, Durham; Dr. Charles P. Bowles, pastor of West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro; Mr. Bob Love, marriage counselor, Grace Methodist Church, Greensboro; Rev. Mel E. Harbin, pastor of Christ Methodist Church, Greensboro; Rev. R. Harold Hipps, director of Education, West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro; and Rev. Gilreath G. Adams, Jr., pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Gastonia, who will serve as the director of the conference.

Meaningful fellowship, inspiring worship, good food, enjoyable recreation, and a business session for the Older Youth of the Western North Carolina Conference will add much to the program and help make for a wonderful and important weekend for the Older Youth of the conference.

Each pastor in the conference has received publicity about this important youth meeting and has a registration blank which can be duplicated for registering as many Older Youth as want to plan to attend. Information and additional registration blanks may be secured by writing to Rev. Paul H. Duckwall, Box 749, Statesville, N. C. Registrations should be sent to him just as soon as possible.

## District Conferences on Christian Education

The first series of the district conferences on Christian Education will be held in the Western North Carolina Conference the week of March 6-11. The districts, places and dates are as follows:

Salisbury District — Trinity, Kannapolis, Sunday, March 6, 3:00 p.m.  
Greensboro District — West Market Street, Monday, March 7, 7:30 p.m.

Winston-Salem District — Centenary, Tuesday, March 8, 7:30 p.m.

Thomasville District — First Church, Lexington, Wednesday, March 9, 7:30 p.m.

Gastonia District — First Church, Thursday, March 10, 7:30 p.m.

Statesville District — Broad Street, Friday, March 11, 7:30 p.m.

These meetings will give valuable guidance to adults with responsibilities for summer activities for children (vacation church schools) and youth in the local church. Adult workers with junior highs who have the responsibility for planning a junior high session in the vacation church school will meet with Mrs. Carl H. King. Adults with responsibilities for planning summer activities for junior highs, seniors and older youth will meet with Paul Duckwall, conference director of Youth Work.

In this session we will be considering the conference-sponsored summer activities for youth (Christian Adventure Camping at Camp Tekoa, Senior Summer Activities at Lake Junaluska, and the Older Youth Trail Hikes), suggestions for local church summer activities for youth (Christian Adventure Week, Youth Activities Week, and Youth Council Retreats), and camping possibilities on all levels of youth work. We will have a Methodist Youth Fund report and check-up. The superintendent of the youth division, adult counselors for junior highs, seniors and older youth, and other adult leaders of youth should plan to be in attendance.

## Methodist Home W.S.C.S. Holds Study on Africa

During the month of January the WSCS at the Methodist Home carried on its Mission Study on Africa. Four one-hour general sessions were held on Wednesdays before the membership of the Home at which time the course was presented. The study was based on the two texts, *The Way in Africa*, by George Wayland Carpenter, and *Africa Disturbed*, written by Emory and Myrta Ross, plus many supplementary materials drawn from a variety of sources. The attendance at these general sessions ran from seventy-one to one hundred and fifteen.

In addition to these sessions, six small groups met at other times for reading and discussion of assigned material. These groups used *Comes the Dawn* written by Eunice Dodge. This pamphlet presents a comprehensive picture of the overall work of the Methodist Mission in Africa south of the Sahara. They also used several copies of the *Africa Christian Advocate*, a Methodist magazine printed in South Africa, which gives detailed descriptions of many individual Methodist Church projects throughout the six areas in which The Methodist Church operates in Africa south

of the Sahara. One group used the May issue of *World Outlook*.

The other three groups read and discussed the Melvin Blake lessons on Africa found in the *Adult Student* for January, 1960. In one group a record describing medical work in Africa chosen from one of the "Talking Books" for the blind was used. The following members of the society were responsible for these group activities: Mrs. P. F. Callahan, Miss Clara Brown, Miss Mary Dozier, Miss Veda Stryker, Miss Pattie Allen, Mrs. Roberta Culler, Miss Florence Dixon, and Mrs. R. H. Coldren. Fifty-two persons participated in these six groups.

A literature table was arranged at each general session, containing a variety of material, available for individual reading. Fifty-three persons availed themselves of this opportunity and read twenty-one pieces of literature ranging from small leaflets such as, *Congo, a Land of Decisions*, and *Ruth Frances Thomas, Beloved Missionary to Mozambique*, to full length books, such as Trevor Huddleston's book *Naught for Your Comfort*. This book gives an extensive account of the government policy of Apartheid as it operates in the Union of South Africa and its effects upon the non-white peoples there and the efforts of the Christian Church to serve those peoples.

In addition to the above mentioned individual reading, a total of fifty-two persons have read one or both of the basic textbooks.

Audio-visual materials presented during the month included two sound films loaned from the public library — *The Bantu Frontier* and *The Union of South Africa*, two film strips, *Temba of Africa* and *Face to the Future*. The members of the class also had the privilege of listening to a recording of African music by the Ambassadors Quartet, a group of Rhodesian singers who have been touring the United States.

The culmination of the study was a very generous offering to be applied to a special mission project in Africa.

The course was organized and presented by Miss Edith M. Bader, secretary of the local Christian social relations committee, assisted by Mrs. Pearl McKinne, secretary of spiritual life, Miss Florence Dixon, secretary of mission education committee, and Miss Harriet Bader. Mrs. Roberta Culler, secretary of local church activities, served as organist throughout the course.

A committee of assistants who checked on attendance and distribution of textbooks, and care of literature table, included Miss Ruth Carpenter, Miss Lillian Grubb, Miss Alpha Tucker, and Miss Daisy Gentry. We are indebted also to certain members of our staff who are always ready to smooth our path in such an undertaking, Mrs. Gertrude Adams, Mrs. F. O. Dryman, and Mr. J. P. Roberts.

MISS MARY PIERCE  
President, WSCS

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Dr. Robert G. Mayfield of Chicago, general secretary of the Board of Lay Activities, will spend a month in western Europe speaking at a series of rallies conducted by the Protestant Men of the Chapel of the U. S. Army. He is the first Methodist layman to be invited to serve as a guest speaker for this organization.





## He Never Gave Up

By

IRVING COOK

### Approved Supply Pastors' School to be Held at Emory

The 1960 session of the Approved Supply Pastors' School at Emory University's Candler School of Theology has been set for July 18 through August 12. Some 250 pastors from the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church are expected to attend.

The short-term summer school is designed to fulfill supply pastor study requirements. Classes are taught by Emory professors, and special lectures, sermons, field trips, recreation and social events are added to provide a well-rounded program.

Credit for a full year in the course of study can be gained by ministers attending the full four-weeks session and meeting all requirements.

There is no tuition charge for the school. Main expenses are travel, room rent of \$20, and approximately \$50 for meals. Cash scholarships of \$50 each are available for those who qualify, until the funds are exhausted.

Further information, with enrollment and room reservation blanks, can be secured from the chairman or registrar of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training, or by writing to the Approved Supply Pastors' School, Emory University, Atlanta 22, Ga.

### Bishop Garber Visits Louisburg College

Bishop Paul N. Garber, presiding bishop of the Richmond Area of The Methodist Church, visited Louisburg College campus Wednesday, February 17. He was the speaker at the regular weekly chapel service in the Mills High School Auditorium at 10:00 a.m. Bishop Garber also addressed the faculty at a luncheon held in the Benjamin N. Duke College Union Building at 12:00 o'clock noon.

Bishop Garber, who is head of the Division of Educational Institutions of The Methodist Church and chairman of the commission on Higher Education, is a trustee of Louisburg College.

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The Christian cannot kill time without it affecting eternity.

Fifty-year-old Curtis Whitehurst has never walked a step. He was crippled by infantile paralysis when he was one. Four months later his mother died, leaving him an orphan. Instead of growing up in bitterness and self-pity, he has achieved a cheerful disposition working hard to support himself.

Curtis is a member and faithful attendant of Sharon Methodist Church on the South Mills charge. The high confidence in him by the membership resulted in his election as lay leader and assistant Sunday School superintendent. He sings in the choir and a solo in his rich baritone voice is always an inspiration. Each Sunday he drives around the community bringing as many as eight persons to church, and can always be counted on to be present, no matter what the weather.

His first means of getting about was in a hand-propelled wheelchair purchased by friends. He developed strength to "drive" the six miles from

his home to South Mills. Now he drives a specially equipped car.

He began filing saws for loggers in 1935. He moved from camp to camp, but sitting for hours in the damp woods brought on pneumonia. For the past six years he has worked at the counter of the Jones Brothers store at Morgan's corner.

But another problem arose with the changing times, for the power chain saw is replacing the hand pulled cross-cut. Again friends made it possible for him to attend a special training school to learn how to service and repair chain saws. However the bulk, noise and fumes made work on them in the store difficult.

Then the Methodist Men of South Mills, of which he is an active member, chose the project of building him a small workshop. Mr. M. R. White made available property next to the store. Other individuals, business men, churches and community organizations donated money, materials and free labor. A building 12 by 24 feet has been erected with special features to meet his need. He drives his car to a ramp, slides himself through a special door onto a cushioned mechanic's crawler that he can roll up and down the counter next to his work bench. The building complete with oil heater and bathroom cost the club about \$1,000.

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Methodist personnel escaped injury and Methodist property escaped damage in the week-long revolt of several thousand French colons (settlers) in Algiers against the government of General Charles de Gaulle. Information received by the Board of Missions in New York from Algiers and Constantine indicates that all is well with Methodist work in those cities.



When Bishop Nolan B. Harmon dedicated the Friendship church building, on the Haw River Charge recently, he was assisted by Dr. J. Clay Madison (right) and the pastor, A. G. Hovis (next to the bishop) and former pastor, J. A. Trollinger (center). The group is seen in a conversation following the service.



# Women In the News

## District Meetings Scheduled by W. N. C. Women

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

The Woman's Society of Christian Service in each of the eleven districts of the Western North Carolina Conference will have an annual district meeting during the months of April or May.

The dates for these meetings, with the names of the district presidents, are as follows:

Asheville District — May 3, Abernathy Church, West Asheville; Mrs. T. C. Roberson, pres.

Charlotte District — May 11, Hopewell Church, Anson; Mrs. Lyle L. Beman, pres.

Gastonia District — April 21, Polkville Church, Cleveland; Mrs. B. E. Callis, pres.

Greensboro District — May 5, Draper Church; Mrs. W. B. Hall, pres.

Marion District — April 30, Rutherford College; Mrs. J. C. Rabb, pres.

North Wilkesboro District — April 28, Boone; Mrs. James H. Councill, pres.

Salisbury District — April 27, Central Church, Concord; Mrs. William J. Clayton, pres.

Statesville District — April 28, Broad Street Church in Mooresville; Mrs. W. E. Marlow, pres.

Thomasville District — April 9 or 21, Welcome Church; Mrs. Walter I. Gibson, pres.

Waynesville District — April 21, Cherokee Church; Mrs. W. B. Harrill, pres.

Winston-Salem District — to be announced; Mrs. H. B. Simpson, pres.

## World Day of Prayer

March 4 has been designated as World Day of Prayer. Church women all over the world will gather at their places of worship to have services of prayer and praise. In North Carolina fifty councils of United Church Women will sponsor these services in all of the denominations represented in the councils.

Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford of Asheboro, conference president, is the representative from the Woman's Society of the Western North Carolina Conference to United Church Women.

## Officers to Be Elected at the Annual Meeting

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

The nine officers of the Woman's Society of the Western North Carolina included in Group II of the Conference Bylaws are scheduled for election or re-election at the annual meeting of the society to be held on June 14-16 at Lake Junaluska.

These are president, treasurer, secretary of Children's Work, secretary of Christian Social Relations, secretary of Student Work,

secretary of Supply Work, secretary of Spiritual Life, secretary of Missionary Personnel, and chairman of committee on nominations.

The Bylaws state further, "The term of each officer shall be four years, and no person shall be elected a conference officer for more than two consecutive terms."

Mrs. Ralph Bisel, chairman of the committee on nominations, in a statement to the members of the Conference Executive Committee, said, "The committee on nominations has met several times, driven many miles and done a great deal of prayerful thinking. We hope that you will be pleased with the results of this work. As we go into the home stretch of this period, we still covet your interest and prayers that all we do will be done for the good of all."

## Status of Women Secretary Speaks

Mrs. James W. Fowler, Jr., of Lake Junaluska, conference secretary of Status of Women, has announced a change in organization of the Woman's Society for the coming year. The department of Status of Women will be merged into the other departments, and the office, as such, will be eliminated. This was decided by the Woman's Division of Christian Service several months ago.

Mrs. Fowler quotes Mrs. Ralph Shumaker of Walterboro, S. C., the secretary of Status of Women in the SE Jurisdiction, "The work done previously by this line of work will be distributed among the other lines of work and it will receive even more emphasis."

Of the Western North Carolina Conference, Mrs. Fowler reports, "In this our last year as a separate and distinct line of work, Status of Women broadens its look to include all women of the world, as well as those near by. As we study the status of other countries, we frequently note their rise in status parallels the development and growth of their country."

"In the local church, Status continues to keep service activity cards for each woman, and carries on her work on the committees of nomination and membership."

## Wesleyan Service Guild Committee Meets

By MARY GARDNER

Adoption of several Standing Rules and recommendations of the Long Range Planning Committee, plans for the Annual Guild Meeting, and reports were among the chief items of business of the mid-winter meeting of the N. C. Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Standing Committee. Sessions were held on February 6, at the S&W Cafeteria in Raleigh, Mrs. Harriett Fralix, conference guild secretary, presiding.

Reporting on the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Division of Christian Service held at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., last month, Mrs. Pierce Johnson, president, N. C. Conference

Woman's Society of Christian Service, told the group that the Woman's Division is making a special effort to bring a closer working relationship of the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Beginning with the new quadrennium (June 1, 1960), chairmen of Guild committees will have been set up in the jurisdictions. "We are not reaching women for the Guild as we should," Mrs. Fralix declared. "We should go all out to organize new Guild units, particularly with the young women."

Plans announced for the Annual Meeting of the N. C. Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, to be held at Centenary Methodist Church, New Bern, April 30-May 1, included its theme, "The Challenge of Our Task to Face;" the principal speaker, the Rev. Lynwood Blackburn, and appointment of several committees. The committees are: Life Membership, Mrs. W. C. Gardner, Fayetteville; Miss Sarah Godfrey, Sanford; Mrs. J. M. Carraway, Farmville. Resolutions, Mrs. Norman Wood, Burlington; Mrs. Ernest Harding, Washington; Miss Elizabeth Young, Smithfield. Evaluation, Miss Mary Lane, Rocky Mount; Mrs. W. T. Cline, Raleigh, and Miss Carol Sledge, Whiteville.

The group voted to direct a portion of Supply Work offerings to the Conference Woman's Society's rural work in the Pembroke area. Mrs. J. M. Carraway, chairman of Christian Social Relations, reported on a Christian Social Relations Conference for Wesleyan Service Guild members held in Atlanta, Ga., last fall. Mrs. Carraway was elected as a delegate to the Churchmen's Washington (D. C.) Seminar held February 16-19.

## Registration Plans for Annual W.S.C.S. Meeting Told

By MARY GARDNER

Registration cards for delegates to the Annual Meeting of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service have been sent to the local societies. The meeting is scheduled for April 5-7 at Grace Methodist Church, Wilmington. It will be preceded by a meeting of the Enlarged Executive Committee and a Service of Spiritual Preparation on April 4.

Two reminders to the delegates need to be emphasized. It is of great importance that registration cards, along with registration fee of \$8.00 be mailed as early as possible — certainly no later than March 18. The registrar for the meeting is Mrs. L. C. French, 1921 Nun Street, Wilmington, N. C.

Important business, including election and installation of officers, as well as other pertinent features of the program will be included in the closing session. It is essential, therefore, that each delegate plan to remain for the entire time.

## Pianos Needed

The two rural workers in the N. C. Conference are serving under handicaps because of lack of certain equipment, including pianos.

Miss Rebecca Modellmog in the Pembroke area and Miss Jean Griffith in the  
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# Pakistan Campmeeting

By THE LOWDERMILKS

4 Civil Lines,  
Khanewal, W. Pakistan

In the last few months there have probably been many revivals in your area. Just as the revival and campmeeting is a part of Methodist custom and heritage there in the States, another similar custom is practiced here in Southern Asia. Instead of the revival we have Christian "conventions" that are very much like both the revival and the old Methodist campmeeting.

Each year in the months of September and October in the key Christian communities throughout the length and breadth of Pakistan, conventions are held. People come from miles around, sometimes as far as hundreds of miles, to see their friends and attend the meetings. They sometimes live in tents or stay with a relative or friend. The convention itself is often held in a very large "preaching tent" and thousands come together for a week of meetings. Outstanding preachers are called to the conventions, both missionary and Pakistani, and for a week they preach at certain designated times. Bible classes are held for the men, women, young boys, young girls and children in special groups. A theme is chosen and all the Bible studies and sermons are based around this theme.

I want to tell you about the convention this year in Stuntzabad, our main Christian village in this area.

When the time, for the convention was at hand, people were found busy making enough room in the village for a large influx of people from outside. Extra food was cooked, more beds brought in, houses were cleaned and everyone was very joyful and busy. People soon began to arrive at the appointed day and they came on horseback, on foot, in buggies, in carts, by bus and by train and sometimes by an occasional car. The large tent was erected by the convention committee and soon the first meeting was held. There was first a general meeting and prayer, then Bible study followed by a sermon. After lunch another sermon followed by a special music program and a youth meeting. In the evening there was another sermon, a youth meeting and a movie. Each day was packed with activities.

## Medical Clinic Held

This year a new innovation was introduced. Since so many people come together (sometimes 3,000 to 4,000 for a single meeting) we decided to demonstrate at convention time that Christ is Lord and Master of *All of Life*. We had a health program operated by our clinic in the village. Our nurses, Miss Greta Wiseman and Miss Mercy Emanuel were happy to have the services of two of our Methodist doctors from our United Christian Hospital. They came to help in the medical work. Word was soon out that there was a machine that could look inside a man (X-ray) and that it was a good thing to have a chest screening done. The mobile health unit was there in which is a strong generator which will operate an X-ray machine. (I suppose this is the only village of this size in Asia where an X-ray machine has been set up for a special medical clinic.) Hundreds of people were tested for T.B. You can hardly imagine the impact of having modern medical equipment, two doctors and two nurses in one village. Patients came in daily from miles away. Some came carrying their sick on wooden beds like the sick were often brought to Christ, the Great Physician.

Many Muslims came bringing their sick with them and this was an excellent opportunity to share our wonderful Gospel with them. It was decided from this medical venture to have a monthly tour in this village area. Our Methodist missionary, Dr. Don Bowes, who is a Mayo Clinic man, made this remark as the week ended: "We must come to know and understand that about all of the people here are sick." He meant that even those who appear healthy have some type of sickness or parasite sapping away their vitality and energy. This is something to think about when we are impatient with people who don't move as fast as we would like.

## Educational Emphasis

Another aspect of our program was educational. The school prepared an exhibit of things the school boys and girls had made in the school: pictures, paintings, writings, etc. On every mud wall around the preaching area were signs, proverbs, slogans, and sayings, about the value of education. Then on one day of the convention there was a large pa-

rade by the Christian boys and girls. This was a big occasion and everyone turned out to see them march, sing, and play for the glory of God.

Another aspect of our demonstration was sponsored by the Extension Service. We had one room filled with wall charts, pictures, flip charts, flannelgraphs, free literature, books, etc., all concerning agriculture, the farmer, village improvement and the Christian's responsibility to improve his economic position in society. This was a venture in extension work. Our goal was to get across ideas to the farmers and rural people that would help them. In one corner of the room we ran a flannelgraph on the danger of the mosquito, the importance of the use of clean water, the value of the smokeless (chula) fireplace for cooking, the making of compost and other subjects.

This was a venture in cooperation. The church, the health dispensary, the school and the Extension Service are one in working for the Cause of Christ in this village, sharing in service, demonstration, and in word, that our Lord is indeed a Lord of all aspects of life.

As the convention closed we all came before God at our Lord's table and there again confessed our sins, received the bread and wine symbols of what God has done in Christ for us, and there we re-dedicated ourselves to God's service in Pakistan.

God is truly blessing us all in these days and we ask you to join with us in prayer that the Name of Jesus Christ might be so lifted up here that even one day the Muslim will bow down before Him in repentance and acceptance as Lord of all.

P.S.: A very important announcement is that the Lowdermilks were blessed of God with a little girl, Melanee Lynn, on October 5, at our United Christian Hospital where Dr. Ed. Rice is chief. She came into the world as a heavyweight at 8 lbs. and 2 oz. We thank God for this wonderful gift.

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Medical supplies worth \$330,000 went in 1958 to 135 missionary doctors in 43 countries under 53 Protestant mission boards, through the Christian Medical Society. This is made possible by 35 major drug companies donating their surpluses.

Methodists in seven Southeast Asian countries will be host to a late summer-early fall tour, sponsored by the Division of World Missions and the Joint Section on Education and Cultivation of the Board of Missions, New York. The tour group will leave San Francisco Aug. 22 and before arriving in New York Oct. 9 will have traveled around the world.



# A BROOK THAT FAILED

(Sermon starts on front cover)

There is a Biblical story of a stream that failed, the ancient record of a water shortage which has gripped the imagination of the long centuries. It tells of a prophet who prayed for water. In the famine which was scourging the land, Elijah had been safe by the side of a babbling brook—his needs of drink and food supplied by water and wings, the pinions of ravens. The scene is adorned with all the brilliant colors of an old-fashioned Sunday School card. And just as those gayly illumined tokens of juvenile attendance carried always a "Golden Text" beneath the scriptural portrayal, so here is the sentence which tells the ominous conclusion of a fascinating tale of the Prophet and the Brook— "And it came to pass after a while the brook dried up."

The little stream which was a life line for the prophet was one of the few left in the drought-plagued land. There was much suffering among the people because for so long the rain had failed to fall on fields and forests. When in his panic Elijah discovered the brook he seemed bent on just saving himself. His was a solitary escape. At first, apparently the plight of others did not disturb his own peace of mind. He is pictured as comfortably stretched out on the green grass by the water's edge. Surely, in a dry and thirsty land the lines had fallen to him in pleasant places! Perhaps as as rainless days passed he noticed that the volume of the stream was diminishing. But, still, there was plenty to allay his thirst. But one fateful morning the prophet was aghast to find that his oasis of refreshment had vanished like a mirage of the desert. Where sparkling water had made the murmuring music of salvation there was but cracked and dried earth. With a wild fear clutching at his heart, Elijah found himself at wit's end—For it came to pass that the brook dried up.

## At Wit's End

What was he to do? Seek another crystal spring somewhere up in the solitudes, and save himself? Divine guidance, so he thought, had led him to the hidden place of his selfish safety. But there he had time to meditate. Let us believe that even before his brook failed his conscience had begun to trouble him. How often the Love that followest us all the way brings its lessons in pain and loss! Elijah's heart began to go out

to those who were suffering the pangs from which he fled alone. The brook that failed sent him forth to join himself with others in need, and with them face the water and food situation in cooperation and partnership. He had come to sense that the authentic call of God is never to hide his servants away in selfish comfort, oblivious to the afflictions which have smitten others. There crept into the heart of the prophet a new feeling of oneness with all who were cowering under the pitiless pall of the rainless skies. With a compulsion, before conspicuous for its absence, he crossed the boundaries of his own country and found himself face to face with those who, to him, were heathen—a woman and her son. They, in the midst of the universal want and woe, were barely able to keep their bodies and souls together. The woman, too, was at what the Psalmist called the place of desperate extremity — wit's end. Her cupboard was bare. But no miser, coward soul was her's. With the stranger who came to her door she shared her last crust — Then a miracle happened. How the partnership of need solved the dreadful problem is not part of the story now. Suffice it to say, it did. And while the selfish brook had failed, the shared barrel did not.

This lovely old etching is telling us that only together can humanity win. A dear preacher friend of mine whose once eloquent lips are stilled now, in dwelling upon this story, did not go into a long explanation of how it came to pass that by pooling their efforts the trio found salvation. But, commenting about the dried-up brook and the never-empty widow's cruse, he said simply: "Faith in God is not a condition to be hidden in some sacred canyon, as a personal security policy. It is rather an endowment to carry into the midst of life, with which to sustain desperate need. When woe was running down every road, Elijah joined himself to others who were in trouble. Here is a prophet who, because a brook failed, found himself. The unwasting meal, shared with others, is of far richer significance than the hidden brook alone."

## Applying the Lesson

But what does this water shortage in Israel so long ago have to do with water in America in this year of our Lord 1960? Answer: Very much. Even with all

the ministry of rain it has come to pass that the brooks of our water supply are drying up across this favored land. It is not that the vagabond clouds, with their precious cargo of refreshing moisture, like white-sailed barques have failed to float across the sea of azure blue. They have delivered their priceless elixir, though unequally, to the land.

Now when the distilled water is drawn from the sea it is but being taken on a journey — for some time, somewhere, it turns again home. The wise observation of Holy Writ is: "All the rivers run into the sea, unto the place where the rivers come." There would be no rain were it not for the sea and the winds. Every raindrop is the child of the sea, drawn from that mighty and unfailing reservoir of the great deep. The grasses know nothing of the sea save as they discover the ocean and the rainfall; but without the sea it would never come. The rain is the sea come to the plants, not in the majesty of the tides but in such little ways as even a grass blade or a flower's petal can harbor it and grow thereby.

The lakes from which we channel the water to drink is fed by rains which visit continental spaces. But the refreshing boon without which we die reaches us in the cup of cool, clear water we lift to our thirsty lips. As one who stood refreshed by showers of blessing gratefully bore witness, "the harvests of life are sure when we win from cosmic tides their drops of rain."

When we, whose mortal bodies are three-fourths water, take into our hands a loaf of bread, Maltbie Babcock reminds us of what is back of the snowy flour—

"Back of the flour is the mill,  
(Perhaps a mill run by water)  
And back of the mill is the wheat,  
And the shower — yes, *the shower*—  
And the sun, and the Father's will."

But even in our America there has continued, year after year, sounds of abundance of rain—that is, taking the vast expanse of the country as a whole. Yet the brooks of our water supply are drying up. One solemn reason is that like all the other riches of this continent, so prodigally endowed, man has been wasting his substance in riotous living. Senator Richard Neuberger gives a vivid bird's-eye-view of this wasted substance in one sweeping paragraph: "The gutted forests of the lake states, a dozen silty dust bowls, half a thousand polluted



rivers, the vanished passenger pigeon, and the slaughtered bison of the plains, migratory fish runs choked off from their spawning grounds by chemical wastes and unscreened irrigation ditches, all bear tragic witness to our failure in stewardship." In these latter years America has been sobered and alerted by the warnings, sounded by men who see, about the bird life, the animal life, the river life, and the life of the land itself, denuded and eroded, as riches piled up for thousands of years run off to the sea.

And now the Nation is compelled to face the dire implications of a growing water shortage. From various parts of our vast domain is being lifted the agonizing cry — Water, water, cool, clear water! For now it has become evident that the national brook is running dry. Of course we know that there are no brooks or rivers in the Sahara and other deserts. They are dry and thirsty lands where no water is. But who would expect any concern regarding the limitless water supply of a land that has the Hudson and the Mississippi, and the Columbia, and a thousand refreshing streams which make of our continental expanse, except for a few spots not irrigated—a watered garden? By tapping waiting water many miles from arid land, the parched places blossom as the rose as man commands the magic liquid to come hither. And if other sources fail, man has already taken the first steps, startling in their results, to wring out the salt from the boundless deep and separating it also from other ingredients make it pure and fresh, to quench thirst and quicken the parched land.

#### Situation Not Rosy

But, listen America! With all our vast water supply the situation is not as rosy as a superficial appraisal might suggest. The fact is that in 1957 more than one thousand communities endured water shortage to some degree. In some cases there was not enough water for lawns, and in some towns not enough to drink. Reports are disturbing with regard to the underground reservoirs of water. The levels are going deeper and deeper. In a number of states wells have to go down from 100 to 500 feet deeper than they did some years ago. Need of water is a powerful and dominating influence, and the need is pressing, everywhere between the Rocky Mountains and the Mississippi Valley.

The governor of one of our great western states recently declared that "every drop of available water must go to agriculture and industry." To be sure, at least for the present, there is enough

water if fairly distributed. But the problem is to get it where the people are and where the need is imperative. Golden Southern California is thought of as a land flowing with milk and honey. But it is a startling fact that fifty cities in that enchanted region get much of their water from the Colorado River, nearly 500 miles away.

The mushrooming population of our entire country and the higher standards of living have meant an enormous increase in bathrooms and in all sorts of household machines. Every person is using 60 more gallons of water per day than our grandparents required at the dawn of the century. Industry demands twelve times more water than it did three-score years ago. Rayon, for instance, is a modern product; but like all other new things it calls for more water. A ton of rayon takes from 200,000 to 300,000 gallons of water to make. What is a mere ton of steel as it is lifted to its place in a rising building? But it takes 65,000 gallons of H<sub>2</sub>O to fashion it. We blithely buy our bulging newspapers never realizing that a good-sized paper mill needs 22 million gallons of water a day. When you stop at a gasoline station to "fill it up," every gallon registered means seven to 10 gallons of water for processing. Cities are discouraging industrial concerns from building factories, saying, "we haven't the water to spare!" What the use of water for human projects is doing to wildlife was indicated some time ago when 3,000 dead ducks were piled on the lawn of one of our State Capitols in a dramatic protest against the pollution of their great river and the draining of marshes.

Some time ago the brook of water supply of New York City so nearly dried up that careless people were fined even for having leaking taps, and the use of water was sharply curtailed. All these symptoms could be increased at least a dozen-fold in emphasizing our growing water shortage and the constantly mounting demand upon the supply.

#### Solving the Problem

The urgent problem cannot be solved by just lamenting about the brooks that fail. Like Elijah, we must join others facing the same problem. The water solution is a cooperative task. We, the people, must tackle it together. Water resources, without any more regard to geographical lines than Elijah showed, must be protected, conserved, and transported, to assure adequate economy, as well as to assure supplies for public recreational purposes and for the conservation of precious wildlife.

It is in the spirit of Elijah, driven from his selfish brook, to take into consideration the needs of others that Congressman Chester Bowles in his recent, challenging book, exhorts what we must do now to coordinate the powers of Federal, State and local government. He declares, "We must tap new water sources and provide for the more efficient use and re-use of existing water resources." We must make an all-out attack on water pollution. And, above all, we must develop institutions which can handle land and water problems on a regional basis, including irrigation, land reclamation, and flood control projects which will correspond not to our official political boundaries, but to the special aspects of each region's watershed and water resource needs.

And so it came to pass when the brook dried up that Elijah went out to join his strategy of salvation with that of others. And so today, in our America, the brooks that are failing are driving us, with a sympathy for others, to face the problems that can be solved by the strength that is found only in unity of purpose and endeavor. Thus do we become workers together with God. And are we not assured regarding the Father God, from whom all blessing flow, that "He shall come down like rain," answering in the oceanic amplitude of His Grace the cry of those who hunger and thirst after righteousness— For as the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God! And, as Longfellow tells us,

"As torrents in summer, half dried in their channels,  
Suddenly rise though the sky is still cloudless,  
For rain has been falling, far off at their fountains,  
So hearts that are fainting grow full to o'erflowing  
And they that behold it marvel, and know not,  
That God at their fountains, far off, hath been raining."

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#### WOMEN IN THE NEWS

(Continued from page 10)

Glendon area are serving some churches in which there are no pianos. Miss Rebecca also would find it very helpful to have a piano for her apartment, and Miss Griffith would be delighted to also receive some games.

Any person having a piano not in use, and who is willing to donate it for service in one of the rural areas where the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service is at work, may write to either of the two workers. Their addresses are: Miss Rebecca Modellmog, Pembroke, N. C.; and Miss Jean Griffith, Rt. 1, Bear Creek, N. C.





MR. MADISON

Three North Carolinians, two of whom are ministers, will be among the headline speakers at the most important N. C. Social Concerns Conference scheduled for all day on Monday, Feb. 29, at St. Paul Church in Goldsboro.

These will be Dr. C. D. Barclift, Durham district superintendent and member of the General Board of World Peace; the Rev. Roy B. Barham, until recently chaplain at the N. C. Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center; and Blaine M. Madison, Commissioner of Correction of the N. C. Board of Correction and Training.

#### A Significant Event

Sponsored by four boards of the N. C. Conference and the first of its kind, the Social Concerns Conference has been conceived and planned as a most important initial exploration from a practical problems approach to the most pressing and burning issues of modern times. The three areas under study at this first meeting will be juvenile crime and delinquency, the alcoholic problem and temperance, and war and peace.

The four conference agencies under which the event is being carried out are the Board of Temperance, the Board of Education, the Board of World Peace, and the Board of Social and Economic Relations.

The official complete program, divided into three main parts, is found elsewhere in this article. A detailed discussion of the program and of other speakers will be found in an ADVOCATE article published on January 21, 1960, on page 6. This article here concerns other angles of the event.

"These questions on the burning and vital issues of our day and upon which civilization itself hangs in the balance

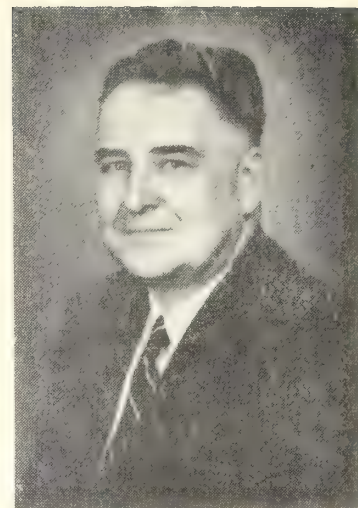
# Social Concerns Meet Set for Goldsboro

By DALLAS MALLISON

should be and are of special concern to every member of all of our Methodist congregations," declared the Rev. D. W. Charlton, general chairman of the event, in a letter to all pastors urging their attendance.

#### World Peace Speaker

Twice district superintendent and across the years pastor of some of the largest N. C. Conference churches, Dr. Barclift has long been recognized as a major force in the leadership and affairs



DR. BARCLIFT

of the N. C. Conference. He was a delegate to the General Conference in 1952 and will be again this year. He is a native of Durant's Neck in Perquimans County on the Albemarle Sound. He is a graduate of Asbury College, Duke University, and the Duke Divinity School.

#### Student of Alcoholism

A long-time student of the alcoholic problem and the application of Christian principles in its solution, the Rev. Mr. Barham is an ordained Disciples of Christ minister. A native of Johnston County near Kenly, he is a graduate of Atlantic Christian College, has his B.D. degree from Vanderbilt University, and has done two years of graduate study each at Boston University and the University of North Carolina.

The Rev. Mr. Barham is to appear on the Board of Temperance program to make a brief statement. He is the author of "Unsolicited Love, the Right Therapy for Alcoholism" which appeared in the ADVOCATE on Feb. 4, 1960, pages 10, 11.

#### Authority on Crime

A native of Olin near Statesville in Iredell County and a graduate of both High Point College and Duke University, Brother Madison is a distinguished Methodist layman. A member of Edenton Street Church in Raleigh, he has served on many of its boards, is Raleigh district lay leader, and treasurer of the N. C. Conference Board of Lay Activities.

Before assuming his present post, he was assistant director of prisons in this State. He now acts as consultant to the Board of Social and Economic Relations. As Goldsboro he will moderate the forum period of this board's presentation.

#### PROGRAM

10:00 Devotional—Rev. Howard McLamb

10:15 Presentation of the Conference Board of Temperance—Chairman, Rev. D. W. Charlton, Enfield

Address—"The Alcohol Problem"—Dr. Caradine R. Hooton, General Secretary Methodist Board of Temperance, Washington, D. C.

Forum—Rev. Harold D. Minor, Moderator, Director of Adult Work, Conference Board of Education, Durham

11:30 Intermission

11:45 Presentation Board of Social and Economic Relations—Chairman, Rev. T. J. Whitehead, Graham

Address—"Understanding and Preventing Juvenile Delinquency"—Dr. Haskill M. Miller, Professor of Social Ethics, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C.

Forum—Mr. Blaine Madison, Moderator, Director of Correctional Institutions, State Board of Corrections, Raleigh

1:00 Barbecue Lunch (Dutch Treat) by Griffins of Goldsboro

2:00 Presentation of the Conference Board of World Peace—Chairman, Rev. L. A. Watts, Hope Mills

Address—Dr. C. D. Barclift, Superintendent, Durham District, Member, Methodist Board of World Peace, Chicago, Ill.

3:15 Evaluation and Closing Act of Dedication—Rev. Leon Couch, Host Pastor



# International Sunday School Lesson

FOR FEBRUARY 28, 1960

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH

Head, Department of Religious Education, Greensboro College

**COURAGE FOR CHRISTIAN WITNESSING**

*Background Scripture:* Acts 21:17 through 22:29

*Lesson Scripture:* Acts 21:27-39

With this lesson we begin a new unit of five lessons the general theme of which is "The Church Faces Difficulties." The fifth lesson will conclude our study of Acts, then we shall begin a study of the Sermon on the Mount and the parables of Jesus which will run through June.

In today's lesson we see Paul in Jerusalem. He had gone there on a mission of peace and good will, taking an offering of money to the Jerusalem church to relieve their need. Strange to say, nothing at all is said to indicate their appreciation of the gift. Instead, these Jerusalem leaders told Paul he had better do something quick to prove to the Jews that he was not such a turn-coat as they had imagined. There were four men who were ready to enter the temple for some sort of purification rite. It was suggested that Paul accompany them. This, it was thought would give the Jews a favorable impression of the apostle.

Paul could be uncompromising when necessary, but in this case he was willing to go through with this ritual if it would do anything to allay suspicion of the church and create a climate of good will. However, it was of no use; a riot ensued in which Paul was nearly killed, being saved only by the Roman soldiers stationed in the temple area.

What was the reason for this attack upon the apostle? Nothing more than the fact that he had been seen talking and walking with a Gentile friend, Trophimus. His enemies assumed the Gentile had been in the temple with Paul, though there is not a shred of evidence that he had been there.

All this goes to show that when one's enemies are "out to get him" any fragmentary piece of evidence can be blown up into a full-scale charge in order to accomplish their ends. Roy L. Smith, in the *International Lesson Annual*, tells of a minister who crusaded against the liquor business in his city. He went into a saloon looking for the son of one of his members. Immediately his enemies informed the church officials that he was seen coming out of a saloon. This damaged his standing with his congregation, though he had gone in there only to try to save a man. We are reminded of the saying: "It's the half-truth that lights the faggot." There are many who are willing to make use of half-truths to damn those they wish to destroy.

These are days when feelings run strong on many issues that divide our citizens. It is a time for a calm and careful search for facts. It is also time for churchmen to take a firm stand on the side of Christian standards when they see these being violated by wicked men. Paul showed courage by going to Jerusalem in the first place. He showed further courage by requesting an opportunity to address those who minutes before had attempted to murder him. If the reader will study the background Scripture he will find an account of Paul's speech. We are told when he started to speak to them in their own language (Hebrew) a hush fell over the crowd. At least this much can be said in their favor: they were willing to listen. Paul, who had cleared himself with the military, and proved he was not a revolutionist, now turned to his own people. He addressed them in friendly terms "My brothers and my fathers." He then recalled his Jewish upbringing. But when he made his clear and unequivocal testimony that God had sent him to

preach Christ to the Gentiles they were again up in arms. They demanded that he be flogged so as to exact some sort of retraction from him. At this point Paul raised the question with the Roman officer as to whether it was legal to flog a man who was a Roman citizen, even without a trial at that. When they heard this the soldiers protected him.

In our memory verse we are reminded that the Christian's life is not a bed of roses. It is a battle all the way. We are called to live like soldiers: "Take your share of suffering as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" (1 Timothy 2:3). It has been said that the vitality of a religion can be measured by the distance you have to go back in its history to find heroes and martyrs. Have you seen many of these recently in the ranks of the churchmen that you know?

## Book Reviews

**The Bench Mark**, edited by Robert West Howard, G. Ross Freeman and James W. Sells. (Church and Community Press, Atlanta. Price, \$1.50 per single copy; \$1.00 in quantity.)

Picking up this small volume, I wondered if it were another promotional booklet. It isn't.

Actually, it is a scrapbook made up of extracts from addresses, humorous stories and inspirational quotations culled from the reports of the 15th Annual Church and Community Workshop at Emory University last July. But that doesn't tell the tale at all, for this is one of the most delightful collections of wit and wisdom about the South and its churches that I have ever read. "Lively" is the word for it, but the material is often profoundly moving and intellectually stimulating.

The title comes from the panel presentation which attempted to establish a "bench mark" from which to run their intellectual surveying lines as the participants studied the problems of the New South. The panel discussed the matter, and Jim Sells introduced the idea of a bench mark such as the surveyors use as a symbol of the meeting. Said Ivy W. Duggan, "I think we all have bench marks. We measure everything else by our own bench mark . . . Throughout life, every human being needs a firm, established and used bench mark that has stability and won't wear out and is clearly engraved and stays there as a permanent reference point."

That is the idea of the book, but no review can do it justice. You'll have to read it for yourself.—R. P. M.

**A Year of Evangelism in the Local Church**, edited by Gordon Pratt Baker and Edward Ferguson, Jr. (Tidings. Price, \$1.50 per copy, four copies for \$5. Order from Tidings, 1908 Grand Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn.)

This book is designed as a manual to assist local churches in their continuing ministry of evangelism. Its 26 writers come from wide and varied areas of experience and each speaks out of experience in the techniques which he describes. Here are plans, procedures and programs of evangelism for the entire year.—R. P. M.

**One Out of Four**, by Myrtle Williamson. (John Knox Press. \$1.50)

Myrtle Williamson died of cancer, after a lifetime of service as a church worker. This book is her story, told in her own words up to the time of her death, and concluded by

one of her friends. It is not a sad story, but an inspiring one, the story of a Mecklenburg County girl who gave her life to Christ and the Church, teaching Bible in public schools of Florida and in a Christian college.—R. P. M.

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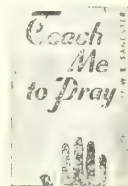
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## IN PASSING

### *This and That*

Are you fascinated by clever writing and odd terms of expression? I am, and one of the pleasures of reading the vast amount of literature which comes to the editor's desk is in the discovery of such items.

One of the most familiar examples of oblique humor is the story of the Quaker lady whose car was damaged by a hit-and-run driver. As the culprit sped off down the road, the dear old soul looked after him without showing visible signs of emotion, and then, after ten seconds of silence, she said quietly:

"When thee gets home, I hope thy mother bites thee."

The latest example comes from an "advice to the love-lorn" column in today's newspaper. An indignant swain is complaining that after he had showered his lady friend with \$400 worth of gifts, she refused to have anything more to do with him and walked out. He wailed, "She's already worn the clothes I bought for her. What do I do now? Four hundred bucks is not hay."

The columnist answered, "Tough luck. If the four hundred bucks *were* hay you'd have had enough to eat all winter."

It took some time to figure that one out, but it was worth it.

### *The Ear of the Bishop*

Joe Trollinger is well-known as a wit among the WNC preachers and he won't mind my telling this one on him.

After 42 years in the ministry, Joe retired two years ago, largely on account of his rheumatism. Not long after he retired, the rheumatism let up and Joe hit the ground running. He started teaching a Sunday School class at Reidsville, preaching all around the country and leading the singing for all sorts of meetings. In fact, he was never busier.

Not long ago he dropped in on the service of dedication for Friendship Church on the Haw River Charge and Bishop Harmon invited him to participate in the service, as he was a former pastor. After the service, the ADVOCATE photographer took some pictures of the group, with Joe looking over the shoulder of the bishop.

Said Joe, "This is the first time in my life I ever looked over the shoulder of a bishop."

Unfortunately, that picture didn't turn out well, but the photographer started snapping some informal shots when they weren't looking. The result is shown on another page. We sent Joe a print of one of them, in which he is holding forth in good style as the bishop listens intently to the tale.

All of his life, says Joe, he has wanted to get the ear of the bishop and he never made it until it was too late.

Speaking of bishops, I noticed one thing about Bishop Harmon that intrigued me. He has a style of preaching all his own, and

one characteristic is the use of gestures in a manner which would do credit to Leonard Bernstein. In fact, I asked him if he had ever conducted an orchestra. He said no, and wondered why I asked. I told him that I had never seen a speaker who could handle gestures as effectively. The matching of word and hand is done with completely unconscious grace and timing. It can't be described; it has to be seen. Somewhat embarrassed by my enthusiasm, the bishop replied that when he was in seminary his speech professor told him that his gestures were terrible. Well, it is probable that as a budding theologian he might have been trying to follow rules. When he gave up trying, his innate sense of rhythm and appreciation of music took charge, with the result that, today, gestures and words are so perfectly welded into one that only a fanatic on the subject of sermon delivery would notice the gestures and find them utterly fascinating.

I hope that I don't embarrass the bishop by writing this, for he is a modest man, and I doubt if he has ever even thought about the matter.

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You may notice the announcement of the Methodist Heritage Tours in this issue. I will not be along with the tours this year, for obvious reasons (I'll be too busy moving), but I'd like to recommend a tour leader to any of you who are interested in going. Two of my good friends, Newman Cryer and Harold L. Fair, are leading groups this year. Cryer is managing editor of *The Christian Advocate* (Chicago) and Fair is editor of *The Adult Student* (Nashville). Cryer's group leaves on July 15 and Fair departs on August 26.

Much of the tour will be the same as the one last year, but three added features make it even more attractive. Those who go will have the privilege of seeing the Passion Play at Oberammergau, touring Scotland, and visiting Austria, in addition to England, Germany, Switzerland, and France.

My trip last year was one of the greatest experiences of my life, and despite the hurried nature of such a trip, the things you see so briefly will give pleasure for years to come as you remember them.

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## GOD'S GLADIATOR

And so Gilbert T. Rowe, God's valiant gladiator for the truth, has gone Home. He leaves the arena, tired but triumphant, and, like Lincoln, another tall cedar he falls, to leave "a vacant place against the sky." I will refrain from a long tribute, they will be coming from abler men, but this I must say; he possibly did more to defeat dogmatic obscurantism in the field of religion than any man in our Conference and more in support of liberal theology than any preacher-teacher among us. He and Dr. W. L. Poteat led the vanguard for a score of years while our state battled for intellectual freedom and "Reality in Religion." His mind cut to the core of truth like a diamond cuts baser metals and his sword remained unsheathed, building the kingdom in this green and pleasant land.

If any honor was denied him, such as being elected bishop, we know of one reason; he was too big to be generally popular, too honest in his convictions to deal in double talk, too earnest to compromise. He declared his mind freely on all the hot issues of his age. Oh to hear his tocsin voice again; to listen to his "grand conclusions wherein we saw the God within him light his face" as he strung his strong words on great themes like beads on a rosary, and at the end a Cross was hung.

And, Oh Captain, if again our dear Zion is enfeebled by caution or craven before the demands of Right, we implore that your enshrined spirit will whisper courage to those yet in the lists of battle that we, too, shall fight the good fight and finish our course to dwell with those who win the crown through tribulations and therefore stand before the throne. Long we will remember his leading the Conference in "O come angel band; come and around me stand—and bear me a way on snowy wings to my immortal home."

Grateful for the heritage, I am one of the inheritors,

L. B. HAYES.

Franklin, N. C.

## Groups Differ on New Board Plan

Reversing a previous action, the Board of Temperance has approved "in principle" the proposed unification of its work with the Board of World Peace and the Board of Social and Economic Relations to form a new Board of Christian Social Concerns. However, the Board of Temperance recommends that the new united board have *three* general secretaries, one to head each of its divisions. This action, taken Jan. 27-29 at the board's annual meeting in Washington, D. C., differs from the administrative plan adopted by the Co-ordinating Council. By a clear-cut majority, the council voted to recommend that the General Conference unite the three boards and provide for *one* general secretary, with three *associate general* secretaries under him, each one supervising a division. The council's plan departs from the staff set-up in vogue in other boards.



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## Ambassadors of Good Will

As President Eisenhower tours South America on a good-will mission to countries which have been somewhat cool to their northern neighbor, we are reminded that the best ambassadors of good will in the world are those who serve as missionaries and workers in our church programs of relief and rehabilitation through the National Council of Churches.

Methodists will join in giving their gifts to these causes next Sunday, as a climax to the Week of Dedication. All those who participate are, in one sense, missionaries. As you make your offering, remember that no politician can promise what the Church can give.

It's up to dedicated men of God to save the world from chaos.

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."





# LETTERS

## About the "Merger"

Dear Editor:

Reports of forthcoming events at General Conference can be confusing, even to an editor.

As one of the secretaries involved in the proposed "merger" of the three social boards, I have read your editorial of February 18 with extraordinary concern. Perhaps you would appreciate my version of the recent action involving possible union of these boards.

In the first place, the three boards have not considered lightly all that is involved for the churches and these concerns in the proposed merger. Several years ago we began a voluntary program of collaboration that constitutes the only "study" which has been made of the problems involved and the possibilities envisioned in this kind of extraordinary proposal.

The three boards have succeeded in so coordinating our work and cooperating in all possible services to the local churches that we know quite well the advantages and disadvantages involved in structural merger.

We have worked very closely with the Structure Committee of the Coordinating Council and are in perfect agreement on the major principles connected with further union of our agencies. From the very beginning it was apparent to us that the plan as proposed by the Coordinating Council would involve a larger organization and the expenditure of greater amounts of money than our separate operations now demand. The action of the Interboard Commission on Christian Social Relations was an effort to simplify the structural operation and at the same time conserve as much of the strength of the three former boards as the church ought to want.

You may be interested in knowing that all three of the boards, plus the members of the Interboard Commission, have offered what they conscientiously believe to be a more workable plan of administration for the new Board of Christian Social Concerns. We have all three approved of "the united plan" in principle, but we feel that the larger interests of Methodism demand a better and less expensive administrative plan than has been suggested by a majority vote of the Coordinating Council.

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Precisely what your editorial seems to fear would happen if the present plan is adopted. There would be three general secretaries who in turn would be supervised by one secretary in charge of the general secretaries and each general secretary would have to have much more than "the usual quota of assistants," because the plan of the Coordinating Council calls for top level departments which would overlap the three divisions, thus requiring administrative skills which would come rather high.

I think you will find that each of the present three boards is more than anxious to serve the church as economically and efficiently as possible. For this reason, our experience compels us to recommend what we consider to be "saving changes" in the proposed merger. The record will verify that we are of one accord in these ideas.

Sincerely yours,

CARADINE R. HOOTON

The General Board of Temperance,  
Washington, D. C.

## A Practical Expression of Appreciation

Dear Editor:

Enclosed you will find my check for renewal of my subscription to the Advocate, for I certainly don't want to miss a copy. The Sunday School lessons alone are worth the price of the paper. I have enjoyed your "In Passing" very much. Thanks for the good work you have done.

Sincerely,

MRS. A. L. POSTON

1213 North Main St.,  
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## "Thank God for Friends"

Dear Editor:

On Saturday, Feb. 13, with the planning of my daughter, Vesta Dixon, we celebrated my ninetieth birthday. I received about 130 cards, letters and greetings from friends and loved ones from several states, but mainly from North Carolina, my native state, where most of my life was spent and nearly all my work was done.

There came also some good books and other gifts and quite a lot of flowers.

I would like to answer each of them personally, but that is an impossible task for one of my age. So I am taking this method of expressing my sincere thanks to all those dear ones who thus remembered me on my birthday. Whether or not I reach 91 is in God's hands. He will direct. If He so wills, I shall be glad to live just as long as I can be active. I am happy in Him and it is good to be living.

Yours in His Service,

(REV.) A. G. DIXON

513 Allegheny Ave.,  
Towson 4, Md.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Brother Dixon's name stands ninth in the Chronological Roll of WNC ministers. We congratulate him upon his birthday and wish him many more.

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"Lip-lazy Americans have not done a good job of interpreting to the people of the world the ideas and ideals for which we stand. We have the product but we have not publicized it, at least not persuasively."

— The Rev. Dr. J. Richard Sneed

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## A Great Theologian Passes

By E. P. HOLMES

With the passing of Dr. Gilbert Theodore Rowe in Durham, Southern Methodism lost one of its great preachers. He was not only a noted preacher but a preacher's preacher. He taught theology for many years. As one who has listened to preaching in North Carolina for the past fifty years — in many churches, both great and small, and many denominations, I feel that, from their analysis of theology and the way they carry their text, it is possible to tell where the respective preacher received his training: Duke or Emory, Vanderbilt or Wake Forest. If one will listen closely, these ministers can be segregated. Then if one will listen closer, one can generally tell the men who sat at the feet of this great theologian, Gilbert Rowe. He preached a doctrine that was as solid as the Rock of Gibraltar.

My father, forty-five years in the Western North Carolina ministry, had a unique way of sizing up preachers. He used to say that to listen to Dr. Samuel B. Turrentine was a literary treat; to hear Dr. Kilgo was like listening to a melody; to hear Plato Durham was but the realization of religious song; and that every sermon that Gilbert Rowe preached was a saga of religious poetry. Gilbert Rowe was an outstanding preacher, yet he got it naturally. His father before him, "Old Doctor Rowe," was a great preacher. Like "Father Ivey," he was of the old school.

The elder Rowe was our presiding elder when my father was pastor at the First Church in Salisbury in 1906; and on his quarterly trips to our home (Methodist pastors always kept the presiding elder in their homes); he told us that he believed Gilbert was going into the ministry.

Just how to describe a man of Dr. Gilbert Rowe's qualities is hard to define. His achievements stand as his best monument; he left behind him so many great preachers that he had created. Though his end was tragic, his theology might best be described in some of this teen-age lingo. My little grandson told me last week that State College had a basketball team that "wouldn't quit." That is it: Gilbert Rowe preached a theology that wouldn't quit.

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### RECOMMENDED CHANGE IN THE BY-LAWS OF THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE OF THE N. C. CONFERENCE

In order for the term of office for the conference secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild to coincide with the quadrenniums, the Standing Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild has requested that Article 4, Section 2, (page 168, 1959 Annual Report), be amended, effective this year, to include the office of secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild in Group I of officers instead of Group II.

Due to the fact that this request has come between meetings of the Executive Committee of the conference society, the request has been approved by the Administrative Committee, on recommendation of the Bylaws Committee and, in accordance with the bylaws, is printed here in order that same may be voted on at the Annual Meeting of the conference society to be held in Grace Church, Wilmington, April 5-7.

MRS. C. D. BARCLIFT, *Chairman  
Committee on Bylaws*

## Carolina Briefs

☛ PASTOR JOHN MCWHORTER of Black Mountain is presenting a series of sermons on the Twelve Disciples during the period leading up to Easter.

☛ RAYMOND A. SMITH, professor of religious education, at Greensboro College, spoke to the students of Wake Forest College Tuesday, February 23, on "Brotherhood — An Urgent Necessity."

☛ THE REV. WILLIAM BAXTER DAVIS has been designated pastor emeritus of Central Church, Spencer, by the action of the official board. Mr. Davis was pastor of Central Church during 1932-36, and is now making his home in Spencer. The present pastor is the Rev. Russell L. Young.

☛ MEMBERS and friends of the Prospect-Pleasant Hill Charge, Thomasville, are making it possible for their pastor, the Rev. Arthur J. Pierce, to be one of the party of 24 ministers going to Costa Rica and Panama on the preaching mission sponsored by the General Board of Missions, March 8-22.

☛ DR. JOHN R. CHURCH, approved evangelist of the WNC Conference, will be the preacher for the revival services to be held March 20-27, in Wallace Methodist Church, Goldsboro District. The Rev. Richard Lively, pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Charity, will be the song leader, reports the Rev. A. F. McClung, pastor.

☛ ST. JAMES METHODIST CHURCH of Newport, recently heard the Rev. Roy H. Barham, chairman of the N. C. Council of Churches Committee on Alcoholism and former chaplain at the Butner Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center, speak on "The Christian Church's Responsibility to the Alcoholic." Mrs. Floy Garner, chairman of the Commission on Social Concerns, introduced the Rev. Roy H. Barham.

☛ THE REV. WILLIAM W. BUTLER, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Charlotte, is the author of the meditation for Tuesday, March 15 as printed in the *Upper Room* for use of an estimated 11 million readers throughout the world. *The Upper Room*, a devotional guide edited by Dr. J. Manning Potts, has a world circulation of more than 3 million copies and is read by millions more.

☛ ENROLLMENT FIGURES for the spring semester at Louisburg College have been released by Dean-Registrar John B. York. A total of 412 students have enrolled for work during the semester, an increase of about 10 per cent over the spring semester of last year. The average enrollment for the present academic year is 426. There are nine states represented in addition to North Carolina and 48 of the counties of North Carolina. There is one student from Japan and one from Iran.

☛ THE REV. HAROLD R. HIPPS of West Market Street Church, Greensboro, will teach a course on the philosophy of recreation in the Southeastern Recreational Workshop to be held March 16-23, in Leesburg, Fla.



Mrs. Robert White (seen above with her husband), who will celebrate her 83rd birthday on April 14, has been a subscriber to the *ADVOCATE* since 1908, when it was the *Raleigh Christian Advocate*, a total of 52 years. Still active in the life of Bunn Church, on the Louisburg Charge, she is a regular attendant at Sunday School, worship services and the WSCS. Always interested in Christian literature, she has actively supported the *ADVOCATE* and has been responsible for increasing the number of *Upper Room* subscription to 38. Her hobbies are knitting, crocheting and reading good books. Mr. White, 81, is fond of fishing. Her pastor, the Rev. Merrill Perkins, says, "She has been a source of strength to her pastor. 'She keeps him informed of the sick of the community, in addition to other helpful assistance.'"

☛ A LENTON preaching mission will be held at Avondale Church, Avondale, March 20-25, with the Rev. Herbert D. Garmon, of Kings Mountain Church, assisting the pastor, the Rev. F. W. Dowd Bangle.

### RESOLUTION

The Human Relations Committee of the North Carolina Council of Churches recognizes the democratic and moral rights of Negroes to equality of service at the lunch counters of stores serving the public. We urge our fellow citizens, and especially our Christian brethren, to unite with us in openly and firmly defending this basic human right. We commend our Negro citizens for their self-restraint under provocation and we deplore any recourse to violence. We recognize the problems faced by store management in adjusting its policy to provide non-discriminatory service, and we pledge our wholehearted support and the good offices of our committee to this end.

H. SHELTON SMITH  
W. R. GRIGG  
*Co-Chairmen*

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Religious Thought, Duke University.  
Dr. W. R. Grigg, Secretary of the Department  
of Interracial Cooperation of the Baptist  
State Convention of North Carolina.



# EDITORIALS

## More Light On the Merger

In another column we are glad to print a clarification of the matter of the merger of the three social action boards, written by Dr. Caradine Hooton, general secretary.

He is right in suggesting that this editor was misled by the news story into thinking that the plan proposed by the boards would call for more supervisory personnel than would be economical. Dr. Hooton states that the opposite is true. According to his explanation, the present plan, which we felt was preferable to that suggested by the boards, would do just that, and therefore the suggested change would be advantageous.

We appreciate his explanation and are glad to have "inside" information on the matter.

## Duke President Resigns

Duke University President Hollis Edens has announced his resignation. That announcement was received with expressions of regret from secular editors all over the state, for Dr. Edens has been one of the outstanding university presidents of the nation.

The price paid by college executives in nerve strain and tension is undoubtedly great, but Hollis Edens did not give this as a reason for his resignation. With typical honesty and concern for the university, he explained that the program of expansion which must be carried out during the next ten years demands the services of a man who can expect to devote more than a few years to the task. As Edens would have only seven years left before retirement age (65), he feels that a younger man should have the job.

While we do not believe that Dr. Edens is correct in thinking that he could not make the best possible contribution to the university in the next six years, still, being of the same age, we can understand what he is talking about. Such consideration had something to do with our decision to give up the editorship as of this year. Long-term planning is more appropriately the task of the young.

But we cannot believe that Hollis Edens will be too old for any task for a long, long time. Whatever he plans for the future, will, we are sure, be carried out with his usual enthusiasm and success.



## A Prayer

FOR THE FIRST WEEK IN LENT

*Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*



## "Because He Was Lonesome"

Mrs. Dora Pacheco, writing in *Coronet* magazine, tells of her little daughter's attempts to learn the Catechism. When she was asked, "Who made us?" she answered correctly, "God made us."

"Why did God make us?" She thought a moment and then answered, "Because He was lonesome."

The answer was incorrect according to the Catechism, but it was absolutely true according to Christian teaching. God made us because He wanted people whom He could love and who could love him.

"Let us make man," said God, in the account recorded in Genesis. Why did He want to make man? Was He dissatisfied with the angels who did His bidding without question, who never gave Him any trouble, and whose very perfection had become monotonous?

It is an interesting question.

Why is it that parents frequently expend more love and attention upon the child who most often gives them trouble? Perhaps it is because they feel that such a child needs more help. One mother, when asked, which of her children she loved best, responded, "Whichever one needs me most." It is a very human characteristic to give attention to the trouble spots and seem to forget the rest. Could God be the same?

Surely He knew that man would be unruly, that giving him the power to make his own decisions would cause all sorts of trouble. Surely, in His omniscience, He could see down the way and know that Man would be disobedient at times, that he would sin, that he would not be able to resist the temptation to eat the "apple" when it was offered to him. Surely God knew this, but He

made man, started him out with the best chance in the world, gave him every opportunity, and then let him make his own mistakes.

Why did He do it? Can you think of a better explanation than that given by the little girl?

"Because He was lonesome."

## Welcome to President Patton

When Dr. Wendell M. Patton was installed as president of High Point College recently, North Carolina Methodism welcomed him to a job which has become increasingly important to the church.

High Point College is a growing school. During recent years, under the leadership of Dr. Dennis H. Cooke, the college has moved forward in every way and Dr. Patton comes to his new position with every prospect of success.

In selecting Dr. Patton for the job, the trustees were motivated by a desire to secure a man who not only had the necessary academic qualifications, but who had proven his ability to manage the affairs of a college as well as succeed in the business world. Preceding his coming to High Point he was with a management consultant firm in New York and, more recently, assistant to the president and general manager of Shuford Mills, where he gave much of his time to long-range planning and the direction of staffs and service functions.

Increasingly, the job of college president has become less academic and more concerned with business management. It is fitting that the colleges should look to successful business men as leaders, and when a man can be found who is able to combine excellence in both fields, it is fortunate for the college who can secure his services.

## Two Questions

A national magazine last week carried the story of big doings down in Georgia, where everyone on the state payroll has to take an oath that he is opposed to Communism. This patriotic gesture caused a bit of trouble as four-year-old Michael Gaultney, who gets \$4 a day as a "page" in the legislature struggled manfully to memorize the oath that he is not a Communist, or sympathetic with Communist doctrines.

We have two questions, First, how careful can you get? And, second, what was little Mike doing on the payroll?



# An Unwarranted Attack on the Churches

By The EDITOR

Americans were inclined to laugh at the recent disclosure that the Air Force was providing instructions to enlisted "dog washers" for the officers. They became somewhat more disturbed at learning that some official thought it necessary to print instructions for cocktail mixing. But most of us went up with a bang when it came to light that an official publication of the Air Force Reserve had made an unwarranted attack on the churches of the country by saying flatly that Communism had infiltrated into the National Council of Churches and that a large number of the translators of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible were fellow-travelers.

Of course, there are some who will be glad to hear such slander — notably the Communists and the hate-mongers among us who delight in stirring up strife. But that the government should countenance such an attack on the church and the clergy in an official publication is unbelievable. The prompt action of Air Force Secretary Sharp proves that there was actually no such official sanction, but that there was official dereliction, in that nobody in authority took time to read what was being printed.

After these editorials had been written, the information was released by the Secretary of Defense, Thomas Gates, Jr., that in the future secretaries of the Army, Air Force and Navy will be held personally responsible for any more "glaring inaccuracies" or lack of common sense and good taste in their training manuals. It was also disclosed that the Air Force manual which made the fantastic charges against the churches was written by a civilian employee at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

The writer, who is a member of a San Antonio Baptist Church, defended his action in departing from the planned outline of the manual to insert the attack on the National Council of Churches, and said that he got his information from Circuit Riders, Inc., of Cincinnati, Dr. Billy James Hargis, a radio evangelist from Tulsa, Okla., an editorial in the San Antonio Light and a government bulletin he identified as "Communism in Religion."

Evidently the author of the booklet did not feel that it was necessary to verify the truth of the statements from these sources by personal investigation, but took them for the gospel truth, thus making the Air Force guilty of an attack upon all churches and by implication all ministers. We presume that he will be relieved of his duties as a writer of Air Force material.

We reprint below several editorials from secular magazines which deal with the matter.

## HOW DID IT HAPPEN?

The most amazing of many things about the now-withdrawn "Air Reserve Center Training Manual" on "security threats" is how such a ridiculous instruction pamphlet ever received official approval as an Air Force publication.

It would have been bad enough if the many silly statements, charges and innuendoes, with some of the questionable documentary sources cited, had been included in a secret paper for intelligence officers. It is fantastic that such tripe should have been printed and circulated as a "student text" for non-commissioned officers of the Air Reserve.

When the matter came to his attention, Air Force Secretary Sharp acted promptly to repudiate the document and its doctrines, and to order an investigation of its origin. It is well that he has done so. For the individual responsible for this monumental piece of nonsense should be identified and disciplined. He and his kind pose a greater threat to the Air Force than do fancied subversives. — *The Washington Star*.

## BACKFIRE

It is tempting to dismiss that extraordinary Air Force Reserve training manual as the product of some isolated crackpot the like of which is bound to creep into so large an organization. Secretary Sharp's disavowal and immediate withdrawal of the manual are reassuring and offer initial amends to the National Council of the Churches of Christ. No doubt this particular idiocy won't be repeated — at least for a little while.

But the attitude reflected by the incident deserves some analysis. The author of the manual did not himself invent the nonsense that "Communists and Communist fellow-travelers have successfully infiltrated our churches." He was merely parroting a line popularized by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The Committee has succeeded in persuading a great many who are gullible that any organization which seeks social justice or racial equality or freedom of expression or restraints on police authority has been infiltrated by Communists.

The Air Force manual dismisses as foolishness the idea that "Americans have a right to know what's going on" and urges reservists to "Keep in mind that public news media presents only as much information as the Government wants to release." This attitude is not altogether anomalous in a Government which habitually classifies and keeps secret large aspects of the public's business having nothing to do with national security.

It is said that the reservists' manual is merely a duplication or extrapolation of a more authoritative Air Force manual. Be that as it may, the reservists' manual is of a piece with the recent Big Brother episode at a Kansas Air Force base and with that effulgent dog laundering handbook put through the wringer just a few weeks ago — both of which were also Air Force products. We think that Secretary Sharp had better do something more than repudiate the latest instance of thickheadedness in his department; he had better take steps to stamp out the poison which seems to have become an epidemic in the Air Force. — *The Washington Post*.



# Protestants Seek \$11,418,000 For 1960 Overseas Relief

New York, N. Y. — Protestant churches in America will seek \$11,418,000 in 1960 to support their world-wide programs of assistance to homeless, hungry and destitute people in other lands.

This target for the 1960 United Appeal for overseas relief and rehabilitation was announced by Dr. R. Norris Wilson, executive director of Church World Service, through which co-operative ministries of relief are carried on overseas by its 35 constituent major denominations.

Major emphasis of the 1960 United Appeal will be the "One Great Hour of Sharing" observances on Sunday, March 27, Dr. Wilson said. On this day special services will be held in many thousands of American churches with offerings dedicated to the Protestant overseas ministry.

The 1960 "One Great Hour of Sharing" United Appeal is the twelfth annual co-operative effort of major American denominations working together to relieve suffering abroad, both in emergency situations resulting from natural disasters such as fires, floods, earthquakes, etc., and with continuing services of material aid, programs of health, education and self-help assistance in chronic areas of need and ministries of resettlement and rehabilitation among the world's refugee millions.

Church World Service, a major department of the National Council of Churches with general offices in the Interchurch Center, 475 Riverside Drive, New York City, sponsors the United Appeal in the interest of its member communions.

Part of the \$11,418,000 asked in the 1960 United Appeal will finance processing, shipping and distributing of more than 10 million pounds of clothing donated by our people through their church organizations and service centers.

Also included is the 1960 allotment for the SOS program under which foods from U. S. Government surplus stocks — dried milk, wheat, flour, corn, cornmeal, etc. — are distributed free to hungry people.

In 1960 such surplus food distribution will exceed 300 million pounds at an estimated cost of slightly under \$1 million — or more than 300 pounds of food for each dollar of contribution. Value of the surplus fodstuffs scheduled for distribu-

tion in 1960 is estimated at approximately \$30 millions.

Resettlement and rehabilitation of refugees both in the United States and in other countries where they may find opportunities for new lives — a major

## High Point College Launches New Management Course

High Point. — High Point College's newly-inaugurated president, Dr. Wendell M. Patton, has already launched an ambitious program here.

The project is a novel course in industrial management for working industrialists.

No educational requirements are necessary to enroll in the course. The sole requisite is that the student have had practical experience in some supervisory capacity in industry.

The course, which will open March 9, will be taught in 14 weekly sessions — one every Wednesday night through June 8. Enrollment will be limited to 25 men.

Prime purpose of the course, according to Dr. Patton, is to strengthen the college's position in High Point's community life.

"The role High Point College plays in the life and growth of the community is an important one," Dr. Patton explained.

"In addition to preparing students for their future, the college should also look for ways to benefit the city by going beyond the students' college life to the position they will hold in business."

That expanded view of the college's role in community life is an offshoot of a program of academic progress Dr. Patton proposed in his inauguration address Feb. 6.

At that time the new president proposed a five-point program for an "academic breakthrough" in modern education.

He called for more individuality for colleges, increased emphasis on quality, higher academic standards, more intensive programs in basic-knowledge courses and the practice of Christianity in everyday life.

Christianity, he emphasized, must not become mere lip service — it must become a part of life itself.

Dr. Patton's formal inauguration as president came some five months after he actually assumed the post. He had been acting as president since September, after the resignation of Dr. Dennis H. Cooke to become head of the college's teacher training program.

Officiating at the inauguration and installation of the new president were Dr. Paul N. Garber, bishop of the Richmond, Va., area of the Methodist Church; Dr. Nolan B. Harmon, bishop of the Charlotte area, and Holt McPherson, chairman of the board of college trustees.

Formal greetings were extended at the

responsibility of our churches — also is aided through the United Appeal.

Assistance to orphanages and hospitals, tuberculosis and other health projects, programs to teach new skills and introduce new vocations — thus helping the needy to help themselves — will continue as a vital part of the churches' ministries abroad.

The Methodist Church will make such offerings in its Week of Dedication, February 28-March 6, 1960.



DR. PATTON

inauguration by the city of High Point and by several student, alumni and educational associations. Several hundred colleges and universities throughout the country either sent representatives or extended greetings.

Principal speaker was Dr. Arthur S. Fleming, U. S. secretary of health, education and welfare.

Dr. Patton, a native of Spartanburg, S. C., and holder of three degrees, came to the presidency with a varied background that included experience in the business, industrial and educational worlds. He gave up an executive position in industry to assume his new post.

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### HOW MUCH DO WE CARE?

When I begin to eat a meal,  
I wonder how the millions feel  
Whose tables are completely bare;  
And then I wish that I could share  
With them some wholesome meat and  
bread—  
That they and I might both be fed.

But wishing's not enough, I know;  
Far more than sympathy I'll show;  
I'll do my very best today  
To send a gift, as well as pray;  
For that's the answer to my prayer—  
My gift to show how much I care.  
—ERNEST C. DURHAM



# Group Ministry Under Consideration For Weaverville-Mars Hill Area

Plans to organize a Group Ministry for the Methodist churches in the Weaverville-Mars Hill area were made at a dinner meeting held on Feb. 18 at the Weaverville Methodist Church.

Ministers and lay leaders from the eight churches were present for the meeting.

The Rev. Boyce Huffstetler, director of the Town and Country Commission for the Asheville District, explained this new type of ministry as, "a voluntary plan of co-operation of pastors and churches in a natural area to make better use of ministerial and lay leadership."

The Rev. Robert Tuttle, superintendent of the Asheville District, discussed the function of Group Ministries in strengthening rural churches.

The Rev. Wilson Nesbitt of Duke University at Durham and the Rev. W. W. Blanton of Statesville, executive secretary of the Town and Country Commission in the Western North Carolina Conference, participated in a panel discussion of ways to establish the Greater Parish ministry.

Other ministers in the group are the Rev. Paschal Waugh of the Weaverville church, the Rev. R. W. Richardson of the Weaver-ville Circuit, the Rev. James Thurman of the Mars Hill Methodist Group, the Rev. H. L. Freeman, retired, and the Rev. W. C. Clark, a resident of Weaverville.

Plans were made to hold the next meeting in March and plans for a Parish newspaper were discussed.

The Rev. Mr. Huffstetler is specially trained in this type of ministry, having served for three years in the Clay County Group Ministry. He also attended the na-

tional meeting of the Town and Country Commission held in Wichita, Kansas, last fall.

The eight churches in the new Group Ministry are Weaverville, Mars Hill, Salem, Barnardsville, Alexander's Chapel, Pleasant Grove, Clark's Chapel and South Fork.

The Western North Carolina Conference has three Group Ministries now in operation, in Clay, Surry, and Avery counties.

## Central, Asheville, Conducts "School for Christian Living"

Beginning on Sunday night, Feb. 28, Central Church, Asheville, will conduct a session each Sunday night in its "School for Christian Living," with classes as follows:

For adults: Studies in The Gospel of John, taught by Walter E. West; The Christian Family, taught by Richard E. Robinson; Psychosomatic Health, Phillip E. Russell, M.D.; Studies on Africa, Miss Julia Titus and Miss Virginia Priest; Modern Social Problems, lectures by several speakers.

For Youth: "Jungles Ahead" (seniors) and "Paths That Cross" (intermediates).

For children: Nursery for children under four, kindergarten, primary, junior.

The class on modern social problems will hear lectures by Dr. Robert Spiro, Jr., Dr. Perry Crouch, Mr. E. C. Funderburk, Rev. Robert L. Torrance and Dr. John Barber. On March 20, the discussion will

center around the question, "What can be done to improve race relations in Asheville, and a panel composed of white and Negro leaders will give their views.

## N. C. Conference Recreation Laboratory

On March 11-13, the Youth and Adult Divisions of the North Carolina Conference will jointly sponsor a Recreation Laboratory at the Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church in Greenville.

The Laboratory was planned to help youth and adults develop a Christian philosophy of the use of leisure time and to train leaders to plan and lead recreation. It concerns the following areas of recreation: ice-breakers, get-acquainted games, skits, party games, folk games, fellowship singing, and party planning.

In the leadership capacity will be the well-known personalities of John Meares, Troy Barrett, Bob Buckner, Dottie Dicks, Virginia Gregory, Kirk McNeill, and Betsy Burnette and Linda Pearson, both of the Conference Youth Council.

To make the Lab truly effective, participants will be given the opportunity to lead recreation activities in small groups. Thus those attending will have some leadership experiences before returning to their local groups.

Registration blanks have been sent to various leaders throughout the conference. However, attendance has been limited to one hundred in order to obtain the best results.

— GLENDA PITTMAN  
NCCMYF Publicity Supt.

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The doorstep to the temple of wisdom is a knowledge of our own ignorance.

## Main Street, Knersville, to Build

The congregation of Main Street Church, Knersville, recently approved a \$140,000 building program to include a new educational building, a new fellowship hall and kitchen, and the renovation of the classrooms in the present educational building and basement. Having \$61,000 of the necessary funds in hand, the church will solicit pledges from the congregation to complete the project.

In the new educational building, the first floor will take care of all pre-school age children and offices for the minister and the church secretary. Classrooms will contain toilet facilities, storage closets, and direct access to the out-of-doors. The second floor will provide space for the first six grades (Primary and Junior Departments).

The fellowship hall will seat 208 persons at tables. In addition to a modern kitchen, the facility provides toilets, coat closets, and a stage for educational and promotional programs. These new facilities contains 12,969 square feet of space.

The renovation of existing facilities in-

volves converting the basement into 6 new classrooms for youth and adults, plus smaller rooms for storage, Church School secretary, and Boy and Girl Scout equipment. The first floor will be changed to provide a Ladies' Parlor, a Choir and Music Room, and an enlarged choir loft in the church sanctuary. The second floor will be modified to provide two classrooms for the 7th and 8th grades.

Mr. Hall Crews, Winston-Salem architect, prepared the plans. The Building Committee is composed of the following persons: G. S. Coltrane, chairman; Clay Ring, Jr., John Stockton, Charles Fulp, Mrs. R. H. Whitaker, C. V. Sigmon, Otis Mayberry, the pastor, the Rev. Sherrill B. Biggers, and the Chairman of the Official Board, D. W. Griffith. (Also Harmon Linville, during term of office.)





# Delegates Told Missionary Movement Is Growing

By MARY GARDNER

The greatest Christian missionary movement is foreseen during the next 30 years, Dr. Tracey K. Jones told the 300 delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service. Sessions were held February 16-18 at the First Methodist Church, Lexington, Ky., Mrs. Davis Cathcart, Lakeland, Fla., presiding. The meeting's theme was "With Thy Church Abide."

Dispelling the idea of some people that the missionary movement has had its day, Dr. Jones, executive secretary for Southeast Asia, World Missions of The Methodist Church, said there are today 25,000 Protestant missionaries from North America serving in 110 countries — about 50 per cent more than in 1939. The Methodist Church has 1,600 missionaries, the largest number of any other denomination, and the church's missionary budget is \$15,000,000.

Discussing the widespread influence and growth of Christianity as a result of missions, Dr. Jones said that there are more Christians in India today than there are people in Australia. "There is a whole new dimension in missions at the present time," he asserted. "Many other countries are initiating Christian missionary movements and missionaries today are of various races."

Mrs. E. L. Hillman, of Durham, first president of the Southeastern Jurisdiction WSCS, declared: "There is a great need for missionaries in mission fields throughout the world." Speaking about a recent trip in which she visited a number of mission fields, she said: "There is grave danger in traveling abroad — not in the physical means of transportation, but in the impressions that the traveler makes on these countries."

The missionaries are making no complaint about hardships and lack of materials and conveniences, Mrs. Hillman said. American missionaries are working with missionaries from Germany, England, and other countries.

Mrs. Hillman was also guest speaker at the World Federation of Methodist Women dinner meeting.

The Methodist Church will place special emphasis on four countries or areas of the world during the next quadrennium — four "Lands of Decision." These include Rhodesia, Argentina, Pakistan, and "China-in-Dispersion."

Among other features of the three-day program were an address by Miss Alpha-reeta Leeper, secretary of Missionary Personnel, Woman's Division of Christian Service; the President's Message, Mrs. David Cathcart; a service of Holy Communion, reports of officers, and special music.

Mrs. Hubert A. Davis, of Raleigh, Jurisdiction treasurer, was among the 16 nominees for membership on the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church. Eight of the 16 will be elected as members at the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference to be held at Lake Junaluska next July.

The 1961 Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service will convene at Trinity Methodist Church, Durham, next February 21-23.

## Bowles to Preach at Brevard Next Week

The A. W. Plyler preacher for the Brevard College Religious Emphasis Week is the Rev. Dr. Charles P. Bowles, pastor of West Market Street Methodist Church in Greensboro, N. C.

Religious Emphasis Week will be observed in March this year, beginning March 3 and continuing through March 5. The observance will open with the Wednesday morning chapel service at 10:00 o'clock. Evening services will be held in the Sims Center Building auditorium at 7:00 o'clock. There will also be a Friday morning service at 10:00 o'clock. The theme to be followed by Dr. Bowles is "The Simplicity of Religion."

On Thursday evening, the ministers and their wives of the Asheville District of the Western North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church will be the special guests of the college for dinner at 5:30 p.m., and for the service of worship which follows immediately.

A memorial fund established by Mrs. A. W. Plyler for her late husband, Dr. A. W. Plyler, provides for the college's securing an outstanding preacher for Religious Emphasis Week each year. Dr. Plyler was a charter member of the Board of Trustees of Brevard College, and very active in the policy-making and life of the college.

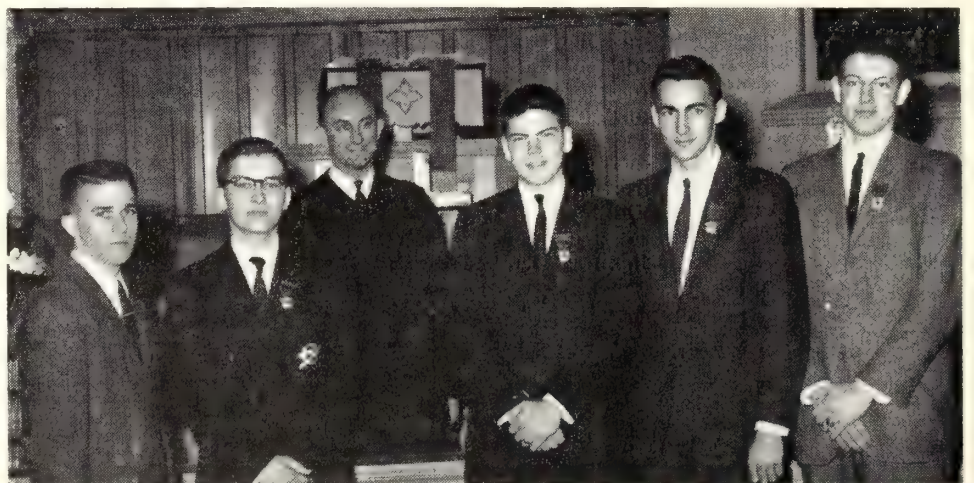
During the Memorial Service of the Western North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church in 1956, Dr. Eugene Few stated, "in each and all of the pastorates A. W. Plyler exhibited a great love and concern for people and an obsessionate devotion to his sacred calling. In a convincing manner he demonstrated a personal possession of the true shepherd's heart and unwavering regard for the salvation and abundant living of every individual entrusted to his care." Dr. Plyler was, together with his twin brother, Dr. M. T. Plyler, co-editor of the *North Carolina Christian Advocate*, weekly organ of the two annual conferences in North Carolina from 1921 to his retirement in 1945. Through their efforts and guidance, the religious journal attained enviable prestige among the religious periodicals of the area and nation.

This is the first Religious Emphasis Week on the Brevard College campus supported by the memorial fund.

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"The Christian can and should apply his faith to the every-day mechanics of political organization and social action. But all too often religion is waved from the platform with motherhood and the flag. If we don't mix politics and religion, then we leave society to the judgments and decisions of the merciless." — Dr. C. R. Hooton.

## Five Scouts Receive God and Country Award at West Market Street Methodist Church



Shown above with their minister-counselor are five young men who received the God and Country Award in a special Boy Scout Sunday Service at West Market Street Methodist Church on Sunday, February 7. From left to right, they are Bill Hoyle, Frank Iler, Jr., Rev. R. Harold Hipps, Minister of Education, Chris Troxler, Herbert Stout and Marc Harris.

The God and Country Award for Boy Scouts and Explorers was created in 1945 by Protestant Church leaders in co-operation with the Boy Scouts of America. In this program a Scout works closely with his minister and church school leaders as his counselors in the areas of Christian faith, Christian witness, Christian outreach, Christian citizenship, and Christian fellowship. At the conclusion of one or more years of study and service projects and active participation in the youth program of the church the Scout receives a God and Country Award, the highest honor a church can bestow upon its Scouts.

Since 1950 more than thirty Scouts of West Market Street Methodist Church have received the God and Country Award. (Photo by Ray J. Tysor).



# Christian Social Relations in Western N. C. Conference Reported by Mrs. L. E. Barnhardt

In looking over the highlights of the Christian Social Relations program for the past year, a significant event was the first Southeastern Regional Briefing Conference on Christian Social Relations.

The Boards of Temperance, Peace, Social and Economic Relations of the Methodist Church came together at a workshop at Lake Junaluska. This was sponsored by the three Boards of Social Concerns, named above, in co-operation with the Adult Division of the General Board of Education and the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

To quote Dr. Dudley Ward, "This in itself is quite an accomplishment . . . harder sometimes to integrate all the Boards of the Methodist Church than racial integration." He was also referring to the Conference on Human Relations where eight boards co-sponsored a conference.

Another quote, "Social Action has lost itself in resolutions, but now Social Action is turning the corner."

Two important programs were discussed at the conference that we Methodists are asked to support . . . and we want to do so . . . 1. The Nation-Wide Program for Peace . . . it is a national effort to study and educate for peace, to get Christians concerned over the rapid changes. 2. World Refugee Year, discussed at length.

Following the pattern of Regional Briefing, came news of the Joint Seminar on Christian Social Concerns in Statesville in January. This, too, is a first such venture in co-operation on such a scale. We have had one joint meeting and a joint program at the last Annual Conference. A Study Committee was appointed to work toward plans of combining on a conference level.

This fall I participated in the first joint meeting of the executive committees of our conference board and the Central Jurisdiction social and economic relations board.

Study classes on the United Nations and World Affairs have occupied a good bit of attention. I am quite elated over some of the results of the classes.

In our TV monitoring program, each district is asked to participate. Two districts have turned in full reports. One society in the Waynesville District was selected as one of the five in the jurisdiction to do a special study or survey, using as a guide the book, "Hidden Persuaders." This report was very complete and I was proud to send it in.

For the annual meeting of the North Carolina Human Relations Conference, I serve on the program planning committee.

We should remember the World Affairs Conference at Chapel Hill in February.

(This is a copy of the report of the Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations made to the Executive Committee of the WSCS at Pfeiffer College the last of January.)

## District News

**North Wilkesboro** — Miss Virginia Miller, the new rural worker in the Avery County group ministry, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Woman's Society of the North Wilkesboro District held on Feb. 11 at the home of Mrs. Edd Gardner in North Wilkesboro.

Miss Miller described her work in the Newland area and also said that she and the ministers in their group are busy teaching the mission study on Africa for the societies in Avery County.

Mrs. Lee Reynolds, district secretary of promotion, reported 18 new members in the district and one new society at Liberty Church in Watauga County. The district officers voted to increase their pledge to missions to \$5,000.

**Thomasville** — Mrs. J. C. Crawford was appointed as subdistrict chairman of Davie County in the Thomasville District at a meeting of the executive committee of the WSCS of the district held at First Church in Lexington on Feb. 4.

Mrs. Crawford succeeds Mrs. Grady Smith, resigned.

The district officers made plans for the District World Day of Prayer on March 4, for a District Quiet Day Observance on March 24 at the Fairgrove Church in

Thomasville and for the annual district meeting to be held on April 21 at Center Methodist Church in Welcome.

Mrs. J. F. Spruill presented the nominees suggested by the district committee on nominations.

Special tribute was paid to Mrs. Reid Rich for her outstanding report of the work done as district secretary of promotion during the past year.

The officers voted to adopt a policy of sending a packet containing, *The World Outlook*, *The Methodist Woman*, a Guide, and program material to each new society formed in the district.

Mrs. Walter I. Gibson, district president, was in charge of the meeting.

## Methodist Students to Hear Missionary

By MARY GARDNER

A former missionary to Sarawak will be a guest at the Methodist Student Center, East Carolina College, March 7-8. He is Bill Funk, a representative of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church.

A native of Covington, Ky., young Funk attended the University of Kentucky and received his A.B. degree in social sciences from Southern Methodist University. He has recently returned from Sarawak where he served a three-year term as teacher in the Methodist school at Sibul, as well as co-supply pastor and worker with Methodist Youth Fellowship groups.

Funk is currently being sent out by the Board of Missions to visit colleges for the purpose of interviewing students who are interested in full time Christian service in the United States and other countries.

A group of Methodist freshmen at East Carolina College have recently formed a Freshman Council at the Methodist Student Center.

The students' purpose in the council, according to their news bulletin, *The Wesley*, is "to give careful consideration to the purpose of the Wesley Foundation and to learn how to become responsible students in the ministry of the Methodist Church on the college campus. Members are chosen because of their manifested interest in the Wesley Foundation. Meetings are held each Thursday evening at 6:30.

Deaconess Mamie Chandler is director of the Methodist Student Center.



Seen left are those taking part in the dedication of the building of St. Paul's Church, Asheville, on Feb. 14: (Back row, left to right) R. Dwight Ware, R. G. Tuttle, Jack Cook, (front row) Judge Guy Weaver, Bishop Nolan B. Harmon and Clifford Peace.



# News from the Districts

## Elizabeth City

Robert L. Jerome, D. S.

The Elizabeth City District Conference met on Tuesday, January 19, in the historic and beautiful Plymouth Methodist Church with the host pastor, the Rev. A. D. Byrd, Jr., presenting the opening devotional.

The program, arranged and presided over by District Superintendent Robert L. Jerome, consisted of messages and reports from the various secretaries and directors of work in the Elizabeth City District.

The first reports came from the district staff on Christian Education, headed by Mrs. Charles L. Saunders, district director of Church School work. In addition to Mrs. Saunders, reports were presented by the following: Mrs. James A. Auman (children's work), Robert F. Bundy (intermediate work), F. Owen Fitzgerald, (youth work), Stanley S. Sneed (adult work), James A. Auman (Christian family life), R. Norman Knight (junior camp). The Rev. Harold Minor, conference director of Adult Work, brought greetings from the conference board of Education.

Other reports came from Mr. John Turner (district lay leader), Mrs. Joseph Bryant (district president, WSCS), A. D. Byrd, Jr. (*Christian Advocate*), V. E. Queen (Christian Higher Education), Mr. Roy L. Turnage (Town and Country Work), R. E. Fowlkes (TRAFICO), H. F. Leatherman (Christian vocations), and C. J. Andrews, (missions).

The Rev. Danny Arichea, student at Duke Divinity School and native of the Philippine Islands, addressed the conference concerning Methodist work among the people of his native land.

Greetings to the conference were brought from the Methodist Retirement Home in Durham by the Rev. James R. Hailey, assistant to the superintendent, and from the Methodist Home for Children in Raleigh by Mr. A. C. Britton, business manager for the home.

Two candidates were granted license as local preachers; Henry Hunnings of Norfolk, Virginia, assistant to the pastor of the Dare Charge, and Albert Shepherd, Jr., of Washington, N. C.

Local preacher's licenses for the following were renewed: Mrs. Louise C. Bingham, Corbin Lee Cherry, Herbert Harrell, John R. Joliff, Harold Sawyer, Rowland Stowe, W. C. Woodley, Paul E. Moss, Jr., and Harry Reeves.

The Rev. Frank W. Fortescue, pastor of the Chowan Charge, and the Rev. Rufus M. Smithson, pastor of the Creswell Charge, were recommended and approved for local deacon's orders. Local elder's orders were granted to the Rev. W. Nelson Fulford, pastor of the Harrellsville Charge, and the Rev. James A. Williams, pastor of the Roper Charge. The Rev. W. Everette Eason, pastor of the Washington Circuit, was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial.

The statistical reports included the following highlights: 105 received on profes-

sion of faith, 181 received by certificate of transfer. Churches of the district have accepted \$2,264.00 for various Advance Mission specials. Of the \$137,716 apportioned and accepted for the several benevolences and world service funds, \$43,143 has been paid.

The goal for the conference program of Christian Higher Education from the Elizabeth City District is \$496,359. Of this \$357,676 has been accepted and \$128,173 has been paid.

F. O. FITZGERALD, *Secretary*

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## J. T. Bowman Dies at 62

The Rev. James T. Bowman, 62, of Route 1, Climax, died Sunday night in a hospital in Greensboro after a short illness. He was pastor of Julian, Shiloh, and Bethel Methodist churches.

He was a graduate of High Point College and Wesminister Seminary. He had served Methodist churches at Denton, Thomasville, Concord, Lincolnton, Belwood, Randleman, and Grey's Chapel. He was a native of Guilford County.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Edith Macon Bowman; one son, James T. Bowman, Jr., of Route 1, Climax; one daughter, Mrs. Harold Briles of Asheboro; and one sister, Mrs. P. C. Futrelle of Greensboro.

Funeral services were conducted at Pleasant Union Methodist Church Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. by the Rev. W. A. Wellons, the Rev. John H. Carper, and Dr. Wilson O. Weldon. Burial was in the church cemetery.

## Bishop Opens New Building

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon of Charlotte formally opened the \$125,000 Methodist Building in Statesville and expressed hope that it will be "an anchor for the cause of righteousness."

The bishop praised the work of everyone who had been actively connected with seeing that the structure became a reality. He also said Statesville was a good location since the city is the center of the personnel life of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference.

He predicted that within the next decade North Carolina will become an area within itself in the Methodist Church. "This headquarters will be the center of activity in our conference," Bishop Harmon said.

During his short message, Bishop Harmon expressed confidence and affection for the people who head and work with the boards in the conference. He described them as dedicated Christians who are doing "a wonderful job" for the church.

"I think it is fine that we have a repository here where precious things of our church can be stored," he said. He then urged people of the conference to collect old papers, communion vessels, etc., which may be found in attics and which are precious to Methodism.

Bishop Harmon singled out Dr. J. Elwood Carroll, Statesville district superintendent

and chairman of the building committee, for special praise.

Dr. James G. Huggin of Gastonia, vice-chairman of the board of trustees, and Rev. Marvin Boggs of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church also participated on the program.

## New Church to Be Built In Cruso Area

Plans have been announced for the construction of a new church building at Cruso, near Canton, where a group of Methodists has recently organized a congregation under the leadership of the Rev. William E. Walker of the Pigeon Valley Charge. Mr. Walker is also pastor of Long's Methodist Church, Canton.

A small frame church in this area was abandoned some years ago and the members transferred to other churches. Interest has now been renewed among Methodists, for a number have moved into the section in recent years, and former members have expressed a wish to come back home.

Mr. Walker's services have been made available and he will divide his time between Long's Church and Cruso. The organizational meeting was held in the Cruso School on a recent Sunday and officers and teachers for the Sunday School were elected. Church School will be held every Sunday morning and worship services are scheduled for the first and third Sundays at 11 a.m.

## Two New District Officers Elected

By MARY GARDNER

A new secretary of promotion has been elected for the New Bern District Woman's Society of Christian Service. She is Mrs. Lawrence Green, of Oriental, N. C. Mrs. Green succeeds Mrs. Donald Edman, resigned.

Mrs. Russell Johnson of Conway, has been appointed as chairman of public relations for the Rocky Mount District, succeeding Mrs. B. B. Bolton of Rich Square, resigned.

Public relations has become an exceedingly vital channel for service in every organization. The N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service is using this media for promotional purposes in its vast program. It is organized on the conference and district levels, but there is a regrettable lack of promotion of public relations in the local societies.

District chairman of public relations, in addition to Mrs. Johnson, are: Burlington District, Mrs. H. L. Jordan, Siler City; Durham, Mrs. Sherwood Githens, Jr., Durham; Elizabeth City, Mrs. R. C. Collier, Elizabeth City; Fayetteville, Mrs. W. B. Easterling, Rockingham; Goldsboro, Mrs. E. A. Stevens, Goldsboro; New Bern, Mrs. H. L. Watson, Kinston; Raleigh, Mrs. Roy Renn, Raleigh; Wilmington, Mrs. W. C. Davis, Wilmington.

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Always put off 'til tomorrow what you shouldn't do at all.



# Vocational Guidance Topic of Thomasville District Meeting

The Fourth Annual Thomasville District Vocational Guidance Conference will be held at Memorial Methodist Church, Thomasville, on Sunday, March 6, beginning at 2:30 p.m. This conference will be open to High School Juniors and Seniors, Older Youth, their Adult Leaders and Counselors, and local church Christian Vocations Committee members. Following registration, devotions, and orientation, the first of two 45-minute Interest Group periods will begin at 3:15. Each person may elect to attend two groups during the afternoon. Interest Groups and their leaders are:

1. Church-Related Vocations for Men, the Rev. Paul Berrier, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, Asheboro.
2. Church-Related Vocations for Women, Dr. George Schreyer, professor, Pfeiffer College.
3. Teaching, Dr. Dennis H. Cooke, professor, High Point College.
4. Industry, Mr. Hardy Henry, personnel director, Erwin-Lambeth, Thomasville.
5. Medicine, Dr. Edward L. Jones, physician, Thomasville.
6. Nursing, Miss Ruth Shute, college nurse, Pfeiffer College.
7. Law and Government, Mr. Russell F. Van Landingham, attorney, Thomasville.
8. Secretarial, Mrs. Dalton Fritts, secretary, Thomasville, and Mrs. Therrell Grimes, instructor at Ashmore Business College, Thomasville.
9. Engineering, Mr. L. C. Hepler, Jr., engineer, Thomasville.
10. Business, Mr. D. W. Holt, businessman, Asheboro.
11. Christian Vocations (for Adult Workers with Youth and Christian Vocations Committees), the Rev. John H. Carper, district superintendent, Thomasville District.

The afternoon session will conclude with

a sharing and fellowship period at 5:05 p.m. The host church will serve a snack supper to those attending the conference at 6:00. p.m.

A worship service at 7:15 p.m. will conclude the conference. Guest speaker for this service will be the Rev. J. Julian Holmes, pastor of Central Methodist Church, Concord, and secretary of the WNC Conference Commission on Christian Vocations. His topic will be "The Compelling Must." The Rev. Dwight Pyatt, Thomasville District Director of Christian Vocations will preside at this service.

## Hickory Pastor Named "Young Man of the Year"

The Rev. Jacob B. Golden, pastor of St. Luke's Methodist Church, has been named Hickory's "Outstanding Young Man of the Year." He was presented the Distinguished Service Award from the Hickory Junior Chamber of Commerce at a banquet February 12th. Mr. Golden is a native son of Hickory, but has been away from his hometown since finishing school.

He was appointed back to Hickory in June of 1958, as pastor of a newly-organized church, a "daughter" of First Methodist Church, St. Luke's Methodist Church. Since its organization a year and a half ago, the church has grown to 205 members and will begin construction in March on the first two units of its church plant.

Mr. Golden has also been quite active in the newly organized Family Guidance Center, serving on the board of directors, and acting as a counselor in the field of Marriage and the Family. Before coming to St. Luke's, he was doing graduate work at Boston University in Boston, Mass., in the field of counseling. In Hickory he also serves on the Board of Directors of Kiwanis, and on the Board of Directors for the Greater Hickory United Fund.

## Mrs. Chester Knapp Memorialized

By MARY GARDNER

A Memorial Service for Mrs. Chester B. Knapp was held on December 21 in a chapel at the Riverside Church in New York by the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church. Miss Lillian Johnson, secretary Wesleyan Service Guild, Woman's Division of Christian Service, represented the staff members in the oral tribute to Mrs. Knapp. Mrs. Knapp died last December 16.

An official of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, Mrs. Knapp was known and loved by scores of women in the N. C. Conference. She was an instructor in the 1958 Annual School of Missions and Christian Service at Duke University, teaching the course, Christian Concern for North

American Neighbors, and making other contributions to the school's total program.

As Assistant to the Woman's Division Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, which position she held at the time of her death, Mrs. Knapp helped in various areas of missionary education including plans for studies in local societies, educational seminars, schools of missions and Christian service.

## Morris Field MYF Doubles Pledge for Year

The MYF of Morris Field Church have doubled their pledge for the year. This pledge will amount to \$2 per member of the small group.

During the year, this organization has shared a fell week of Youth Activity with the Big Spring Church, sent three members to MYF camp, helped in the Every-Member canvass, held a banquet and presented four prayer books to members going away to college, bought a chair for the chancel and ten directional signs for the church. All members attended a youth rally and have attended practically all subdistrict meetings. The pastor, the Rev. W. R. Ormond, has attended every MYF meeting and youth rally and subdistrict meeting with his group.

## St. Paul, Durham, to Dedicate Church

St. Paul Methodist Church in Durham will have a service of dedication of its church sanctuary on Sunday morning, March 13, 1960. Bishop Paul N. Garber will preach the dedicatory sermon and lead in the dedication. Dr. C. D. Barclift, district superintendent, will also be present to aid in the service.

St. Paul was begun in the fall of 1943 and made steady progress since its beginning. The Rev. M. D. Fleming, a Duke Divinity School student, was the first pastor, serving the church for about six months. He was followed by the Rev. Leon Couch, eight years; B. B. Slaughter, four years; and Wally Babbington for two years. The Rev. W. D. Caviness is now in his third year. The church now has a membership of about 600. Members, former members and friends of the church are cordially invited to attend this Dedication Service.

## Secretary of Children's Work WDSCS Elected

A vacancy in the office of Children's Work in the Woman's Division of Christian Service since the resignation of Miss Mona Kewish sometime ago has been filled in the election of Miss Gean E. Maxwell, Mrs. C. G. Sledge, secretary of children's work, Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service, has announced.

A deaconess, Miss Maxwell holds an M.A. degree from Scarritt College for Christian Workers. She has served as a rural worker and for several years as a Director of Christian Education at First Methodist Church, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin.

## Mount Pleasant Building To Be Dedicated

The new education building of Mount Pleasant Church on the Mount Pleasant Circuit, Route 1, Liberty, will be dedicated on March 13 by Dr. J. Clay Madison, superintendent of the Greensboro District.

Mount Pleasant is a former Methodist Protestant congregation and is joined with Pleasant Union to form a two-point circuit. Mount Pleasant has a membership of 557 and Pleasant Union, 158. The Rev. Albert W. Wellons is the pastor.

Plans for the new building were launched in August 1956 during the pastorate of the Rev. J. B. Tabor. Work was begun a year later and the total cost of construction was \$51,683. The building is of brick and has 11 classrooms, dining room and kitchen, pastor's study, and choir room.

This building is the third section of a four-part building program launched in 1946 during the pastorate of the Rev. R. P. Gibbs.



# Salisbury District News

Paul W. Townsend, D. S.

## The Story of the Salisbury District Mission Society

I. L. SHARPE, *District Reporter*



*Milford Hills Church*

Church in re-locating on a new lot in the Beverly Hills section of Concord. Then, too, the Society has helped approximately 25 churches to build parsonages, educational buildings, and fellowship buildings. Nearly \$85,000.00 have been spent on these projects by the Society. Approximately \$10,000.00 is in the treasury at the present time.

1. Milford Hills Church, located on the Statesville Road in west Salisbury, has a membership of 253. Rev. Everett Freeman is the pastor.



*Bethany (Cabarrus)*

5. Bethany Methodist Church is located on Poplar Tent Road, in Cabarrus County. Presently, the congregation is meeting in a 7-room dwelling house, located on an 11-acre lot, which has been purchased by the Mission Society. The membership is 40. The pastor is Rev. F. E. Brown.

6. Epworth Methodist Church's new location is on Burrage Road in the northeastern section of Concord. The new church building will be ready for occupancy sometime this year. The pastor is Rev. A. C. Kennedy, Jr.



*Epworth Church, Concord*



*Center Church, Concord*

The Salisbury District Mission Society is entering its sixth year of service. Two methods have been used to finance this cause. The Dollar Per Member Plan, and the Ten Dollar Club. During this time five new churches have been organized—Center in Concord; Milford Hills, in Salisbury; Royal Oaks in Kannapolis; Bethany in Cabarrus County; and Locust in Stanly County. (See accompanying pictures). In the meantime, the Society assisted Epworth



*Royal Oaks Church*

2. Center Methodist Church, located in southern Concord, has a membership of 103. The pastor, a student at Pfeiffer College, is Robert Liles.

3. Royal Oaks Church is located on Kansas Avenue, in Royal Oaks, a suburb of Kannapolis. It has a membership of 100. Rev. Frank S. Starnes is the pastor.

4. Locust Methodist Church is located in the town of Locust, in western Stanly County. It has a membership of 35 members. Rev. John Petty is the pastor.



*Locust Church*

This Mission Society was organized January 11, 1955. The present officers are: President, Rev. Paul W. Townsend. Secretary-Treasurer, Joe McEachern, and Corresponding Secretary is Rev. Harold Simpson.



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### Place and Date

**Durham**, Monday, March 21  
Calvary Church

**Burlington**, Tuesday, March 22  
Front Street Church

**Raleigh**, Wednesday, March 23  
Fairmont Church

**Sanford**, Thursday, March 24  
Steele Street Church

**Rockingham**, Friday, March 25  
First Church

**Fayetteville**, Monday, March 28  
Hay Street Church

**Lumberton**, Tuesday, March 29  
Chestnut Street Church

**Wilmington**, Wednesday, March 30  
Trinity Church

**Beaufort**, Thursday, March 31  
Ann Street Church

**Clinton**, Friday, April 1  
First Church

**Wilson**, Monday, April 4  
First Church

**Kinston**, Tuesday, April 5  
Queen Street

**Plymouth**, Wednesday, April 6  
Plymouth Church

**Ahoskie**, Thursday, April 7  
Ahoskie Church

**Enfield**, Friday, April 8  
Enfield Church





# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## Alan's Mysterious Present

By DAISY JENNEY CLAY

Alan stood watching Jeanne as she wrapped a blue cup and saucer in flowered paper and signed her name to a birthday card for Mother.

"Did you decide what you're going to give Mother, Alan?" Jeanne asked.

Alan grinned at Jeanne's question. He took from his pocket a ball of string and held it out toward Jeanne.

"I'm going to give her this," he announced, with a mysterious smile.

Jeanne looked astonished. "What in the world do you mean?" she asked. "You know Mother has plenty of string in the kitchen. Anyway, it would be a queer present."

"Mother will like my present very much," Alan said positively. "Come on and I'll show you."

Alan led the way into his room, where he fastened one end of the string to the foot of the bed. Then he looped it up over a knob on his bedside table where his Bible lay open.

"My, your room looks neat this morning," Jeanne remarked. "But I still don't see what the string is for."

"Watch me some more, then," said Alan.

He carried the string into the bathroom and tied an end to the towel rack, where his washcloth and towel were hung, neatly folded. Then he fastened the string over his toothbrush hook.

"I think I'm beginning to understand," said Jeanne. "Is it —"

"Wait and see some more," interrupted Alan with a grin.

He pulled the string through the living room, into the dining room, then fastened it to his mother's chair. She was busy in the kitchen, and the door was closed between.

Next Alan walked to the front door, opened it, and passed the string under the doormat just outside. Then he looped it around the inside doorknob.

By this time Jeanne was smiling, too, as they came again into the dining room. Just then Mother opened the door from the kitchen and carried in a delicious-smelling platter of bacon and eggs.

All ready for breakfast," she announced cheerfully. Then her glance fell on her chair.

"Well," she laughed, "it looks as if I am to be the fly caught in a spider's web."

"You can get out as soon as you finish your breakfast," promised Alan.

After they had all eaten and Mother had admired the blue cup and saucer, Alan and Jeanne followed her as she wound up the string, which led upstairs and down.

"I know what the string means," said

## Be Somebody

Figure it out for yourself, my lad —  
You've all the greatest men have had;  
Two arms, two hands, two legs, two eyes,  
And a brain to use if you are wise.  
With this equipment they all began,  
So start for the top, and say, "I can!"

—Author Unknown

Jeanne, hopping up and down in her excitement.

"I think I do, too," smiled Mother. "It means that Alan will hang up his pajamas in the morning and clean his teeth without being told—"

"And not leave his towel on the bathroom floor," added Jeanne.

"Nor forget to read his passage from the Bible," said Mother softly, smiling at Alan.

"And wipe my feet on the mat before I come in the front door," he said.

"All this will be wonderful, Son," said his Mother, giving him a little pat. "It really is a fine present."

"Yes, but do you think he can remember to do all those things?" asked Jeanne, doubtfully.

"If I can't," laughed Alan, "I'll tie a piece of the string around my finger."

## Now!

A junior boy heard the Bible verse, "My son, give me thine heart." But Satan whispered, "Time enough yet." So he put it off.

Ten years passed. The boy was now a college student. Again he heard the verse, "My son, give me thine heart." Again the tempter whispered, "Time enough yet."

Twenty more years passed by. The boy was now a great statesman. He heard from the lips of an aged minister the Bible text, "My son, give me thine heart." Again the tempter said, "Time enough yet," and he once more put it off.

The statesman went to visit foreign countries. In Paris he became very ill. As he lay dying, his last words were, "Too late!"

How sad it was that the junior boy did not decide for Jesus!

## CHUCKLES

A little boy from the crowded tenement section of a large American city was sent to the country to spend the summer on a farm. His first evening there, he was sitting on a little stool beside the farmer's wife as she plucked a chicken.

He watched the operation gravely for some time, and then said, "Do you take off their clothes every night, lady?"

—Exchange

A sixth grader ended his short essay on plans for going to the moon, "After going to the moon, my big ambition is to travel a lot."

"Mom," said Joe, "you bought sister a piano, so will you please buy me a bicycle?"

"What for?" asked his mother.

"So I can go riding while she practices."

## Bible Quiz

### Bible Food and Drink

1. This liquid was given to Christ on the cross. ....
2. Esau sold his birthright for soup made of this vegetable. ....
3. Christ compared himself to this food. ....
4. Christ compared Christians to this food. ....
5. Jesus asked for some of this from the woman of Samaria. ....

### Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. The Christmas Song at Bethlehem—Luke 2:13-14
2. Mary's "Magnificat" — Luke 1:46-55
3. Simeon's "Nunc Dimittis" — Luke 2:25-32
4. The song of Miriam — Exodus 15:20-21
5. Song of Moses — Deuteronomy 31:30; 32:1-45



# International Sunday School Lesson

FOR MARCH 6, 1960

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH

Head, Department of Religious Education, Greensboro College

## GOD'S HELP IS SURE

*Background Scripture:* Acts 22:30 through 23:35  
*Lesson Scripture:* Acts 23:6-11, 16-24

The scene of our lesson today is again laid in Jerusalem where the apostle Paul is engaged in controversy with the Jews.

The first Scripture selection describes the session of the Sanhedrin (Jewish legal council) where, according to Luke's account, Paul ran into serious conflict with the Sadducees. This account emphasizes the fact that Paul was a Pharisee and, having publicly declared himself to be such, he was able to enlist the sympathy of the Pharisees who were in the Sanhedrin. The result was a sharp encounter between the two religious parties which quickly turned into a riot. The Roman officer intervened and Paul was removed to military headquarters under protective custody.

The account gives the impression that the conflict between the two parties stemmed from a difference over the question of the resurrection of the dead. This, however, was only one of several differences between them. The Sadducees were the priestly party (so named from Zadok, David's high priest) but they were at the same time the party that worked hand-in-glove with the Romans, who granted them freedom of worship in exchange for loyalty to the occupying forces.

We may pause here to note the effect of Paul's introducing a controversial note into his trial before the Sanhedrin. This act broke the council into conflicting segments and rendered it weak for the time being. Actually, the continued hostility between these and other parties among the Jews helped to bring about their defeat at the hands of the Romans and the virtual destruction of the city in 70 A.D. This same thing can happen to a family, or a church, or a community, or a nation. Just get a group to warring among themselves and they become easy prey to outside forces. Communist agents who succeed in getting Americans to split up into hate-groups are only "softening us up" for the kill. How foolish to lend aid and comfort to the enemy by allying ourselves with one or more of these hate-groups! We ought to know by now that one of the oldest tricks in warfare is to "divide and conquer."

But back to Paul. We are told that on the night following the riot he heard the Lord speaking to him. This is what he heard: "Take courage, for as you have testified about me in Jerusalem so you must bear witness also at Rome. How well Paul carried out this witness to the very end is a matter of history. The visitor to Rome may see a church called "Saint Paul's Without the Walls." This, says tradition, marks the place (then outside the city) where the apostle was beheaded. What was the source of Paul's courage? Must we not say that it came from a certainty that he was right and that he had God's help in doing the right? Whether Paul's assurance of the Divine presence came through dreams, or meditations in the night, or in sudden flashes of insight we know not. The important thing was that his life proved that he had it. What does our life prove?

This is a time when Christians need to claim the promise that God will be with them so they may do what they know to be right. But only by the strenuous discipline of a dedicated life can they get this help. Dostoyevsky, the great

Russian novelist, once wrote: "Be not forgetful of prayer. Every time you pray, if your prayer is sincere, there will be new feeling and new meaning in it, which will give you fresh courage, and you will understand that prayer is an education."

John Galsworthy, in a poem entitled "Courage" writes: "It is the mysterious soul which never yields, but hales us on and on to breast the rush of all the fortunes we shall happen through. And when death calls across his shadowy fields—dying, it answers: 'Here, I'm not dead!'"

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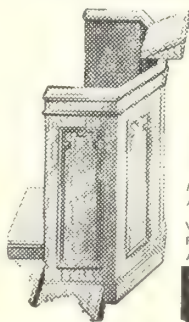
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## IN PASSING

### Vanishing Legs

If things keep going as they are, it is not beyond the realm of possibility that Americans may in time lose the use of their legs.

That is a fantastic prediction, but it is based on some hard facts. Little by little we are forgetting how to walk, as automobiles, taxis, and public transportation take away the necessity of using our pedal extremities. Now that the housewife has only to open a can or a box of frozen food and push a button, a wheel-chair cook is entirely capable of cooking a meal. And the latest gadgets in the realm of electronics make it possible for her to sit in the living room all day and watch television without stirring from her chair.

One of the amusing cartoons of the early Thirties depicted a couple of men carrying a movie patron out on a stretcher. "What's the matter?" asked a bystander, "Heart attack?" "No," was the answer, "Double-feature paralysis." If things go on as they are going, it won't be long until all of us suffer from that disease.

Of course, we suppose that legs will still be in demand on chorus girls and dancers, but I would imagine that the present trend toward inaction will eventually bring about a race of people who will have lost the powers of locomotion — unless something happens to set us to walking again.

### An Old-Time Snowstorm

The storm which swept over North Carolina recently demonstrated with startling clarity the danger which we face in the event of an all-out war. Thousands of homes were without electricity, as lines went down and roads were impassible. In the old days we would have built up a big fire in the fireplace and reveled in the unaccustomed privilege of doing nothing in comfort. We would have lit the oil lamps from a supply of kerosene in the smokehouse, cranked up the spring-wound victrola, brought out the checker-board and had us a big time. The stove in the kitchen didn't depend upon any electric line for heat; all it needed was boy-power for stoking and woman-power for cooking. The pipes didn't burst because there weren't any, and the plumbing worked just as well in cold weather as in hot — all you had to do was break the ice in the pitcher and empty the dishpan out of the back door.

Of course it was troublesome to have to cut a path through to the barn and even more so to have to lead two balky and opinionated cows down to the spring for their afternoon drink, but it wasn't as bad as having to dig an over-size automobile out of the garage and buck the drift flung up by the snow plow.

I was just thinking what a good time we used to have in the old days — and of the conveniences we enjoyed. Think of not having to hunt for a plug-in socket down in the baseboard whenever you wanted to change the position of a lamp. Just imagine the convenience of having a lamp which could be carried about from place to place and put where you wanted

it! It's a wonder somebody doesn't invent one. Of course, it's already been invented, but most children never saw one of the old-fashioned hand lamps which lit our way to bed. They can still be obtained, but no one seems to think of using them except for ornament.

### Marion Dist. Vocations Meet Attracts 175 Youth

In spite of sickness and winter weather, approximately 175 young people attended the recent conference on Christian Vocations at Valdese recently. The meeting was under the direction of the Rev. John Barnes, district director of Christian Vocations, and the Rev. B. A. Haire, district director of Youth Work. The featured speaker was the Rev. D. D. Holt, acting president of Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn.

Participating in the program was a Fellowship Team from High Point College, under the direction of Dr. William R. Locke.

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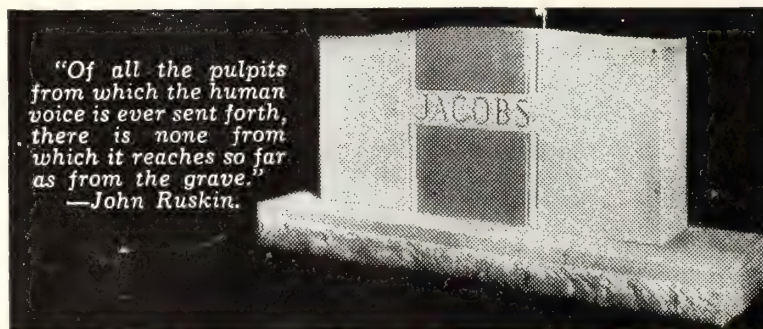
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# LETTERS

## A Cross in the Window

Dear Editor:

Our sacred Easter season is fast approaching. Naturally our thoughts turn to the Cross of Christ. So why shouldn't each Christian family put a cross in the window during Holy Week? Let us make the cross, as a symbol of Easter, as well known as the tree and the star are symbols of Christmas.

*The Cross belongs to all Christians.* And we must be "Christ's living ambassadors and spiritual interpreters." If we all let Him come into our hearts, this awful darkness of war, our liquor and our juvenile delinquency problems will disappear.

Many church groups are making a project of cutting crosses and distributing them on Palm Sunday. Young people show great interest in so doing.

Church bulletins, religious and secular papers and radio stations have given this Crusade for a Cross in the Window during Holy Week fine publicity.

I wish to mention just three denominations across the country to show what is being done. In an Evangelical United Brethren Church in York, Pennsylvania, the young people cut a very large number of crosses and distributed many of them throughout the city.

The young people of a Methodist church in Kansas City, Missouri, made a large number and used them in their church. In Phoenix, Arizona, a Christian church cut crosses which were distributed on Palm Sunday.

A missionary in Bolivia wrote, "In connection with your Cross in the Window campaign, we hope to have our young people take it on as a project and make small wooden crosses to be placed by their doorways, as our houses are mostly mud huts with but one window."

Christ asked us to let our light shine. So won't you at this Easter-time join in this crusade for "A Cross in the Window During Holy Week" and thus witness for Him who did so much for us?

"In the Cross of Christ I glory."

— MRS. R. Y. NICHOLSON

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## From a Hospital Bed

Dear Editor:

Maybe you have never spent Sunday in a hospital room. Yes, Sunday, as the hymn writer expressed it, "day of all the week, the best, emblem of eternal rest"—Sunday, God's day. To multitudes this day would be no different from any other because, whether well or ill, the Sabbath is not respected, but to one who was taken in Mother's arms to the house of God, and who, throughout life, considered the sanctuary of the Lord as most revered, to be unable to be there in fellowship and worship with his Creator is an irreparable loss felt throughout the entire week.

By means of television and radio you can hear any of the 57 varieties of religious programs, and this helps, especially the sustaining hymns of our Christian Faith. Numerous periodicals and books of a spiritual nature lie nearby — these too are beneficial — particularly my Bible.

Why then is my church so missed? I miss the familiar voices raising praise to God — not necessarily trained or eloquent, but with sincerity and humility. Even the devout repetition of our affirmation of faith is a never-to-be forgotten experience. These parts of our worship seem commonplace, but when you are deprived of them, a rich experience of life is lacking.

Human nature is always varied wherever it is. Here in this place of mercy and healing you observe the mixture of individuals which populate God's world. In one room is heard, from what must be fervent Christian believers, a discussion of one of the wonderful Psalms. Another patient in a blast of temper, uses liberal injections of profanity. This is but a representation of our day — some are illustriously Christ-like and others, fleshy and living on the lower levels of moral and spiritual life.

God is in a hospital room. He is there in the deeds of kindness and healing administered by the nurses and aides; the Almighty is there in the ingenuity and brilliance of doctors and internes and specialists who, as in my personal case, because of their skill can in a matter of hours bring under control a situation which could be serious. God is here in the ministerial brethren, so many of them, who drop by to inspire and encourage and offer prayers. God is here in the parishioners who by their prayers, visits, cards, and flowers do so much to lift one's spirit. God is here in the presence of the Holy Spirit whom He sends to comfort His children, wherever they are. Yes, even in a hospital room.

REV. ROY GRANT

Trinity Church,  
Lexington, N. C.

**Editor's Note:** We are happy to know that Pastor Grant is making a good recovery and will soon be back at work.

### More Kind Words

Dear Editor:

I noticed with regret that you are leaving your post as editor of the CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. I appreciate the fine work that you have done in "livening up" our paper during your editorship.

Sincerely,

(REV.) A. F. McCLUNG

Wallace, N. C.

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# Carolina Briefs

☐ DR. GEORGE A. FALLON will be the guest preacher at Davis Street Church, Burlington, during the revival meeting, April 3-8, assisting the Rev. Dermont J. Reid.

☐ DR. WILSON O. WELDON of Myers Park Church, Charlotte, will be the visiting preacher during the revival services at Spindale Church this week.

☐ BETHLEHEM CHURCH, Claremont, is carrying in its bulletin an honor roll of the names of those who have subscribed to the ADVOCATE. (It's an idea. Ed.)

☐ DR. MACK STOKES of the Candler School of Theology will be the speaker at special services to be held in First Church, Gastonia, March 20-25.

☐ DR. G. NELSON MOORE, director of public relations, Pfeiffer College, is the guest preacher for revival services in Grace Church, Wilmington, this week (March 6-11).

☐ THE WEEK OF PREACHING at Centenary Church, Winston-Salem, coincided with the Week of Dedication this year, as the congregation heard sermons by Dr. Carl J. Sanders of Virginia.

☐ "THE PIG THAT WENT TO COLLEGE" was the way the Rev. G. W. Bumgarner of Midway, Kannapolis, described the church-wide barbecue held recently, which netted \$518 profit to be applied to the pledge on Christian Higher Education.

☐ GUEST PREACHER for the revival services at Bethlehem Church (Bladen Ct.) is the Rev. Marvin L. Iseman, pastor of Trinity Church, Bethune, S. C. This will be a charge-wide meeting, according to the Rev. George A. Davis, pastor.

☐ SHILOH CHURCH, Granite Quarry, will have the Rev. Harold R. Simpson of Coburn Memorial Church, Salisbury, as guest preacher for the revival services beginning March 13. The music will be under the direction of Mrs. James Brown.

☐ VELMA FERRELL of Weldon was named as the 1960 May Queen at Louisburg College in elections held on Feb. 26. Ann Taylor of Edenton will serve as the maid of honor. The May Day event will be held on May 7.

☐ THE REV. CHARLES E. PAGE, pastor of Shiloh Church, Granite Quarry, was a recent preacher at Hood Theological Seminary, Livingstone College, Salisbury, which is operated by the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Zion.

☐ MRS. M. T. SMATHERS, widow of the Rev. M. T. Smathers, has sold her home in Asheville and moved to Statesville to be near her daughter. Mr. Smathers was a member of the WNC Conference for many years.

☐ DR. H. G. ALLEN, retired member of the WNC Conference, has been selected by Moore-McCormick Lines to act as chaplain on a tour of South America and Africa. He will sail on March 24 and return to the U. S. on May 23.

☐ THE REV. CALVIN LEONARD of Bradley Memorial Church, Gastonia, calls our attention to a mistake in a recent news story

concerning his church. The services conducted each week during Lent by seven visiting ministers will be on Thursday nights, not Sundays, as announced.

☐ THE CABARRUS Senior subdistrict of the MYF met at Kerr Street, Concord, recently with a program led by J. J. Powell, the Rev. Dempsey Harris, T. B. Stockton, Mrs. I. L. Sharpe, Dough Franklin. The worship service was under the direction of the Kerr Street youth.

☐ DELEGATES from Louisburg College to the United Nations Model Assembly at the University of North Carolina Feb. 25-27 were Lloyd Burkley, York, Pa.; Larry Johnson, Durham; Michael Williams, Raleigh; Jane Trump, Crewe, Va.; Jeanette Harrison, Charlotte; and Harry Lange, Atlanta, Georgia.

☐ BISHOP RICHARD C. RAINES of the Indianapolis Area will conduct the Lenten preaching mission in First Church, Charlotte, March 13-17. Bishop Raines, in addition to many achievements and responsibilities, has been selected to head the program committee for the coming session of General Conference.

☐ THE REV. BELTON JOYNER, JR., of Siler City, a deacon in the N. C. Conference, now a student in Drew University School of Theology, was united in matrimony to Miss Louise Antoinette Vance of Hopatcong, N. J., on Jan. 30 in Westside Methodist Church, Hopatcong, where Mr. Joyner is associate pastor.

☐ WILLIAM J. FUNK, field worker with the Methodist Board of Missions, spoke to the Methodist Student Movement group at Louisburg College on February 29. Bill has just returned from a three year period of service in Sarawak where he made a creative contribution to the life of the church. His main topic of discussion was the challenge of Christian missions and the opportunity for mission work.

☐ THREE REVIVAL meetings will be held during the next five weeks on the King Circuit (Winston-Salem District). The Rev. Barrett Wilson will be the speaker at Antioch, near Tobaccoville, Mar. 6-11; the Rev. R. P. Bunch will be at Bethel, near Rural Hall, Mar. 20-25; and the Rev. Clyde Auman will preach at Trinity Church, near King, April 3-8. The pastor is the Rev. James E. McNeely, Jr.

☐ AS A PART of the evangelistic effort being made by Fremont Church, Fremont, the Fisherman's Club visited in teams of two to encourage attendance at the services; a prayer vigil will be held on March 12, a prayer room will be opened in the church preceding evening services, and special groups are asked to worship together on certain nights during the revival, March 13-18, when the Rev. Thomas A. Collins, president of N. C. Wesleyan College, will be the speaker.

☐ MICHAEL GRIFFIN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Griffin of Route 3, Forest City, was presented the "God and Country Award"

at the morning service at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church on Feb. 20. Mr. Howard Smith, assisting Scout Executive of the Piedmont Boy Scout Council, presented Mike for the award, which was given by the Rev. W. Grady Burgin, pastor. Mike has been a member of Troop 5, Spindale, which is sponsored by The Advent Lutheran Church, for ten years. He is now an Eagle Scout with the Bronze Palm. He has been a member of Pleasant Grove Church for several years, is active in Youth work and sings in the choir.

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## Subscription Report

Friendship Church on the Fallston-Clover Hill Charge, Rev. Ralph Jacks, pastor, leads the list of churches qualifying for the Special Club rate, with 20% of the membership subscribing a total of 100 subscriptions.

It is followed in this category by Snow Hill on the Candler Charge, Rev. W. S. Smith, 74; Francis Asbury, Candler, Rev. W. T. Hawkins, 67; Pleasant Hill, Candler Charge, 61; Ebenezer, Mt. Vernon Charge, Rev. J. D. Allred, 55; Mizpah, Haw River Charge, Rev. G. A. Hovis, 31; Four Oaks, Rev. Earl Edwards, 27; Archdale, Rev. E. D. Page, 25; Wesleyana, Sylva Circuit, 6.

Qualifying for the Honor Roll with 10% of the membership was Aurora, Rev. L. A. Lewis, pastor, 16.

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## West Jefferson Young People Sell Advocate Subscriptions

Members of the Intermediate MYF at West Jefferson Church were largely responsible for the good list of ADVOCATE subscriptions sent in recently by Pastor C. A. Rhinehart. They helped secure 19 new readers and got 4 renewals.

Says Mr. Rhinehart, "These boys and girls were enthusiastic about being asked to take part in a church-wide effort to stimulate interest and secure subscriptions to their church's official news organ in North Carolina. Without their effort I am confident our efforts would not have produced as many new subscribers to this very fine weekly publication."

Mr. Rhinehart suggests that other pastors try this plan, rather than depending upon announcements from the pulpit. "It worked for us," he says, "and perhaps others would achieve similar or even greater success in their efforts to keep the ADVOCATE coming into the homes of Methodist people across our state."

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An awakened interest in Christianity among Chinese students in Methodist schools in Malaya is reported by an observer there. He writes: "There is perhaps no place in the world except Malaya where an educated, informed group of potential leaders like the students in our schools are waiting and asking for the word of Christ. The evangelistic possibilities for the Christian educator in Malaya are practically unlimited."



# EDITORIALS

## Keeping the Church Warm

An advertisement in an English church paper has the above title. The advertisement deals, as you may assume, with the problem of church heating.

But we were thinking of another problem which could go by the same title. How do you keep a congregation warm in the sense that the old preachers used the term? How do you keep their spiritual temperatures up?

When we were young in the ministry, we often sighed over the lack of warmth in the pews and sometimes quoted the old saying that it was hard to melt ecclesiastical icebergs. Sometimes we would note a barely perceptible rise in the rate of metabolism as we discussed a controversial issue, and once or twice we could detect what looked like an apoplectic flush on the face of our favorite lay critic as we mentioned some view that met with his disapproval. But as for warming up the entire congregation, that was a difficult task. Those chunks of ice had been there too long, we thought, forgetting that one icicle doesn't warm another. But when, on a few occasions, we so far forgot ourself that we began to preach "Christ and Him crucified," we found that the congregation warmed up just as fast as the preacher.

Wesley often mentioned in his *Journal* that at a certain meeting he "had liberty." We used to wonder what he meant, but experience taught us a definition. A preacher has liberty in the pulpit when he stops pushing and lets go of his props and steps out in faith to talk about Christ and what He means to him. One never has "liberty" in presenting a critical survey of a problem or delivering a dispassionate discourse on the need for a common-sense type of religion. We never feel perfectly at ease in preaching until we have succeeded in establishing a three-point connection with our congregation and with God, for there is in all real communication a getting as well as giving.

What we mean to suggest is not for the preachers but for the men and women of the congregation. Don't leave the minister to do it alone. As he enters the pulpit begin praying for him. As he speaks, listen carefully, and think upon what he is saying. Then, if he proves dull, you can preach yourself a perfectly good sermon on his text, and if he "has liberty" you will know that part of the

## A Prayer

FOR THE SECOND WEEK IN LENT

*Almighty God who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves, keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

credit goes to you for holding him up.

We are reminded of an old preacher who lost the thread of his discourse in the midst of a sermon to a district conference. In vain he sought for the right word, but it wouldn't come. At last, in desperation, he called out loudly, "Pray for me brethren, I'm in the brush."

And his brother ministers with one accord responded, "Lord, O Lord, get him out of the brush."

Our informant says that the resulting sermon was one to be remembered.

If your preacher gets in the brush next Sunday, maybe it's because of a congregational chill — and that's something that you can take in hand. Warm up to him, pray for him, and then watch him get out of the brush!

## Religious Racketeers

A news story in this issue (page 6) calls attention to the growing menace of religious racketeers, fake clergymen, and diploma mills which turn out credentials for anyone who will pay for them.

What can be done about such rackets? Very little, as far as the law is concerned, for, as pointed out in the story, anyone can set up a church on paper and be protected by the Constitution which guarantees non-interference with religious bodies. To change this would be to open the door to possible governmental regulation of the churches. It seems impossible to frame a law which will allow the government to crack down on religious racketeers without the danger of embarrassing and even persecuting small groups which may not be in the best religious tradition but which must be protected in their right to promote their cause. Only an authoritarian state can do as Spain has done in restricting the practice of religious beliefs to those who belong to the majority faith. Neither Protestants nor enlight-

ened Roman Catholics would support such a plan in this country.

But there is much that the churches can do, without violating the spirit of charity. Ministers are within their rights when they tell their congregations frankly about the hate groups, the fake churches, and the fake ministers which infest the land.

Read the news story and note carefully the five precautions suggested in it.

One thing should be noted especially by ministers. Too many preachers fall for the fake diploma mill and pay money for the privilege of attaching a worthless degree to their name. It is estimated that hundreds of ministers in the major denominations are using fake "D.D.'s" which they have obtained from religious and educational racketeers. Is it worth being dishonest to be able to parade an unearned doctorate? Is it Christian to sail under false colors?

Which reminds us that the designation "Doctor," as applied to ministers, is often only a courtesy title, given sometimes by mistake and sometimes by design to honor one who has seemed to merit some sort of distinction. In the case of this editor, his only claim to such title stems from the fact that someone made a mistake in writing up the notice of his appointment and since then he has been introduced to hundreds of congregations by a title which he doesn't possess, but hesitates to take the time to disclaim. His theology hasn't been doctorated, although his writings frequently need to be.

## The Other Side of the Cuban Story

In this issue we present an important article by a former missionary to Cuba, entitled, *Another Look at Cuba*.

Statements such as he makes are at variance with nearly all of the impressions received from the newspapers of this country; some things which he says are flatly contradicted by secular reporters who have made hasty trips to that country.

But Garfield Evans is no reporter seeking a good story; he is a former missionary who gave nearly all of his ministerial career to the Cuban Methodist Church and who, after retirement, went back to the island to see for himself what was happening there. As between the hasty reporters and the missionary we are inclined to accept the

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# DEVOTIONAL

## Did Jesus Really Die for Us?

By L. A. SCOTT

When we come to the Lord's Table and hear the words, "Eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee," what are we to think? What do we mean when we say that Christ died for us? Many and varied explanations have been given, but none of them seems to be completely satisfactory. Perhaps it is well for us to remember that we are trying to deal in human language with a matter that goes beyond the reach of language and indeed beyond the reach of merely human understanding. Probably no one can express this matter of the atonement in a way that will be acceptable to all people or even to all Christians; and yet, a few words can be said about it.

A great many of those who have dealt with the atonement in preaching or teaching have placed entirely too much emphasis on a legalistic approach. They have pictured God as a stern judge or a demanding banker; it is as if God were saying, "Now look at me: I am high and holy and not a little jealous. I have been offended; somebody will have to pay, I don't care who!" The trouble is, if Christ died under these circumstances, then Christ and God are split. We tend to forget Jesus' words when he said, "I and the Father are one." What good father would demand the death of his elder son because the younger one had ruined the family reputation and embarrassed the father? What possible good could be accomplished by such a plan? We must not regard the sacrifice of Jesus as a legal transaction whereby the innocent paid the too great debt owed by the guilty.

But how shall we understand the matter? There are several things that can be said which do accord with the teachings of the New Testament. We may be sure that God will not tolerate evil and sin; it is not possible for him to do so. But we must remember that the measures he takes against sin are governed by his love, certainly not by jealousy or hate or pride. We are given to understand that "God is love," and thus any explanations or remarks on the atonement must be in terms of God's love.

May we not come to the heart of the matter in this way? In the atonement, the death of Jesus, God has given of Himself to defeat sin. "God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Him-

*Wide open are thine arms,  
A fallen world to embrace;  
To take to love and endless rest  
Our whole forsaken race.  
Lord, I am sad and poor,  
But boundless is thy grace;  
Give me the soul-transforming joy  
For which I seek thy face.*

*Draw all my mind and heart  
Up to thy throne on high,  
And let thy sacred Cross exalt  
My spirit to the sky.  
To these, thy mighty hands,  
My spirit I resign;  
Living, I live alone to thee,  
Dying, alone am thine.*

— BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

self." God has not held himself aloof from our sins and our destiny; we can never blame God for the difficulties we face. God has taken extreme measures to defeat all that would keep his children away from his eternal presence. All through the Old Testament we see many efforts of God to reach his people; there had been prophets, judges, wise men, teachers, kings, angels, calamities, and disasters. None of these, however, had been able to bring about the relationship God desired. In Christ, God makes common cause with man. He himself comes to us.

Perhaps we can understand it better with an illustration from the life of Dr. George Harley, our medical missionary who is just finishing a long period of service in Liberia. The natives thought at one time that Dr. Harley might be from the spirit world. He had gone to Africa to heal the diseases and ills of the black people. From the age of eight in the home of his minister father he had determined to follow in the footsteps of the great missionary, David Livingstone. Dr. Harley said recently, "Since that time I have let nothing stand in the way of that decision."

When the missionary and his wife first went to their station, they had to walk through the jungle for two weeks to reach the place of work; they carried their infant son with them. Within a few months, hundreds had been healed and the white doctor's reputation had soared and spread. It should not seem so strange that the natives thought he might be an angel or a good spirit!

Then their little son died! One of the native chiefs said, "We were not sure

up to now whether you were one like us, or whether you were from the spirit world. Now we know that you are one like us, for your son died as our sons die!"

Isn't that also true of God? We are finally sure that he has made common cause with us because through Jesus he shared our temptations and limitations, our suffering and our mortality. It was cynically said but profoundly true, "He saved others, himself he cannot save;" for he was here to remove the last doubt as to where God's sympathies lay. If he had saved himself from the cross, there would be no assurance that he was really "one like us."

But time and again we cry out, "Why am I tempted? Why must I suffer innocently?" We may never be able to give a complete answer, but we may be sure that God knows and cares, for in Christ God also suffered thus. "Where was God when my son was killed?" cried a bereaved father when told that his son had fallen in World War II. "Just where he was when His Son was killed," replied a wise pastor, "Right there beside him!"

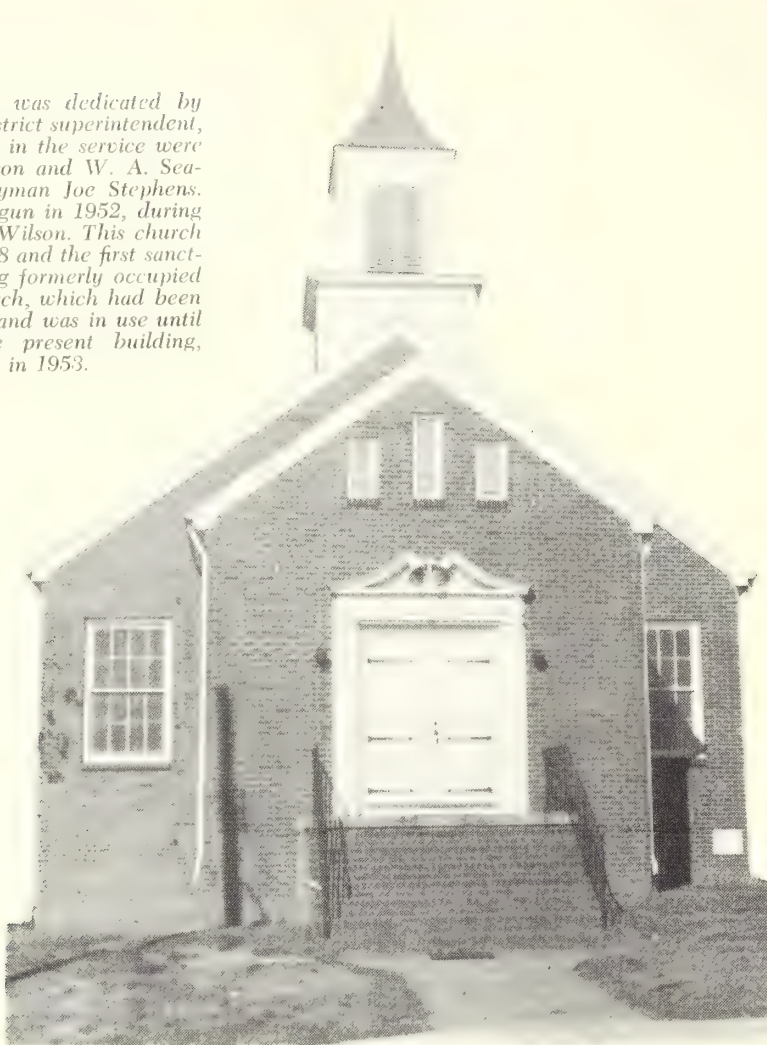
A widely circulated story tells of a father who told his son that if he disobeyed again, he would have only bread and water for supper and have to sleep in the attic. Sure enough, the boy was disobedient again. When the father was told, he sent the boy to the attic. But when the father sat down to his supper he could not eat for thinking of the little boy in the attic. He was tempted to call for the boy to come down, but his wife reminded him that his word and possibly the boy's respect for him were at stake. It wouldn't do, she thought, for the father to reverse himself. So the father kissed his wife, went to the attic, ate bread and water with his son; and when the child went to sleep on the hard floor, his head rested on his father's arm.

God has not compromised with evil, but has taken his place at our sides. "In everything God works for good with those who love him." We can be comforted by his presence and sympathy in all things.

With the coming of Christ, God showed common cause with man. He showed that he was not only of the spirit world but that he was one like us . . . or that we are destined to be like him, whichever you like. He showed through Christ that he always had been and always would be on our side. "If God be for us, who can be against us?"



Longhurst Church was dedicated by Dr. C. D. Barclift, district superintendent, on Feb. 12. Assisting in the service were the Revs. Kelly Wilson and W. A. Seawell (pastor), and layman Joe Stephens. The building was begun in 1952, during the pastorate of Mr. Wilson. This church was organized in 1908 and the first sanctuary was the building formerly occupied by the Roxboro Church, which had been moved to Longhurst and was in use until the erection of the present building, which was completed in 1953.



There are many ways in which thieves don religious garb and steal in the name of God. From peddling fake recordings, supposedly containing the messages and blessings of church dignitaries, to the actual soliciting of funds in priest's cloaks, the racketeers are running the religious gamut and making it pay. In New York State during 1953 alone, residents gave away \$22,500,000 to religious con men and crooked "charity" promoters, according to a state legislative committee's report.

The situation is perhaps best epitomized by one pitchman who proudly demonstrated to New York City policemen the way people are taken in by an emotional appeal. He stood on a street corner and collected \$15 in a few hours "to aid the widow of the unknown soldier."

Unfortunately, judges and religious leaders alike prefer to let the American public exercise its own discretion in matters concerning religious goods and charities, says the *Coronet* article. They are opposed to creating imaginary lines that would limit the activities of religious racketeers at the possible expense of their own free religious functioning.

This predicament hinges loosely on the first amendment of the Constitution of the United States which declares: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof . . ."

*Coronet* suggests five precautionary measures that won't put an end to religious racketeering, but will at least curb its swelling success.

1. Don't buy unordered religious articles received by mail. Don't even return them, postal authorities say.

2. Don't give money to a clergyman you don't know, no matter how worthy his cause seems to be.

3. Don't donate to charities until you investigate them.

4. Don't join new, small denominations or off-beat churches until you know the background of the minister.

5. If you want to donate money, check with your regular minister, priest or rabbi — he is familiar with the worthy causes.

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Love is the greatest thing that God can give us, for God is love; and it is the greatest thing we can give to God, for it will also give ourselves, and carry with it all that is ours.—*Jeremy Taylor*.

## Alamance Workers' School In Session at Graham

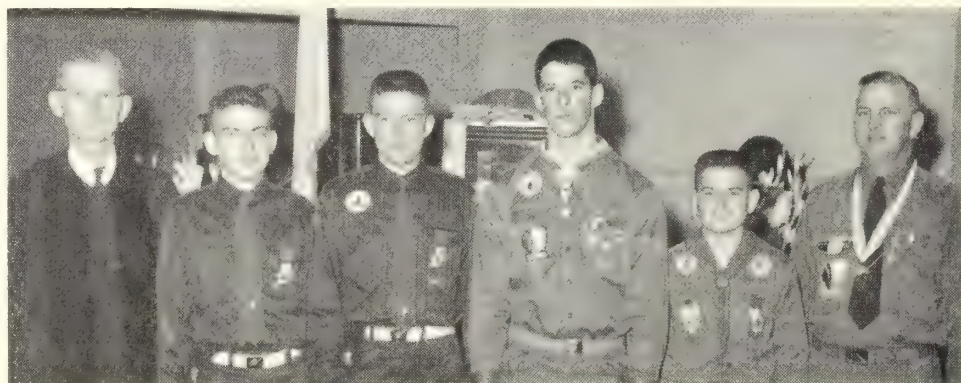
The Alamance Christian Workers' School, sponsored by the Methodist churches of Alamance County, is in session this week at Graham Methodist Church, Graham, N. C. A variety of courses, taught by competent instructors, is being offered.

Faculty and courses for the school were announced by Rev. Christian White, dean for the school. For parents and teachers of children, "Religious Living With Nursery Children," led by Mrs. Herman Winberry of Louisburg, N. C.; "Helping Children Grow in Christian Faith," taught by Rev. Wesley Brogran; and a "Kindergarten Laboratory Class," and an "Intermediate Laboratory Class," led by Mrs. E. I. Terry of Raleigh, N. C. In the Adult Division these classes are offered: "Group Work With Adults," with Rev. Harold Minor guiding the class; "Christian Beliefs," taught by Dr. Thomas Dangford of Duke University; "Understanding the Bible," with Dr. W. R. Locke from High Point College; "Music and Christian Education," led by Dr. E. K. McLarty, Jr. of Brevard College; and "The Work of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism," Rev. E. H. Neese, Jr. as instructor. A special course for youth in the Senior Department, "Christian Love and Facts of Life," to be taught by Rev. Clifford Shoaf of Durham, N. C.

## Religious Racketeers Making Fast Money

New York, N. Y.—Under the guise of religious charities, opportunists and racketeers are cashing in on the nation's spiritual revival, reports an article in the March issue of *Coronet* magazine.

These con men are flourishing in an atmosphere in which any attempt to stop them through legislative action meets with opposition. This opposition stems from the courts as well as from spokesmen for America's religious organizations, says *Coronet*.



Three young men received God and Country awards and one was made an Eagle Scout at recent ceremonies in First Church, Mt. Olivet. Seen above with their pastor, the Rev. D. L. Fouts (left), and Scoutmaster James D. Hatcher (right) are D. C. Summerlin, Danny Kornegay, Lemuel Gray Geddie (Eagle Scout), and Jimmy Kornegay.



# N. C. Conference Launches Every Member Canvass Drive

By DALLAS MALLISON

Joining around 40 other Conferences who have successfully carried out similar programs in recent years, the N. C. Annual Conference is now engaged in a simultaneous, conference-wide Every Member Canvass to be carried out in every one of its more than 850 churches, the first time it has attempted such a project.

The ambitious and progressive endeavor began March 6 and will continue for 10 weeks, ending on Victory Sunday, May 15. The project was conceived by the Conference Board of Lay Activities under the leadership of J. Nelson Gibson, Jr. and it will be directed and carried out as an official project of the Board.

The plan being used is that formulated and tested by the General Board of Lay Activities of Chicago under the leadership of Dr. Edwin A. Briggs who is in charge of the board's department of stewardship and associate secretary of the board. During the past two weeks (Feb. 15-26) he spoke at each of the 10 district lay rallies and conducted three tri-district all-day training sessions for district teams who are now training local church teams.

Methodism, which has been at the forefront in many modern movements and programs, has been extremely slow in broadening the basis of its financial support on an every-member basis. Most other large denominations in America Protestantism, for example, have a much larger per capita giving and a much larger ratio of tithing than has Methodism. This program, while it has other commendable, spiritual objectives, is primarily or immediately designed to remedy this situation.

Dr. Briggs pointed out that on the basis of the experience of other Conferences which are using the simultaneous, conference-wide Every - Member Canvass, per capita giving will show an immediate great increase, tithing will be on a basis never before achieved, and the average church budget will gain at least 50 per cent the first year, and often much more; and year by year will continue to increase.

"The Every-Member Canvass is a program of stewardship with a sound spiritual basis developed for the local church whereby the local church members look deeply into the responsibilities of their local church work," declared Mr. Gibson. "They look searchingly into their own personal responsibilities to their church, plan their church budget, present it to their membership, and visit each member to secure his pledge or contribution."

Describing the plan as most comprehensive, Mr. Gibson said that, since its development three years ago by the General Board of Lay Activities, it has enjoyed phenomenal success. Many churches in the North Carolina Conference are already using the plan and are enthusiastic about it, he said.

"This program is designed to help each person to more fully realize and understand his or her personal responsibilities to the Kingdom of God in time, talent and money," Mr. Gibson emphasized. "It is of fundamental importance that the program be so presented to each person and in every church."

"The program is specifically designed to help each local church in its budget development through giving its members a clearer realization of what the church is seeking to do," Mr. Gibson declared. "It is not an appeal for money at the Conference level although that may well be a part of the total result. It is an effort to help local churches get their financial affairs on a more business-like basis and to bring wider participation by *all* members in the support of their local church."

## How the Plan Works

From each of the nine districts in the North Carolina Conference has been chosen a minimum of five ministers and five laymen who have been organized into five teams—one team for each of the five committees that are to be set up in each local church. These five committees are the general committee, the committee on program and resources, the committee on materials, education, and publicity, the committee on visitation, and the training committee.

Each of the five district teams composed of one minister and one layman

in each instance have just been trained in all-day sessions at tri-district meetings conducted by Dr. Briggs.

As quickly as possible, following the training of the district teams, each district team conducted district-wide or sub-district training sessions. These schools lasted two hours and trained the local officers of the local committees. Each local church began its own program on March 6 to end on May 15 with Victory Sunday.

## General Minutes Off the Press

Judged simply by its size, the 879-page **GENERAL MINUTES** of the Annual Conferences of The Methodist Church is impressive, but it is also significant because of its contents.

Published by the Council on World Service and Finance, the big volume contains a composite and factual report on the work of the 39,236 churches in the denomination's 100 conferences in the United States, Puerto Rico, and Cuba. A brief summary of the church's work overseas is also included.

The volume is edited by the Rev. Albert C. Hoover, director of the church's Statistical Office.

Something of the size of the volume is suggested by the fact that it requires 125 pages, with three columns per page, for the alphabetical listing of the denomination's 27,750 clergymen.

In addition to the statistical tables, the book includes such information as addresses of the bishops, conference secretaries and jurisdictional conference officers; lists of those entering the ministry during 1959, those transferring, and those whose conference membership was terminated for any reason; and a geographical breakdown of conferences.

Several pages are devoted to the decisions and opinions which the Judicial Council rendered during the quadrennium.

"The General Minutes" are available from the Methodist Publishing House through its Cokesbury book stores.

## Wynnewood Park Will Put Back the Cross

A recent windstorm blew down the cross from atop the roof of Wynnewood Park Church, Raleigh, and Pastor Jack Crum found in that accident a message which he printed in his church bulletin.

Said Crum, "Last week the wind tore the cross off the top of our church. We are no longer a church under a cross. When we looked at the broken planks laying on the ground we saw that the wood was rotten inside. No wonder it fell to the wind of the world . . . It is when our faith is weak and our love is rotten that our church cannot hold up the symbol of Christianity . . . We are going to put the cross back on top of our church . . . God has broken our rotten cross and is causing us to struggle to build a new one, strong and beautiful."



# THE TRIPLETT STORY

*As presented to the Statesville District Conference Held at Fairgrove Methodist Church, Conover, N. C. on January 7, 1960*

By DONALD K. FUNDERBURKE



"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" are the marching orders of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, to those of us who name His Name. We are therefore very much interested in the record our district is making in the field of missions.

A brief look at the record reveals that in 1949 our district gave a total of \$4,785 to the Advance Mission Fund, or an average of 19¢ per member per year. Last year our Advance Mission giving increased to \$19,102, or to an average of 84¢ per member per year. An examination of the Conference journals over the ten-year period reveals that not only are more and more churches participating in the Advance Mission Program, but also that more and more churches are making their Advance giving a substantial part of their church budgets.

One of the leaders in our district in missionary giving during the past few years is Triplett Methodist Church.

Up until 1951 Triplett was on a 2-point charge with Centenary. In that year Triplett was made a station church, with a total of 374 members, many of whom were on the inactive list. The Rev. James Miller was appointed as pastor. The record shows that with an average Sunday School attendance of 207 and 209 respectively, during the church years of 1951-1952 and 1952-1953, Triplett gave only \$50 annually to the Advance Mission Fund. The next year with a membership of 355, and a total church budget of \$12,443, the Advance Mission Special jumped to \$1,140. The following year it was \$1,118. During the next three years under the ministry of the Rev. M. C. Ellerbe it increased to \$1,200 annually. In 1958 it increased to \$1,686. During the present year, with an average Sunday School attendance of about 260 and with a church budget of around \$26,000, it is anticipated that the total giving to missions over and above the regular apportionments will be in excess of \$4,000, or almost as much as the entire Statesville District gave to the Advance Mission Program in 1949.

Of the above amount an estimated \$3,790 is designated for national and overseas missions and M.C.O.R., to be apportioned out under the direction of the church Commission on Missions. Three of the Sunday School classes — the Intermediate, the Young People's, and the Loyalty classes — each sponsor a child in an overseas orphanage which is an additional \$360. The annual Christmas offering of the church — also designated for overseas orphanages — was an additional \$203.00. \$50 is sent annually to the American Bible Society. Another \$50 goes to Church World Service to help in the cost of shipping used clothing overseas. And once each year Triplett has a clothing drive and sends around 600 pounds of used clothing to Church World Service, New Windsor, Maryland, for overseas relief.

There are two Triplett members, Don

Turman and Joe Parker, both seniors in college, now in training for full-time Christian service.

Since launching out on its missionary program in 1954, Triplett has built and dedicated free of debt a fine \$40,000 educational building, has made many substantial improvements in the entire church plant, has more than doubled its church budget, and expects to pay its Christian Higher Education Appeal apportionment of \$6,475 in full by June of this year.

It might also be added that "charity at home" has also prospered along with the advance in mission giving, and several hundred dollars have been given for cases of local need in the community since the present conference year began.

Perhaps the question of real interest to most of us is: "What is responsible for the advance Triplett has made in missionary giving?"

The record shows that during the first two years of the ministry of Rev. J. James Miller at Triplett, he lifted up the cause of missions without gaining much financial response from the church. Then in the 4th Quarterly Conference report of the Commission on Missions chairman in 1953, there appeared this significant statement: "Next year we plan to conduct a church-wide school of missions and a quarterly program of missions for the congregation." That was done. Under the leadership of Rev. Mr. Miller and the Commission on Missions, a splendid church-wide school of missions lasting from Sunday night through the following Wednesday night was planned and conducted. At the close of the four-night school an opportunity was given to all to pledge to the support of the Advance Mission program. Many did so, and a separate account was set up in the bank for the Advance Mission funds. The emphasis on missions continued with the securing of missionary speakers and the use of missionary films from time to time. That was the year that Triplett jumped from a \$50 Advance Mission Special to \$1,140.

The church-wide school of missions was made an annual event. Whenever possible missionaries home on furlough were secured to speak. Missionary literature and tracts were distributed. Several good missionary films are shown each year. And the separate treasury for mission funds was continued so that all who wished to give to the Advance Mission program might do so. During the current year instead of setting a definite amount as an Advance Mission special, it was decided to place the Advance Special on a percentage basis. Fifteen per cent of all money contributed to the church budget is now allocated as an Advance Special to be given either to National Missions, Overseas Missions, or to M.C.O.R. Accordingly, each Sunday when

the church financial secretary totals up the church offerings, he takes out 15% of the total amount and deposits it in the bank in a special Advance Mission Fund. The plan of keeping Advance Mission funds separate from other church funds seems to be one of the keys to a rapid advance in missionary giving.

A study of Triplett's record and of the records of other churches that have been outstanding for their missionary giving shows that certain principles are basic in the building of an adequate program for missionary support.

1. The first of these is the need for spiritual regeneration. The missionary program is basically unselfish. Human nature is basically selfish. To expect an unregenerated person to be enthusiastic about missions is to expect him to act contrary to his nature. To try to get unregenerated people to become missionary-minded is about like trying to make a good 'possum hound out of a bird dog. It is contrary to nature. A missionary spirit is one of the fruits of spiritual regeneration. To get the fruit, there must first be the tree. The New Birth is a necessity for the missionary spirit.

2. The next foundation stone on which the missionary program is built is the Lordship of Christ. The ultimate basis for missions is the command of Christ for those who follow Him to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. We cannot be obedient to Christ and be indifferent to world evangelism. Nor can we get away from His Lordship and water down His command without cutting the nerve of the mission program. Christ commands us to take the Gospel to every person on earth. We must either obey Him and strive to spread the Gospel throughout the world, or we must reject Him as our Lord.

3. A third principle involved in an adequate program of missions is the realization that world evangelism is the supreme task of the church. It is not a secondary or an optional task to perform when all other things have been taken care of. It is the primary task given to the church by Christ, and no other task is to be permitted to hold it back. If a new church building or an increase in the pastor's salary or a new house or a new car or anything else is going to hinder the support of the program of world evangelism, then these things must wait no matter how desirable they may seem to be. Christ is more concerned about the Gospel being spread throughout the world than He is about how high our church steeple is or how comfortable the parsonage may be or the size of the pastor's salary or the kind of a car we drive. He is more concerned about human souls than He is about the luxuries of this world and the things material. The mission program is not an optional matter with the church of

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# Methodism Serves 1,520,913 Sick and Old Persons

*Columbus, Ohio.*—The Methodist Church served 1,520,913 persons last year through its 236 hospitals and homes, it was reported here Feb. 16.

Dr. Olin E. Oeschger of Chicago, general secretary of the Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church, made the statement in his report to the board at its annual meeting here in the Deshler-Hilton hotel.

Dr. Oeschger said that institutions affiliated with the board had increased during the past year from 229 to 236. This includes one new hospital and six new homes for older persons.

Institutions now related to the board include 104 homes for older persons, 76 hospitals, 49 children's homes, and seven homes for business women. Total capacity of these institutions is now 33,361 — an increase of 1,631 over last year.

It requires a full-time personnel of 35,135 to staff these hospitals and homes, Dr. Oeschger reported. In addition, 12,985 doctors serve on the staffs.

Assets of the institutions increased from \$415,566,557 to \$465,470,954. During the year, 66 new building projects were started, which, upon completion, will represent \$40,407,983 in additional assets, he said.

"In this present era of outer space, scientific advancement, supersonic speed, population explosion, and automation, our health and welfare institutions are faced with unprecedented responsibility and challenge," Dr. Oeschger said. "We stand now — in 1960 — at the most crucial point in our entire history. This is the summit at which our Christian strength will either meet this stupendous challenge and move outward in service, or it will step aside — and backwards — and let secular forces forge ahead."

The new hospital added to the list of affiliated institutions is at Oak Ridge, Tenn.

The six new homes for older persons are: Wesley Manor, Jacksonville, Fla. South Georgia Methodist Home for the Aging, Americus, Ga. Hillcrest Homes, Bozeman, Mont. Ainsworth Lodge, Iodi, Ohio Methodist Homes, Inc., Mitchell, S. D. Bayview Manor, Seattle, Wash.

Dr. Oeschger reported that income from Methodist churches for hospitals and homes, including capital and operating purposes, totaled \$5,613,272, but that the amount of charity services rendered by the institutions during the year was more than two and one half times that figure, or \$14,428,751.

He called for The Methodist Church "to assume its share of the responsibilities involved in the upsurge of population." He said that religious groups, including Methodists, pioneered in the establishment of hospitals "because concern for the sick poor had not yet become a concern of the public in general," and that "they may feel great satisfaction that as a result of their leadership and example, medical care for all is

now recognized as a humanitarian, a cultural and an economic necessity."

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of Pittsburgh, Pa., vice-president of the board, presided at the meeting. The Rev. Dr. Frank Prentzel, Jr., of Philadelphia served as recording secretary.

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our Lord. It is the supreme task which Christ has given to His church.

4. Another thing involved in a vigorous mission program is an awareness of the needs of the people throughout the world for Christ. If we rightly expect people to deny themselves to support missions, then it will help if we show them in concrete terms the need of the Animists and the Hindus and the Moslems and the Buddhists and the other non-Christians of the world for the Gospel message.

5. Then after the need is lifted up, people need to be given a vision of what they can really do to help meet that need in a concrete way. Let us tell them about the Congregational church in Boston that in 1958 with 2,200 members gave \$258,000 to missions and had 40 to 50 of its members on the mission fields. Let us tell them about a congregation of working people with around 260 members that gives around \$13,000 annually to the work of missions. Let us tell them about a church of 250 members in Cuba that sponsors and staffs four mission stations with its own members. Let us tell them of the physically frail

school teacher in Texas who caught the vision and by denying herself many of the luxuries of life managed to support a missionary for many years out of her own meager income. Let us stop thinking in terms of what some neighboring church may be doing, and let us begin to think in terms of what God really expects of us. A basic necessity for an adequate mission program is a vision of what can be done when people truly get on fire for God and place everything on the Altar.

6. Then it follows that once people see the need and catch the vision, they must be given the opportunity to give. Of what use is it to get people all stirred up about missions and then come along and have the Official Board set the Advance Missions Special at an amount which one church member could pay by himself if he would? There are missionary-minded people in practically every congregation who would vastly increase the giving to world missions if the church would give them an opportunity to do so. It seems clear that one of the basic needs for a rapid advance in missionary giving is the setting up of a system in every church whereby those who wish to contribute to missions might do so weekly with the assurance that their money will not be diverted into some local project.

7. Then, finally, once the missionary fires are kindled, they must be kept burning. There is the need for a continuing emphasis on the program of world evangelism through the use of missionary speakers, films, letters from missionaries, tracts on missions, missionary facts in the Sunday bulletins, and the like which will keep us aware of the fact that what we give to the Lord for this purpose is indeed spreading the Gospel and helping to evangelize the world. Let us pray . . .

"And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." — Mark 16:15.



OVERSEAS METHODIST WOMEN VISIT U. S. CHURCHES

From Asia, Africa, Europe and South America, these women leaders from Methodist and Methodist-related churches are visiting the Methodist Church in America. They are (left to right) Miss Zillah Soule of India, Mrs. Elisa Ocera of the Philippines; Miss Flora Knight of Malaya, Mrs. Chong Hee Pang of Korea, Miss Alice Alsup (American guide), Miss Irene Sant Masih of India, Dr. Hamako Riose of Japan, Dr. Asa Yumoto of Japan, Miss Lidia Vargas of Chile and Mrs. Olga Vanderghem of Peru. Two of the group, Mrs. Margrethe Askholm of Denmark and Mrs. Maria Sebastiao Diaz of Angola, were not present for the picture. (Photo by Rickarby).



# ANOTHER LOOK AT CUBA

BY GARFIELD EVANS

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After spending ten days in Cuba during the Christmas season, and going from one end of the island to the other and listening to various levels of people freely express their views, I am convinced that the average American is poorly informed of the actual state of affairs. Not everything is ideal and there are many problems, but we should be realistic and face the facts.

Everywhere there was an abandon of joyous celebration. The government had encouraged Christian churches to celebrate with carol singing, and town after town vied with each other in Christmas decorations.

Contrary to what an American radio announcer said, Latin America observes the sixth of January (Epiphany) as the time when presents are given to their children. It is the traditional celebration of the visit of the Wise Men. Streets are lined for a week with booths for venders of dolls and toys. But the striking characteristic of it all was the freedom from fear and the feeling that they were free.

PROPAGANDA. Radio, TV, and many articles in the American press have been definitely false, and others were misleading or only stated half-truths. It is reliably reported that opposing interests to the present government paid a well-known American publisher \$100,000 for certain articles derogatory of the Cuban reforms.

WORLD UNREST. As you read your magazines or listen to the radio, you cannot fail to recognize that around the world backward countries and oppressed groups everywhere are struggling for a better standard of life. Read the article *The Middle East's New 'Ism*, by Sidney Lens in *Christian Century*, Jan. 13, 1960, which has a description of changes going on primarily in Egypt. Its description is almost a duplicate of the changes going on in Cuba. They all have a similar pattern.

HISTORY should teach us something. America had its Boston Tea Party, France had its bloody revolution, England escaped by the social preaching of John Wesley. It took long years in each of these countries for new patterns of government to be established and for the social reforms to become permanent. But, in every case, the changes represented a struggle of the masses for a better standard of life and for respect

for the dignity of the individual. Basically, this is the kind of change going on in Cuba.

OPPOSITION to these present changes comes from several unrelated sources.

*First*, absentee land owners, rich Spanish families, and crooked politicians.

*Second*, American gamblers and gangsters who want to make Cuba a mecca of the underworld. With them are the whiskey interests, who, for the first time are being pinched.

*Third*, a certain so-called religious body whose activities in politics and economic investments are being curbed.

*Fourth*, the "outs" — followers of the former dictator who stole an estimated \$2 billion.

LAND REFORMS, (INRA) have produced the greatest amount of open protests. Any basic social change will affect the feudalistic system of land control since 50% of the cultivable land is owned by 5% of the population, and a majority of owners of large estates would never sell under any circumstances.

To what extent is a government justified in expropriating land of individual owners, even though it is supposed to be paid for in government bonds, is a question in many minds.

Although civil courts are functioning, INRA seems to have the last word regarding the distribution of land and the appointing of interventors in industry. There is decided dissatisfaction among the owners of industrial plants and large estates.

COOPERATIVES that are really collective farms are in existence in about 400 areas.

PEOPLE'S STORES under government control are taking the place of former country stores, with stable prices. Will this do away with the small store-keeper? Previously, the store-keeper charged anything he pleased, and many families were never free from debt.

THE ARMY previously dominated the scene. But now the three largest military barracks in the island, each one holding about 3,000 soldiers, are being turned into schools. On the other hand, there are being formed youth organizations trained by the military somewhat like our National Guard.

THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM in both Uni-

versity and Secondary school levels has been of the old scholastic type and archaic. It is now being revised from top to bottom according to modern methods.

TOURISTS in large number have been lured away from Cuba, evidently by paid propaganda. Latins are naturally courteous, and in traveling throughout Cuba, the writer was never more courteously treated.

HOUSING PROJECTS are being built in many areas that will do away with the abominable slums found in almost all the cities. And with them, Comedores de Obreros (dining rooms for workers) where good and nutritive meals may be had at cost.

BEGGARS. During ten days I saw only three beggars, where formerly they were encountered everywhere. The government is trying to provide for their needs in a way that will do away with mendicancy.

UNEMPLOYMENT is always large because of a sugar economy that provides work for only three months. More people were seen to be working than normally. The government spent over \$140,000,000 in 1959 for public works, and it is reported that from internal revenues alone, over \$100,000,000 was collected in the same period.

A TRANSITION PERIOD is always difficult and is besought with problems of adjustment, and often injustices for some groups — the more difficult when the abuses previously have been flagrant.

AMERICAN MONEY is at a premium because so much money has been taken out of the country. No national is supposed to keep American money, although he may exchange it at any bank. The American tourist of course has no difficulty.

IMPROVEMENTS AND BUILDING were seen on every hand. Small towns as well as cities that never had paved streets or hospital service, now have both.

RURAL SCHOOLS in almost inaccessible areas now have teachers who serve cheerfully, and on half salary in order to provide education for all.

SOCIALISM. Will the government drift into State Socialism, or is the state control of industry and farms a wise step looking forward to democratic pro-

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# News from the Districts

## New Bern

On Monday, February 22, some 502 laymen and ministers gathered in historic Centenary Methodist Church for the Annual Laymen's Rally. The rally was preceded by a Laymen's Retreat beginning at 2 p.m. with a good representation of church lay leaders, lay speakers, Methodist Men officials and other laymen and ministers in attendance. This retreat is the only one in the North Carolina Conference held in conjunction with the rally. Courses were offered with the emphasis on the Every-Member Canvass. We were fortunate to have Dr. Edwin A. Briggs to teach that course. Dr. Briggs is the director of stewardship and finance, general board of lay activities. Nelson Gibson, Jr., full-time conference lay leader, gave the closing address of the retreat. The rally was preceded by a supper at 6 p.m. and at 7:15 all went to the sanctuary for the rest of the service. Roy L. Turnage, district lay leader, presided and introduced Dr. A. J. Hobbs who read the scripture and prayed. This was followed by the roll call of charges, Ayden laymen winning the attendance award. Dr. Edwin A. Briggs then stirred the congregation with a challenging message on the task of the church to bring to bear on the world's needs

her tremendous prosperity. This message was climaxed with Bishop Paul N. Garber's stirring message, "the postman is not the only one that delivers." Methodism has delivered, but it must continue to deliver. The closing benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. W. Lineberger, host minister.

## Bible Society Urges Reading Of Resurrection Message

The American Bible Society is urging all Americans to join in the nation's largest sunrise service by reading at dawn on Easter morning the resurrection message in the Gospel of John.

Two million copies of "He Is Risen," a special booklet reprinting this message, are being made available by the society to stimulate and encourage the sunrise reading.

The Bible Society suggests that churches and related groups in every community obtain supplies of the booklets and distribute them to such groups as hospital patients and the inmates of penal institutions, as well as to their own members.

Copies of "He Is Risen" may be ordered at \$3.00 per hundred from the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, New York, or from any of the Bible Society depositories.

## Rocky Point Charge Observes "Church and Home Week"

As a part of the spring emphasis on evangelism in the N. C. Conference, Rocky Point Charge, consisting of Herring's Chapel, Jordan's Chapel, and Rocky Point churches, placed emphasis upon family problems and evangelism in church and home. Services were held in all three churches during the six days, March 6-11.

The pastor, the Rev. Ed Osteen, and the guest minister, the Rev. M. Preston Hughes, Jr., of Boone, N. C., began the services at Herring's Chapel on Sunday and Monday, moved to Jordan's Chapel on Tuesday and Wednesday, then closed the series at Rocky Point on Thursday and Friday nights.

## Allen School Advisory Committee Formed

An Advisory Committee for Allen High School in Asheville, a project of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, was organized at a meeting held in Asheville on Saturday, Feb. 20.

Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford of Asheboro, conference president, was elected chairman of the committee, and Mrs. James Fowler, Jr., of Lake Junaluska, conference secretary of Status of Women, was chosen as secretary.

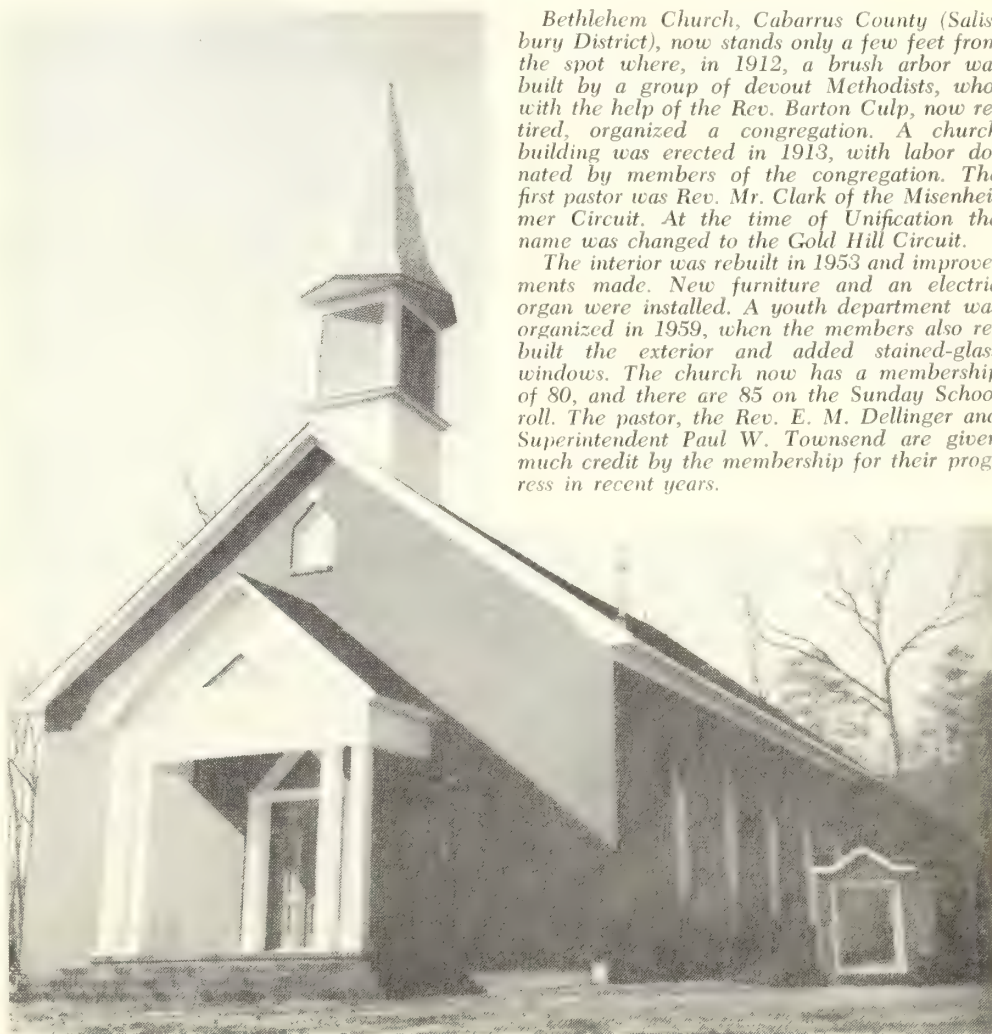
## Dr. E. T. Clark Writes Biography of Bishop Moore

*Arthur James Moore: World Evangelist* is the title of a beautifully-printed and beautifully-bound volume on the life of one of the most outstanding evangelists, bishops, and missionary leaders ever given the world by the Methodist Church. The author of this tribute and biography is Dr. Elmer T. Clark, of Lake Junaluska, N. C., long associated with Bishop Moore in his missionary and evangelistic leadership. The publisher is the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church. Of this board, Bishop Moore — who will retire from the Episcopacy and the board's presidency next June — was the first and only presiding officer during its twenty years of existence.

The book is one of those occasional printings of which the printer is unusually proud — and which usually becomes a collector's item. It is illustrated with numerous pen drawings; and has a full-color frontispiece reproduction of a portrait of Bishop Moore painted by the renowned artist Frank O. Salisbury.

Dr. Clark gives intimate glimpses of the bishop-missionary, first as a young rail-roader converted and turned evangelist, as a leader in general conferences, as a bishop on every continent, as a leader of the *Crusades* and of the unification of Methodism, and as an organizer and leader of the Board of Missions.

The volume will be officially published on April 26. But orders for it — at \$2.25 per copy, boxed — should be sent now to the Editorial Department, Room 1301, Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N. Y.



*Bethlehem Church, Cabarrus County (Salisbury District), now stands only a few feet from the spot where, in 1912, a brush arbor was built by a group of devout Methodists, who, with the help of the Rev. Barton Culp, now retired, organized a congregation. A church building was erected in 1913, with labor donated by members of the congregation. The first pastor was Rev. Mr. Clark of the Misenheimer Circuit. At the time of Unification the name was changed to the Gold Hill Circuit.*

*The interior was rebuilt in 1953 and improvements made. New furniture and an electric organ were installed. A youth department was organized in 1959, when the members also rebuilt the exterior and added stained-glass windows. The church now has a membership of 80, and there are 85 on the Sunday School roll. The pastor, the Rev. E. M. Dellinger and Superintendent Paul W. Townsend are given much credit by the membership for their progress in recent years.*



## **Mrs. W. B. Whitaker Reports Her Impressions in English Weekly**

(From *Methodist Recorder*, London)

American Methodist women have a powerful, autonomous organization known as the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church. It incorporates just about everything that the women of the church do in this country, including deaconess work and youth work.

So when the Connexional Chairman of Women's Fellowship (Mrs. W. B. Whitaker) visited the States recently, she found no near counterpart of W.F. over there.

### **Private Pilgrimage**

Mrs. Whitaker's visit to America was first arranged as a private pilgrimage to her birthplace at Providence, Rhode Island (she was brought home to England at eleven months old). When the Woman's Division got to hear about her trip they invited her to be a guest speaker at their quadrennial seminar in North Carolina, and to spend ten weeks during the autumn fulfilling engagements in various states.

In a country where religion is, if one might put it this way, much more fashionable than it is in England, what does Mrs. Whitaker think about the influence of its Methodist church women?

"They are certainly much more highly organized than we are. They are a definite power but a separated one. I do not think they have a greater influence on the general work of the Church than we do.

"In British Methodism we do not work as separate entities. Women's Work is a sub-committee of Overseas Missions. Women's Fellowship works in co-operation with Home Missions. I feel the men are in sympathy with us and working with us. It is out of their pockets, as well as our own, that the money comes and they should have some interest in how it is used."

### **Seeing Youth Work**

Mrs. Whitaker, whose husband is the deputy headmaster of the Boy's Technical School, Gravesend, is herself a science graduate. She taught in grammar schools before her marriage and returned to teaching during the war. She was,

therefore, particularly interested in seeing something of American educational and youth work.

She was impressed with the eagerness of the school children to ask her questions. "They just bombarded me with one after another." Her justification of school uniform (which they do not have) as a means of disguising social background by making all children dress alike seems to have impressed them greatly.

American schools are co-educational and they wanted her point of view. "Boys hate being beaten by girls and girls hate being beaten by boys. I think they are often happier in separate schools, although we also have most successful co-educational schools in Great Britain."

In the States she thought children were allowed to be grown up far too early. "Some of them start dating at twelve years of age, which I think is truly ridiculous. Our boys and girls are still playing and having a good time as children at that age."

At the North Carolina seminar, 150 representatives from churches in the U.S.A. and leaders in missionary work in other countries considered "The Family in a World of Rapid Social Change." The possibility of over-population was discussed and there was much concern about the risks of world food shortage.

Mrs. Whitaker told them she felt equally strongly that this anxiety was not justified. "I believe God has put sufficient food in the world and that it will not be over-populated if we learn to share as one family." Speakers at this conference, she said, stated quite emphatically that frequently when people got old the young didn't want them.

### **Among the Elderly**

On her travels, Mrs. Whitaker found a group of women doing work among elderly citizens which gave her ideas to add to the work Women's Fellowship is doing in this country. "They collected together these elderly people and ran a children's entertainment for them and gave them refreshments — a fruit squash drink which they call 'punch' and lots of cookies. They were men and women like our old age pensioners, some of them quite poor although they included

people who had worked in the professions as well as manual workers."

Mrs. Whitaker said that although these old people were all carefully dressed, they looked as though there were those among them who couldn't afford adequate food.

Mrs. Whitaker is a magistrate, and she had several opportunities to visit courts, penitentiaries, remand homes, etc., and see something of the social problems of the country. She attended a school of Alcoholic Studies and Christian Action at Little Rock and told them that the greatest evil in England was not drink but gambling.

### **Churches and Colour**

Both in the south and elsewhere she saw a good deal of the American colour problem. "I knew there was segregation but I never dreamed I would meet it inside the churches. I was flabbergasted when I found separate Methodist churches for white and coloured.

"I thought in our Church we regarded ourselves as all members of one family, and I was very worried by what I found in some areas and cheered by forward work in others."

Women are now being ordained to the ministry in American Methodism. Mrs. Whitaker, a local preacher herself, was asked her point of view and gave it quite uncompromisingly: "I said in England it is completely unnecessary. Women can do everything except become ordained into the ministry. If they want to preach they can become local preachers. With the itinerant ministry it would be impracticable to have women ministers."—I.W.

## **Methodists are Unconcerned Says Bishop Franklin**

*Nashville, Tenn.*—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, Jackson, Miss., president of the Methodist Council of Bishops, said at a meeting here that the unconcern of many Methodists about winning persons for Christ is appalling.

"The unconcern of people called Methodists is appalling today," said Bishop Franklin. "The unconcern of some of us who are preachers is appalling."

The bishop was a speaker for a national workshop for directors of evangelism in Methodist churches. Nearly 100 directors attended the meeting February 1-5 at the Board of Evangelism headquarters.

"We must recapture our evangelistic fervor," said Bishop Franklin.

"We Methodists could win a million people on profession of faith in a single year," he declared, "if we would make up our minds to do it."

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Faith is a willingness to work in the dark.





# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## Marian Makes a New Friend

Marian was sitting in the school lunchroom, feeling very lonely. Her lunch box was open, but she just couldn't eat. All the other children were gathered in little groups laughing and talking together, but she was alone.

The little girl wanted to go home. Mother had said it would be hard starting at a new school so close to the end of the term, but it just couldn't be helped. Daddy's company had given him some very important work to do in New York, and of course Mother and Marian came with him. How she wished she were back in her home town with her old friends.

As she watched a group of merry children on the other side of the lunchroom, she bit her lip and tried not to cry. Just then one of the girls slipped away from the crowd and came toward her. She was smiling and pretty, and had long blonde hair.

"Hello!" she called out. "My name is Lucy. You're the new girl in my class, aren't you? What's your name?"

"I'm Marian Dowling, and I just moved here last week, into that house over there." She pointed to the hotel apartment house at the end of the block.

"Wonderful!" exclaimed Lucy. "See that little private house right next to it? That's where I live. We can play together, and won't that be fun!"

Marian was so choked up she couldn't answer. She could feel the tears streaming down her cheeks, but Lucy didn't seem to notice. She chatted merrily on. Suddenly her eye fell on Marian's lunch box. "Why you haven't touched a thing!" Then she opened her own lunch and handed it to Marian. "Here, have a blintz," pointing to something wrapped in wax paper.

"A what?" Marian asked.

"A blintz — it's a sort of cheesecake. Mother makes whole batches of them this time of the year because it's Shevouth — that's the Jewish holiday when we eat honeycakes and lots of milk and cheesecakes like this."

"It's delicious," Marian swallowed quickly. "But what did you say your holiday is called?"

"Shevouth," replied Lucy. "It's pretty important, because thousands of years

Editor's Note: Now and then comes a request that we repeat some of the stories that appeared on our page several years ago, for the benefit of the boys and girls who were too young then to enjoy them. So we have been looking through our file of Children's Pages, and will publish again from time to time some of our most interesting stories. A good story always bears repeating.

ago, at this time, God called Moses to Him at the top of a mountain and gave him the Ten Commandments."

"Oh," said Marian, "I learned about that in Sunday School — how the Jews received the Ten Commandments from God on Mount Sinai, and then passed them along to the rest of the world."

## GOD IS SO NEAR

*Sometimes when morning lights the sky  
And gladness fills the air,  
I feel like telling things to God —  
He seems so very near.*

*Sometimes when flowers are in bloom  
And birds are singing clear,  
I feel like singing things to God —  
He must be very near.*

*Sometimes when work and play are done  
And evening stars appear,  
I feel like whispering things to God —  
He is so very near.*

— ELIZABETH MCSHIELDS

"That's right," said Lucy.

Marian continued. "The Bible story says there was a big storm on the top of that mountain, with thunder and lightning that shook the whole earth; and then, while the people trembled, God spoke to them."

"You make me a little ashamed of myself, Marian," Lucy looked at her with admiration. "I bet you know more about it than I do."

Marian looked pleased and said shyly, "But I never knew the holiday was called Shevouth, or about all the things you eat."

"Oh, you mean the milk and honey. Daddy says that's because the Ten Commandments stand for learning, and learning is as sweet as honey and as nourishing as milk. When he was a boy, starting to learn about the Jewish religion, on the first day of Hebrew school each child found a slate on his desk with

a sentence written on it in honey, and there was fruit and candy there, too. These were supposed to come from angels in heaven to make his first day in school sweet and pleasant."

"Well," laughed Marian, her face shining. "This is my first day at this school, and you've made everything sweet and pleasant for me, and I'll never forget it."

— From *Religious Press*

## "MY YOKE IS EASY . . ."

A little girl in Sunday school heard the reading of the text, "My yoke is easy . . ." Turning to the children the teacher asked, "Who can tell me what a yoke is?"

The child replied, "It's something they put on the necks of animals to help them pull heavy loads."

"Then what is the meaning of God's yoke?" inquired the teacher.

All were quiet, and then the hand of the little girl went up, and she said, "That's when God puts His arms around our necks."

Could anyone explain it better?

— Clipped.

## BITS OF FUN

Tommy and his little brother Jack had taken their sled out to have some fun while the snow lasted. After a while Mother looked out the window to see how they were getting along.

"I hope you are letting Jack have his share, Tommy," she said.

"Oh, yes, Mother," was the reply. "I have it down hill and he has it up."

## Bible Quiz

Who spoke these familiar words?

1. "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve."
2. "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision."
3. "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian."
4. "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."
5. "This Jesus did God raise up, whereof we all are witnesses."

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Vinegar — Matthew 27:46-48
2. Lentils — Genesis 25:29-34
3. Bread — John 6:35
4. Salt — Matthew 5:13
5. Water — John 4:5-7



## Women in the News

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Greensboro District will have Miss Lillian A. Johnson of New York City, executive secretary of Wesleyan Service Guilds, as guest speaker at the dinner meeting of the district to be held on Thursday, March 10, at 7 p.m. in Harrison Hall at High Point College.

She will speak on the Guild motto, "The World to Serve." She will be introduced by Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford of Asheboro, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the W. N. C. Conference.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Winston-Salem District will have its annual meeting on Wednesday, April 20, at the Union Ridge Methodist Church in Winston-Salem beginning at 10 a.m. Miss Elizabeth Callis, former missionary to Burma, will speak of the mission work in that country, and Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford, president of the Conference Woman's Society, will speak. Mrs. H. B. Simpson of Winston-Salem, district president, will be in charge of the meeting.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Waynesville District will have a Lenten Quiet Day on Friday, April 1, at the Methodist Church in Franklin from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The morning session will feature pre-Easter meditations and prayer services. The afternoon session will be conducted by the Rev. Frank Smathers of Lake Junaluska, district superintendent, and the Rev. Robert Early of Franklin. The closing feature will be a communion service. All who attend are asked to bring sandwiches and the Franklin Church will serve coffee. Mrs. Clyde R. Hoey of Candler, district secretary of Spiritual Life, will serve as leader for the program. Mrs. W. B. Harrill of Cullowhee, district president, will assist.

Mrs. J. M. Carraway, of Farmville, chairman of Christian Social Relations, N. C. Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, was one of 335 delegates attending the Churchman's Washington Seminar February 16-19. The seminar was sponsored by the social action agencies of 15 major Protestant denominations in co-operation with the Washington Office of the National Council of Churches.

Following a recent study course on "Christian Missions in Africa," using the text, "The Way to Africa," member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Edenton Street Methodist Church voted to promote the six recommendations of the Study and Action Committee. These were: That members of the class continue reading on the subject of Africa and offering prayers for ultimate freedom and fullness of the Christian way of life for the entire continent. That as a Woman's Society, we continue our interest and monetary gifts to the missions program of the Woman's Division in order to help provide the best possible Christian education for the youth of Africa, who will be the leaders of tomorrow. That whenever possible we lend a sympathetic ear and speak an encouraging word to today's African leaders in their struggle for freedom. That, from the Woman's Society treasury, we send a gift of \$25.00 in money through the regular channels, marked "Gift from Study," to the Woman's Division to be used for the Christian Social Center in Kindu, Central Congo Conference, Africa. That a book, chosen from the recommended list of books for church libraries, be given to the Stanbury (the Edenton Street Church) library. The expense of the book to be defrayed by voluntary offerings from members of the study class. That, as we study and read of Africa's problems, particularly that of race relations, we pray and seek to resolve our own race problem in a manner pleasing to God and with justice to all men.

## In Memoriam

**PARROTT.** — Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Banks-Grove Hill Methodist Churches, of the Greensboro Charge, offer this in loving memory of Mrs. Gladys Peace Parrott, widow of Frank Edward Parrott. She died at Watts Hospital, Durham, on January 6, 1960.

Mrs. Parrott served her church in many ways, notably as president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for many years.

Mrs. Parrott's life was one of love and devotion to her home, her family, and her church and will ever be an inspiration to all who knew her.

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### GEORGE BRADBURY STARLING

One of God's noblemen went to his eternal reward when Rev. George Bradbury Starling completed his earthly journey on December 12, 1959, after more than fifty years of devoted and effective service in the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church.

He was born in Wayne County near Goldsboro on March 30, 1872, the son of James Thomas and Mary Hales Starling, and was educated at Fremont High School and at Old Trinity in Randolph County. He



joined the North Carolina Conference in 1898 and served his first appointment at Kenly. He returned to Kenly for his last appointment in 1940 and served the last six years of his ministry there. He continued to make his home in Kenly after his retirement. During his years of service in the Conference he served the following charges: Kenly, Cary, Clayton, Fayetteville Circuit, Carr-Durham, Littleton, Mount Olive, Ayden, Dunn, Aberdeen, Conway, Elm City, Grifton, and Kenly.

Brother Starling's ministry was marked by a forthright proclamation of the gospel and a warm-hearted love of people. Big of body and strong of voice he spoke with clarity and force the message of the love of God and the saving power of Jesus to cleanse of all unrighteousness. He condemned in no uncertain terms the evils that beset the world, but he gave himself without stint to "lift up the fallen" and to serve saint and sinner alike wherever he found persons with their needs. He never wavered in his faith, in his devotion, in his desire to serve God and people to the very end of his life.

Mr. Starling married Mae Watson, of Fremont, February 1, 1899. He is survived by his widow and four children: G. B., Jr. of Wilson, James T. of Lumberton, Mrs. R. M. Dowd of Greensboro, and Mrs. J. M. Hart of Grifton. There are ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He also has three living brothers: Frank of Raleigh, Bayard of Turkey, N. C., and Julian of Clayton.

Countless numbers of persons found their way into the Christian fold through the ministry of this good man of God and others knew what it was to have their lives quickened and strengthened by the touch of his Christian spirit upon them. Surely there is laid up for him "a crown of righteousness" in the mansions prepared for him and those

like him who have served God and man so faithfully and so well.

—ROBERT W. BRADSHAW

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# International Sunday School Lesson

FOR MARCH 13, 1960

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH

Head, Department of Religious Education, Greensboro College

## THE CHRISTIAN WITNESS TO CIVIL RULERS

*Background Scripture:* Acts 24 through 26

*Lesson Scripture:* Acts 26:1, 19-32

In today's Bible study we again hear Paul recounting his experiences and pleading his innocence of the charges made against him. Students should read the entire 24th, 25th and 26th chapters of Acts, for much significant material is omitted if we read and study only the portion usually printed in the lesson helps.

Paul, this time, is defending himself before two civil authorities, Agrippa and Festus. Although Agrippa was only a visitor, and had no real jurisdiction, he was curious to see and hear Paul. The contrast between the man on the throne and the prisoner on trial is an interesting one. Agrippa belonged to an age that was destined to pass; Paul belonged to a movement that was just getting started. Had it not been for Paul no one would even know who Agrippa was. This indicates that man can never see things from the standpoint of God. He is bound by time and is impressed by the things which are dominant at the moment. The long ages belong to God, and we can't know what lies ahead. But when it looks to us as if "Right is forever on the scaffold and wrong forever on the throne" remember — *it may not look that way to God*. And it may not turn out that way in the end.

As to the relationship the Christian sustains to the state, or government, we have several suggestions in the New Testament. Paul, in Romans 13:1-7 deals with this question. He believed thoroughly in obedience to the law. His point was that so long as God suffered a certain government to exist, it was the duty of the Christian to obey it. Says Paul (verses 3-4): "The man who does right has nothing to fear from the magistrates, as the wrongdoer has . . . for they (the magistrates) are God's agents to do you good." Admittedly, this position of St. Paul's poses some problems. Perhaps your class could have a good discussion of this: Suppose the colonies prior to the American Revolution had adhered to this policy — would they ever have taken up arms against England? There is one difference however, between Paul's day and ours; the Christians of that time had no vote, and therefore no choice; we have the vote and are under obligations to make use of it to see that we have the proper kind of officials in power.

Paul's main point in his defense was that whatever he had done (including things various people didn't happen to like) were done as a result of obedience to God — "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision." Dr. Roy Smith, in the *International Annual*, says if we ever find the tomb of St. Paul the most fitting epitaph to put on it would be: "I was not disobedient." Peace has come to multiplied millions because they could truly say that. Unimaginable anguish and remorse has come to millions because they could not.

Agrippa and Festus belonged to the "smart set." They probably found it hard to believe a man would really suffer for what he believed. But in Paul they saw such a man. The more real Christians government officials can see, the more they will realize the power of the Christian movement. That was true in Paul's time. It is true today.

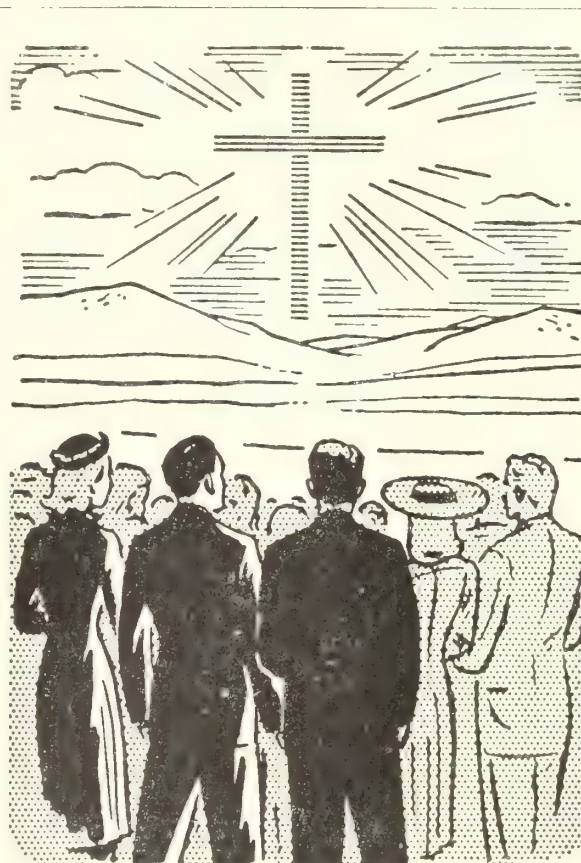
## Book Review

**The Amazing Results of Positive Thinking**, by Norman Vincent Peale. (Prentice Hall. Price, \$3.50)

It is fashionable in some circles to find fault with Peale's theology and his so-called oversimplification of religion. Such criticisms are valid, when made by those who themselves are attempting to do the same sort of job that Peale does in a more orthodox fashion. But the pastor of Marble Collegiate Church is writing for an audience composed of untheological (even un-Christian) people. One might contend that a preacher must confine his teaching to the utterly orthodox

and clearly insist on theological conformity. But Peale, although himself a believer in unadulterated Christianity, writes for those who know little about such matters.

I am not satisfied with the theology of this book; but I cannot deny that it will help many who are not helped by our sermons. I am not ready to accept all of his psychology, but the same qualification holds good. Certainly, no one is going to be less Christian for having read these stories of what the author calls "the power of positive thinking" and which we would call God's converting action. The spirit of the Gospel is here, although we may quarrel with the phrases used to describe it.—R. P. M.



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## IN PASSING

### *In Search of A Fireplace*

Some weeks ago we received a lovely poem from one of our readers. It was scheduled for publication and Mr. Park and I began to look around for a picture to illustrate it. We wanted an old-fashioned fireplace and didn't know where to find one. Finally, I thought of an historic house which stands just outside of the Guilford Battlefield and I called up the owner and asked if I might photograph it. He and his wife very kindly consented and he stayed around home that afternoon to assist me.

The picture was taken and you can see it on this page.

If you will look closely you will see, in front of the fireplace, the well-known author of best-seller books on the Revolutionary War, Burke Davis, who lives in the house which gave shelter to Lord Cornwallis after the battle of Guilford Court House. The old fireplace has been restored to its original form and is now substantially the same as in Revolutionary War times.

Our thanks to Mr. Davis, not only for this favor, but for providing his readers with such interesting novels about early American history.

### *Strike Three and Out!*

For the first time in its short history, St. Mark's Church, Raleigh, had no service of worship. It was February 14, and the pastor, the Rev. H. A. Bizzell, Jr., was sick. That, in itself, was not the cause, for Bizzell had engaged the services of Dr. F. Olin Hunt to take his place and everything

was arranged. But on Saturday night Dr. Hunt phoned to say that he, too, was ill.

The pastor secured another preacher, the Rev. Neil McGlamery, and relaxed.

But on Sunday morning the third strike came, for when the congregation and guest preacher arrived they found that the furnace had knocked off work for the duration. There was no heat.

"So," says Pastor Bizzell, "we were forced to cancel the Church School and the services of public worship."

### **Another Look at Cuba**

*(Continued from page 10)*

cesses when the people are better prepared? Although the future is uncertain, one thing is unquestionably sure, *the Gospel never had a better chance.*

Never have we had such opportunities as at the present time. Never have the investment of our dollars in training the youth and in constructing churches been as urgent and challenging as NOW!

PROTESTANT CHURCH WORK is encouraged in all its phases, and a premium is placed on workers trained in our schools.

THE FUTURE, politically, is unpredictable because of so many conditioning factors and the many rapid changes. But it is generally conceded that, regardless of whether or not the present government can succeed, the common people will never again willingly accept a feudalistic system of land control.

P.S.—Make your plans to visit Cuba and see for yourself. Not just a visit to Habana, but go through the entire length of the island. You will find respect and courteous treatment.

VISIT CUBA!

PRAY FOR CUBA!!

January 11, 1960

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### **EDITORIAL**

*(Continued from page 4)*

latter. We have known Mr. Evans for nearly thirty years and we have found him to be very careful in his handling of the truth. He does not live in Cuba now, and he has no axe to grind for Castro, but like all of the missionaries with which I have talked, he feels that the new regime in Cuba has not received a fair deal at the hands of the American press.

We are not able to document the statements that he makes and we cannot guarantee the accuracy of his observations except by saying that no man in America has had a better opportunity to understand Cuba and its people than the writer of the article.



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What holds more delight than a fireplace that's warm,  
With friends gathered 'round by your side?  
If winter is long, and your heart lacks a song,  
Your hearth-fire real joy will provide.

You can peacefully muse by your fireside alone,  
And take of its strength and its light.  
If you're still, very still, you can hear Nature speak  
In the sounds that it makes in the night.

The music of forests, the sounds of the wind,  
Are brought in our house for a while;  
Nature draws near, and seems very close kin,  
And the heart-beat of God brings a smile.

A fire is a wonder that lives and breathes,  
Its glow warms the heart through and through;  
Perhaps that is why we can sit by our fire  
And never be lonely, or blue.

Our days that are filled with the duties of life  
May be sweetened and given a meaning,  
If we build us a fire and then carefully tend it,  
And spend time just sitting and dreaming.

—JOHNNIE SPEAS CARTER



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# LETTERS

## More Inspirational Reading, Please

Dear Editor:

... I would like to share with you some of the complaints that I hear. A lot of our people want more inspirational reading, reading to help their spiritual selves. I like the general information furnished by the paper, but many who read it have no interest in the general (church) activities...

The ADVOCATE has been giving articles of this nature in recent months, and I use them for selling points. I hope we can get our people reading the ADVOCATE regularly. They need reading matter which will help them to face up to a Christian way of life, as well as information which will keep them abreast of our conference and district work.

Sincerely,  
(REV.) W. O. CONNER

Salemberg, N. C.

**Editor's Note:** Another voice with what we feel is a true interpretation of the wishes of most of our readers. But many of our friends and church leaders believe that we have no business trying to be more than a bulletin of announcements and promotion. (See the editorial in this issue.) There is an honest difference of opinion here and we would be happy to hear from all sides on the subject.

## Pfeiffer Students

Dear Editor:

I noticed in the Feb. 18th issue of the ADVOCATE under "Carolina Briefs" that Mr. Fred Falls, a senior at Pfeiffer College, was serving as adult counselor for the Senior MYF at Central Church in Spencer. This is another wonderful way in which Pfeiffer College is serving the people of the Western North Carolina Conference. Every year a number of juniors and seniors who are majoring in Christian Education at Pfeiffer go into the local churches within commuting distance of the campus to do their field work. Even though this is a benefit to Pfeiffer and the student, the churches receive the greater amount of the benefit. We have had two field workers at Wesley Chapel this year. Miss Dorothy Chance finished her work with us in January. Now Miss Barbara Dodson of Charlotte is working.

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ing with us. She is directing the expanded session of the Sunday School and also serving as a counselor with the Intermediate evening MYF.

These young men and women do a wonderful job. They come to us well trained and are a benefit to us at Wesley Chapel, as they are to many other churches.

Sincerely yours,

(REV.) DANIEL D. SAIN

Misenheimer, N. C.

## No Children's Page!

For the past two weeks we have noticed that there has not been a children's page in the ADVOCATE. I hope that this is only a temporary omission for it means so much to my children and, I hope, others. Even before my daughter could read, she rushed to get the ADVOCATE, and she knew just what day it would come each week. She would find the children's page and ask me to read it to her. Now that she is old enough to read, she still looks forward to the ADVOCATE and reads more than the Children's Page. My son, who is younger, enjoys it equally as much.

The Bible Question section has been a help to them, too. When they find questions they don't know the answers to, they read the Bible and try to find them — then next week they check the answers to see if they were right.

I just could not help telling you how much the Children's Page meant to us. Maybe it means that much to others. Will you please continue it?

Sincerely,

MRS. JOHN F. BOYD

Goldsboro, N. C.

**Editor's Note:** Indeed we will! But we are glad that something happened to make you write this nice letter. We think it's about the best thing in the paper, but we didn't know if others agreed.

## Worth the Price

Dear Editor:

Enclosed you will find my check for renewal of my subscription. I don't want to miss a copy. The Sunday School Lessons alone are worth the price of the paper. I have enjoyed "In Passing" very much. Thanks for the good work you have done.

Sincerely,

MRS. RUBY HOFFMAN

Dear Editor:

I regret exceedingly that you are retiring as editor of the ADVOCATE, though I fully appreciate the very fine reasons which impel you to go back into the active ministry.

My father, the late Dr. Dred Peacock, was for some years president of old Greensboro Female College, now Greensboro College, and as far back as I can remember the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE has been read in our home. I know I have been a subscriber since I was married in 1917.

I have greatly enjoyed your editorials and your articles. Your leaving as editor is a genuine loss to Methodism in North Carolina.

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## Airline Settles With Families Of Crash Victims

Out-of-court settlements have been made by American Airlines and its insurance companies with the families of two of the three staff members of the Methodist Television, Radio and Film Commission who lost their lives in a plane crash in New York February 4, 1959.

The widow of the Rev. W. Carlisle Walton, Jr., and her four children, who are now living in Raleigh, N. C., have been paid \$100,000. Mrs. Royer H. Woodburn and her two children, who continue to live in Nashville, received \$80,000.

The difference in amount is due to the relative ages of the two fathers and the number of their children. Walton was 41, Woodburn 46. The same formula for settlement was applied in both cases.

Dr. Harry C. Spencer, general secretary of TRAFCO, on the day following the accident, retained the services of Shearman & Sterling & Wright, a leading Wall Street legal firm, to protect the interests of the families of his associates.

The senior partner of this law firm, Charles C. Parlin, an internationally known Methodist layman, gave the Walton and Woodburn claims his attention without personal compensation.

The widow and children of the third victim, the Rev. William A. Meadows, 39, were not included in the present settlement, Mrs. Meadows electing to be represented in a separate action, still pending, conducted by legal counsel from Nashville.

## Kefauver Says Air Force Manual Irresponsible Attack

Washington, D. C. — The controversial Air Force Reserve training manual which links communism and the Protestant clergy has been branded as "an irresponsible attack against our churches" by Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee.

"Such an unfounded charge shocked me, as all citizens who know that our churches are a major bulwark against communism," Sen. Kefauver said in a statement written for his newsletter to constituents.

His statement was prompted by the Rev. James A. Smalling, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Cleveland, Tenn.

"The people responsible for such irresponsible literature in our Armed Forces must be brought to the bar of justice and held accountable for such statements," the clergyman said in a letter to Sen. Kefauver.

In his reply, the Tennessee senator said: "I suggest that, in addition to this, these same irresponsible parties visit our churches in our state to see for themselves. They will find God-fearing, loyal citizens who despise communism and who represent the best in America. No one can gain from such a vicious attack — except Soviet Russia and its satellites."

Sen. Kefauver added that "to claim that Communists have infiltrated the pulpits of our churches is to speak irresponsibly and falsely . . . The Air Force has promised to rewrite the booklet, but it should never have been published in the first place."

## Carolina Briefs



*Mrs. Robert T. Burnett has recently joined the staff of First Methodist Church, High Point, as Educational Assistant. Mrs. Burnett, who comes to First Church from Forest Hill Methodist Church, Concord, is a native of Locust. She is a 1957 graduate in Christian Education from Pfeiffer College.*

☞ HOLY COMMUNION is being celebrated at nine o'clock each Sunday morning during Lent in Kilgo Church, Charlotte.

☞ VICTOR S. WESTMORELAND was honored at Dilworth Church, Charlotte, on a recent Sunday for his work with youth and his devotion to his church.

☞ METHODISTS of the Stokesdale area heard the Rev. Erik Kyst, minister of the Methodist Church in Vejle, Denmark, in a sermon at Stokesdale Church, March 13.

☞ MRS. NOLAN B. HARMON of Charlotte, spoke on Methodist Missions in South America at a meeting of the WSCS in Centenary Church, Winston-Salem last week.

☞ GEORGE THOMAS KETCHIE, 90, faithful member of Memorial Church, Charlotte, was killed instantly in a traffic accident on Feb. 24. He had been a member of Memorial Church for 54 years.

☞ TWO NORTH CAROLINA young people were among the 54 who attended the MYF annual United Nations-Washington travel seminar, Feb. 21-26. Paulette M. Owens of Asheville and Graham M. Rouse, Jr., of Havelock were in the group.

☞ THE FIRST in a series of Lenten Musicales by the choirs of West Market Street Church, Greensboro, presented a service based on the Articles of Religion of The Methodist Church, entitled, "We Sing Our Faith," on March 7.

☞ FRIENDSHIP AND CLOVER HILL churches secured 102 subscriptions to the ADVOCATE. The pastor, the Rev. W. R. Jacks, gives much of the credit to Mrs. E. A. Bingham, who assisted in the campaign. According to the bulletin, they hope to continue work until all families are on the subscription list.

## Wilson First Church To Hear Bailey

Plans for the forthcoming evangelistic services at the First Methodist Church, Wilson, have been announced by the Rev. R. Grady Dawson, pastor, and the Commission on Membership and Evangelism of the church. The series of meetings will begin March 20 and extend through March 25 with a brief service scheduled each morning at 10:30 o'clock and the regular evening services at 7:30 o'clock throughout the week.

Dr. A. Purnell Bailey, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, Richmond, Virginia, will conduct the services. Dr. Bailey is widely-known for his devotional radio broadcasts "Daily Bread." He also writes a daily newspaper column called *Bread of Life* which is syndicated internationally by General Features of N. Y.

The services at the First Methodist Church will climax several weeks of activities in preparation for the Easter season and include evangelistic visitations, cottage prayers meetings and a twenty-four hour prayer vigil with members of the church participating in all phases of this program.

## New Film Features Bibles for Blind

A new film about its work for the blind has been produced by the American Bible Society.

Titled "So Great the Light," the film is being issued on the occasion of the 125th Anniversary of the Society's special services to the sightless.

Since 1835, the Society has distributed to the blind over 750,000 volumes of embossed Scriptures and Talking Book Records in more than 40 different languages and systems.

According to the film, Scriptures for the blind are expensive to produce — each copy of the Bible in English Braille costs the American Bible Society about \$90 — but the Society makes them available to those who need them at a very small fraction of their cost. The balance of the cost is met through contributions the Society receives from churches and individuals.

"So Great the Light" will be shown publicly for the first time at the Annual Meeting of the American Bible Society on May 12. Thereafter, the film may be ordered from Audio-visual Department, American Bible Society, 440 Park Avenue South, New York 16, N. Y. There is a nominal \$4 service charge.

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☞ FOR FOUR Sunday nights preceding Easter, the congregation of First Church, Thomasville, will hear outstanding ministers: Dr. Clyde A. Milner, president, Guilford College; Dr. George D. Heaton, Charlotte Industrial Relations Consultant; Dr. Robert E. Cushman, dean, Duke Divinity School; Dr. Warner L. Hall, minister, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Charlotte . . . The pastor of First Church, the Rev. Orien N. Hutchinson, Jr., was a recent speaker at High Point College and has been elected president of the Thomasville Ministerial Association.



# EDITORIALS

## He's Our Saint, Too

March 17 is the day when Irish all over the world celebrate the birthday of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. Non-Irish join in the celebration by wearing green neckties and shamrocks, but with little understanding of the man whom they honor. Traditionally, this is a Roman Catholic celebration, and Protestants, while often honoring the Saint, are prone to give him over to their Catholic brethren without a quibble.

But St. Patrick belongs to us also, for whatever claim the Roman Catholic Church has upon him is based more upon the fact that Ireland is largely a Catholic country rather than that St. Patrick was exclusively a product of the Church of Rome.

As a matter of fact, Rome was a long way off from England, in spirit as well as in mileage when Patrick was born among the Britons in the fifth century. England was largely independent from the Holy See during these years and Christianity was fighting an uphill battle in that land.

If we should grant that Patrick was completely Roman Catholic in sympathies and attachment, which we may well do, it still does not follow that he belongs to them exclusively, for like many of the great figures in church history, he belongs to the Western Church, which was then undivided. Thus Protestants, as well as Catholics, can claim this great apostle to the Irish.

Patrick was a youth of fifteen or sixteen when captured by a raiding party of Picts and Scots who descended upon the encampment of the Britons near what is now Dumbarton and carried him off as a slave to Ireland. He was of noble birth and his father was a Christian deacon, his grandfather a priest. (There was no celibate clergy rule at that time in Briton) During his captivity of six years, Patrick remained a fervent Christian, and, after his escape from slavery, he became a priest, and, later, a bishop.

Like Paul, he had a vision in which he heard voices pleading with him to preach the gospel in Ireland. The rest of the story is so much of a compound of fact and legend that it is hard to separate the two. We are told that he established 300 churches and baptized 12,000 people.

As to whether he did, as legend tells us, drive out the snakes from the Em-

## A Prayer

FOR THE THIRD WEEK IN LENT

*O Lord our Master, who through the forty days didst forget the body because thy spirit was caught up in God, teach us with whole hearts to seek thy heavenly communion, so that being delivered from subjection to the flesh we may be released into the spiritual liberty that belongs to the children of God. In thine own name we ask it. Amen.*

erald Isle, we would not know, but we do know that he was one of the great saints of the Christian faith.

## Ezekiel's Experiment

The prophet Ezekiel told of his experiment in social relations when, one day, he decided that he would no longer live the life of privilege among those who had been given special status in Babylonia, but would go down among the exiles, the forgotten men of his day, and see how they fared. "I sat where they sat," he said, and as a result, he became a leader in the fight for justice.

Today it might be well if some of us would try such an experiment. Suppose for one day we imagine that we are of another race, suppose we change labels and accept the stigma of color in a segregated society. What would happen?

If we are to sit where they sit, we will have to stand where they stand. That means that in many states we will not be able to eat a meal in a downtown restaurant or rest our tired feet in a department store — unless we happen to need a pair of shoes. It means that, when we go to a dime store where we are welcomed at the counters, we will have to stand up to be served a hot dog or a hamburger. It means that, no matter how well-dressed or how well-educated, we will know better than to assume that we can sit down to a meal without leaving our shopping for a time and taking a taxi out to a little restaurant on a side street which caters to our color.

If we are to understand what is back of agitation for equal treatment, we must try to put ourselves in the place of a prominent Negro Methodist editor who travels many thousands of miles by plane and knows that, if his plane is delayed and he must stop over at the airport for as much as twenty-four hours, he can either go hungry or submit to the humiliation of being served at a

makeshift table in the rear of the kitchen, often being treated with contempt by uneducated and insolent servants. He gets inferior service, inferior food, and pays just as much as his white companions.

If we wish to test the statement that Negroes are treated fairly in this country (North or South), we will need to talk with, perhaps, a wealthy Negro physician whose advice is sought after by the highest authorities in our church and who expends much time and money in promoting Methodism, yet who cannot sit down to a table with his fellow board-members in a hotel unless the dining room is reserved for their exclusive occupancy.

Or, take the case of a prosperous Negro lawyer whose influence is courted by politicians and whose ability is widely recognized, who loves the Methodist Church and serves it, but who knows well that friendship with other Methodist leaders cannot break the barrier which bars him from worshipping with them on Sunday.

When we have finished our experiment of sitting and standing with these men, we will have gained an insight into the motives back of the current wave of passive resistance among the colored people of America. And we can also understand, perhaps, why the prestige of this nation in the world depends upon the way we treat this minority among us.

Ingrown prejudices and cherished social patterns are hard to give up, and we are tempted to resent what we might think is an attempt to take something away from us. Why, we ask, should we relinquish our right to feel superior, to look down upon a race of people regardless of individual achievement?

Why? Because we are no longer the master race; because in brotherhood and co-operation is our only hope.

## The Front Cover

How do you like the new style of cover page? We have been toying with the idea for a number of years. Editor Marse Grant of the *Biblical Recorder* beat us to it, but we don't mind coming in second to Grant.

We hope to use this style on many of our covers, but, because of the need to use pictures which may not fit this format from time to time, we may be forced to go back to the former plan occasionally. We would appreciate comment.



# DEVOTIONAL

## "I Will Sing to the Lord"

By JACK CRUM

I have been reading the Psalms again. I discovered a wonderful line in the 104th Psalm. The psalmist writes:

"I will sing to the Lord  
as long as I live."

Is not that magnificent? It is a beautiful line, a gracious word, a living testimony. The psalmist sees the Lord in all His works — in the skies, in the seas, in the mountains, in the creatures, in the plants, in all good things. His heart is moved to praise!

This is the kind of man you like to meet! This is the kind of man Jesus was. He praised God and utterly depended upon Him. "Look at the birds of the air," he said, "your heavenly Father feeds them." He told us the Father cares for us just as he cares for his birds.

Truly, our God is something to sing about, to shout about, to rejoice over. Truly, our Lord is a master who knew and joyed in God. It is hard to understand how the religious people could have killed Him. It is even more difficult to understand how He could have continued to sing to the Lord while his followers rejected Him, yet He did. He taught that the mourners and the persecuted are the blessed — that the sufferers are the singers; for He knew that only through suffering are men saved — that in the cross is the crown. Because He was a suffering singer you and I can face our troubles and say the words of the psalmist in a new way. We can say:

"I will sing to the Lord —  
forever!"

## "There They Crucified Him"

By DERMOTT J. REID

"There they crucified Him." Thus with sublime simplicity, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John record the actual crucifixion of Jesus Christ. These pungent words have sobbed their way through the centuries and penetrated a million hearts. Each generation, from the day of the crucifixion to the present, has sought to rationalize them into meaninglessness. They have been relegated to the theological scrap-heap, and from a race that is more interested in becoming cultured than Christian, there is breeding among us a contempt not only for the fact of Calvary but also for the words that describe it!



## For You

By PEARL SMITH

You gaze upon My deep pierced scars  
And wonder why I had to die.  
Was there no other way?  
Once in a garden 'neath the stars  
Near Calvary's hill I bowed My will.  
All questions silenced, I could pray,  
"Thy will be done."  
But look not at the piercing nail,  
Ignominy or friends who flee,  
Though these I feared in part.  
Nor cringed I much from flashing flail,  
But guiltless, I, condemned to die,  
Bore all sin's burden on My heart—  
For you, dear one.

—The War Cry



Yet, Calvary is still a reality! Calvary keeps marching out before us. However distasteful it may be to us, we cannot keep it down. It is our shame, indeed it is our sin! From that far away day when the restless soul of Pilate whimpered its searching question, "What will I do with Jesus . . .?" to this very hour, the fact of Calvary has burned, out of control, in the deep inner conscience of mankind. Not only so, but it will continue to flash and burn in our souls as long as mankind is rational and his conscience is more than a name.

The sign of Calvary is a cross. And, from that little mound of earth called "Golgotha" just outside the wall of Jerusalem, this symbol has marched its way to every nook and cranny in this broad and beautiful world. In the great cities and in the cross-roads hamlet, in temples and tabernacles, every race, color and creed have access to the symbol of Calvary and the crucifixion. In the grass huts of Africa, in the milling streets of the East, in the cathedrals of Europe, in the temples of America — everywhere you find the cross!

And "there they crucified Him." What does it mean? Well, for one thing it reveals the depth of sin to which man, in his spiritual blindness, will stoop in following his sinful self-interests, but it also reveals the scope of love that flows from the heart of a Heavenly Father! It means that God loves us in spite of our sinfulness! It means that God's love is not a conditioned love, demanding

love in return! It means that because of Calvary a flowing fountain has been opened from which spiritually thirsty and sin-parched souls may drink and find life with a capital "L."

"There they crucified Him," and from that cross came marching a new spirit for the heart of man, and that spirit has invaded the world. And wherever is found a soul that has been led tenderly to Calvary and whose soul has been transformed by the power of that spirit, there is still hope for the world!

## An "Upper Room" Devotion

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

Read Psalm 32:1-5

*For we are consumed by thine anger,  
and by thy wrath are we troubled.*  
(Psalm 90:7.)

A certain atheistic farmer once proposed to demonstrate that he could violate the laws of God without suffering any serious effect. Accordingly, he cultivated an acre of ground entirely upon the Lord's Day in deliberate violation of the Fourth Commandment. At the end of the season he reaped a good harvest and boasted of what he had done. A pious old neighbor said to him: "Remember, God doesn't always pay in October, but He always pays."

This is the common experience of humanity. God always pays. Human misery, as Psalm 90 suggests, follows in the wake of human sin. Early man interpreted human misery as a result of God's anger at man's sin. Rather, it is because God has established the universe as a moral order, and those who violate the moral law suffer thereby. Horace Bushnell said: "We are punished by our sins and not for them. We are rewarded by our virtues and not for them."

Because God has made the universe a moral order, sin always makes for misery. Repenting of our sins and right doing always make for peace.

PRAYER: Our heavenly Father, we would come to Thee in true repentance. We would acknowledge our sins and pray for Thy cleansing. We would lay hold of Thy forgiving love. In Christ's name. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity."

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# Methodists Take Strong Stands on Major Issues

By DALLAS MALLISON

"We sometimes hear the charge that Methodists are against nothing and for everything," declared Dr. Caradine Hooton in his address at the N. C. Christian Social Concerns Conference held at St. Paul's Church in Goldsboro, Feb. 29. "This charge is utterly unfounded, erroneous, and misleading."

"We Methodists are against everything that is deleterious to Christian character and morality and for everything that makes for a well-rounded, full, and rich Christian character and personality," Dr. Hooton said.

"Methodists are dead set against such things as narcotics, the wrongful use of tranquilizers, the legal sale and use of alcoholic beverages even as social drinks, gambling, the exploitation of sex, pornography and obscene literature, and any form of discrimination based on color, race, sex, or any other thing," declared the speaker who is general secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance.

Dr. Hooton, the featured speaker at the opening presentation of the day-long program, was heard by around 300 Methodists who attended the first Social Concerns Conference to be staged jointly by the N. C. Conference boards of temperance, world peace, social and economic relations, and education.

## Tar Heel Alcoholism

North Carolina has an estimated 50,000 or more persons who are chronic alcoholics in need of treatment, declared the Rev. Roy B. Barham of Durham, who until recently was chaplain at the N. C. Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center at Butner. He also appeared on the Board of Temperance's presentation.

The Disciples of Christ speaker and N. C. Council of Churches leader said that in the few years the Center has been operated it has treated at least 3,300 persons whose effective rehabilitation has varied widely. Studies indicate, he said, that these persons die at an average age of less than 50, and that 20 per cent of them become suicides. Most began as "social drinkers."

The Rev. Mr. Barham said that studies in all other states indicate the same situation, and he termed the situation in this country "a real national emer-

gency." He called for a "crash national effort" to meet this "emergency."

## Juvenile Delinquency

"A correct view is that in America we have not so much a problem of juvenile delinquency as a problem of a delinquent society," declared Dr. Haskell M. Miller at the concluding morning presentation staged by the board of social and economic relations.

"American moral standards and values are shot to pieces," declares Dr. Miller who is professor of Social Ethics at the Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D. C. "In a society that is rapidly changing and increasingly unstable, children and youth are too often neglected, misunderstood, and left to shift for themselves."

"Sociologists or social scientists, welfare workers, religious writers, and individuals give widely varying interpretations of what is a juvenile delinquent," declared Dr. Miller who is author of the new book, "Understanding and Preventing Juvenile Delinquency" (Abingdon Press). "The only safe one to use is the legal definition that a child or youth becomes a delinquent only when he is convicted of violating a law."

The speaker called for "a nationally organized and nation-wide system of services in which each delinquent child

or youth is carefully and individually handled" as the only effective way to combat juvenile delinquency.

## Tar Heel Methods

"In North Carolina we consider each juvenile delinquent as a person to be reclaimed or restored to normal living for his own sake and that of the State," declared a Methodist layman, Blaine M. Madison, who is commissioner of correction with the State Board of Correction and Training.

"It is not correct to say that in this State we have six publicly-operated juvenile prisons or even reformatories," said Madison who has a long record as an active layman in the Raleigh District. "What we do have are six state schools of special education and we regard and operate them as such."

## Shaky World Peace

"Because our very survival depends on it, the most vital or important social problem we face today is the maintenance of world peace," declared Dr. C. D. Barclift, Durham District superintendent, and as a member of the Methodist Board of world peace the featured speaker on the conference board of world peace's presentation.

"We can not have a peace that is bought at any price," said Dr. Barclift in what was the featured address at the concluding afternoon session. "Such a peace is possible only at the price of slavery and even death. We must eternally insist on peace with honor and freedom."

"We in this country and the West must remain always alert and vigilant

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Some of the chief personalities at the all-day N. C. Methodist Conference Christian Social Concerns Conference at St. Paul Church in Goldsboro on Feb. 29, were left to right, the Rev. Leon Couch, host pastor; Dr. Caradine Hooton, General Secretary of the General Board of Temperance; Dr. Haskell M. Miller, professor of Social Ethics at Wesley Theological Seminary; and the Rev. D. W. Charlton, Conference board of temperance chairman. (Photo courtesy Goldsboro News-Argus.)





**FIRST COLLEGE STUDENTS**—This group of six students among the first seven to be accepted for admission to the initial freshman class of Methodist College, Fayetteville, N. C., visit the campus for their first official guided tour. Standing at the entrance of the recently completed classroom building are from left Frances Hall, Marsden Pope, Charles K. McAdams, director of public relations for the College, Joe Ward, Pat Jackson, Irving Barefoot, and Margaret Weston. Elaine Barbee was absent when the photo was made.

## Methodist College Accepts Seven Students

Acceptance of the first seven students to be admitted to the first freshman class of Methodist College, Fayetteville, N. C., has been announced by college president L. Stacy Weaver, and acting director of admissions, L. Elbert Wethington.

The seven young people who have been recognized for this honor are: Miss Emma Elaine Barbee, Mr. Irving Barefoot, Miss Carolyn Frances Hall, Miss Patricia Jackson, Mr. Samuel Marsden Pope, Mr. Joseph Kelly Ward and Miss Margaret Ann Weston.

Each of these first students to be admitted has a very outstanding academic record and has also been very active in extracurricular activities.

Miss Barbee, who lives at 227 Pinecrest Drive in Fayetteville, will graduate from the Fayetteville Senior High School in June, 1960. She is a member of the National Junior Honor Society. Her present preference for a profession or occupation is to be a teacher or legal secretary.

Mr. Barefoot, who lives at Clarkton, will graduate in June from the Hallsboro High School. As a student he has been a member of the Glee Club, Beta Club, Student Council and has served as senior class president. His preference for a profession or occupation is to become a medical missionary.

Miss Hall lives at 408 Cedar Creek Road in Fayetteville and will graduate in June from the Stedman High School. As a high school student, she has been a member of the 4-H Club, the Beta Club and Future Homemakers of America. In her junior year she served as marshal and this year, her senior year, she is a school-bus driver. For three years she has been the 4-H Club Public Speaking Champion of Cumberland County. Her present preference for a pro-

fession or occupation is to become a lawyer.

Miss Jackson lives at Hope Mills and is a member of the senior class of the Hope Mills High School. In addition to ranking as the top student in her class, she has been a member of the Dramatics Club, Future Teachers' Association, Future Homemakers' Association, Glee Club and Beta Club. She has served as vice-president of the Glee Club and Beta Club and for three years on the staff of the school newspaper. She has served as Sunday School teacher, has sung in her church choir and is currently the vice-president of the Beta Group. She was selected the most courteous member of the senior class. Her present preference for a profession or occupation is to become a teacher.

Mr. Pope lives on Route 7, Fayetteville, and graduated from the Massey Hill High School, Fayetteville in June, 1957. Since his graduation, he has been employed by the A&P Food Store of Fayetteville and is manager of the produce section. While a student in high school, he played basketball and baseball for three years and was captain of the basketball team in his senior year and was voted "All County" basketball player his fourth year. He was a member of the Monogram Club, the Key Club and was president of the student body his senior year. His present preference for a profession or occupation is to become a teacher and athletic coach.

Mr. Ward lives as Hallsboro and will graduate in May from the Hallsboro High School. He has played basketball, is a member of the French Club, Glee Club and has had a role in both the junior and senior plays. His present preference for a pro-

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It is better to have a bank in heaven than to have your heaven in a bank.

fession or occupation is to become a teacher.

Miss Weston lives at 29C Honeycutt Road, Fort Bragg, and graduated from the Nurnburg American High School, Nurnburg, Germany, in June, 1959. Her extra-curricular activities in high school have included the Latin Club, Band, Chorus, Tumbling Team, Art Club, secretary and treasurer of the American Youth Activities and secretary of the Student Council. Her present preference for a profession or occupation is to become a commercial artist.

This group of young people who have been accepted for admission by Methodist College, represent some of the top students in their graduating classes. Their high academic standing and record of extracurricular activities qualifies them, along with other students to be admitted, to take places of leadership and responsibility as charter members of the first freshman class of this new institution which is seeking to provide highest quality Christian education.

Other applications for admissions are being received and processed by the college, which will open for registration of students September 15, 1960.

## Churches Rush Aid to Victims Of Morocco Disaster

**New York, N. Y.** — Within hours after earthquake, fire, and a tidal wave destroyed the port city of Agadir, Morocco, at midnight on February 29, American Protestant churches were rushing aid to thousands of the disaster victims.

Three thousand dollars was cabled from the New York headquarters of Church World Service, relief agency of major Protestant and Orthodox churches in the United States, to buy medical supplies for the injured and the homeless.

This was announced by Dr. R. Norris Wilson, executive director of Church World Service, with offices at 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N. Y.

Meanwhile blankets, collected from American churchgoers and already in Italy for service in needy areas, have been speeded to Morocco for distribution among an estimated forty-five thousand people left without clothing or shelter when their homes crumbled around them. The blankets have gone both to Agadir and to a huge refugee camp set up at a naval base four miles south of the city as the principal evacuation center.

Curtis Naylor, director of the Brethren Service Commission's European office in Geneva, Switzerland, has flown as representative of the World Council of Churches to survey the situation in Morocco and report the extent of damage and existing needs.

Church World Service representatives in every part of the world have been alerted to assess supplies of clothing, vitamin tablets and food on hand which might be shipped to Morocco if the emergency requires it.

Materials and funds for relief of suffering in disasters like this in Morocco are provided by the people of American Protestant churches through such efforts as One Great Hour of Sharing, the United Clothing Appeal, and the Share Our Surplus appeal.



# Caution Urged in Furling Local Church Rolls

*Santa Fe, N. Mex.* — Leaders of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism say that some Methodist churches are removing members from their rolls who should not be removed.

Both Bishop W. Angie Smith, Oklahoma City, president of the board, and Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, general secretary of the board, made this point at the annual meeting of the board February 23-25 at the La Fonda Hotel here.

The two leaders and others at the board meeting said that in some cases churches, with the intent of removing "deadwood" from the rolls, strike off names without proper investigation as to whether there is a valid reason for their being dropped.

"I find many churches that write to members," said Dr. Denman, "and state that if the members do not make a pledge to the budget their names will be dropped from the roll."

He also said that sometimes churches who have lost touch with certain members will take their names off the rolls only to find later that they are still living in the same community.

Bishop Smith and Dr. Denman expressed concern for both the churches and persons when members are dropped indiscriminately.

In response to this concern, the board voted to propose legislation to the 1960 Methodist General Conference that it hopes will make for better spiritual nurture of all members and less removal of names that should be kept on the rolls.

Other reports approved by the board:

1. Requested that the board's Decade of Dynamic Discipleship be tied in with whatever quadrennial emphasis the church may have for 1960-64.

2. Recommended that prayer be emphasized during the 1960-64 quadrennium.

3. Recommended that during the quadrennium national gatherings be held, in co-operation with other Methodist boards, to consider evangelism as it relates to minority groups, inner city churches, labor and college campuses.

4. Recommended that there be joint committees on evangelism with several other boards and agencies with the hope that evangelism may be made more effective in various fields. For instance, a joint committee of the Board of Evangelism and the Board of Lay Activities "to formulate plans on how Methodist Men can become a great evangelistic force for Christian evangelism."

5. Recommended that a Methodist "Mission to America" be held during the 1960-64 quadrennium. One was held in 1959, and in it leaders of the church in other lands came to this country and witnessed for Christ.

A feature of the annual meeting was a dinner honoring three bishops who are members of the board and who will retire in 1960. They are W. Earl Ledden, Syracuse, N. Y., vice-president of the board; J. W. E. Bowen, Atlanta; and H. Clifford Northcott, Madison, Wis.

## Wesleyan Service Guild Sponsoring Tour

By MARY GARDNER

Plans for a N. C. Conference Wesleyan Service Guild sponsored United Nations tour have been announced by Mrs. J. M. Carraway and Miss Juanita Stott, conference chairmen of Christian Social Relations and Missionary Education and Service, respectively.

The tourists will leave the Raleigh bus station at 8:00 p.m., Thursday, April 14, and arrive at the Collingwood Hotel in New York by 9:00 a.m. Friday. On the return trip the bus is scheduled to leave New York at 8:00 o'clock Monday morning, April 16, and arrive in Raleigh Monday evening at 7:00 o'clock.

The group will tour the United Nations on Friday morning. The Department of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Division of Christian Service is co-operating in arranging schedules of other interesting events for the tourists.

The expenses of the trip will vary slightly, according to the number of women who take the trip, the type bus used, and the hotel accommodations desired. The prices, including round trip bus fare, three nights in the hotel, and tips for baggage on arrival and departure from the hotel, for 25 passengers, single room (one person), \$40.00; double or twin beds (2 persons), \$37.00; double bed and single (three in room), \$35.00. For 30 passengers, single room, \$36.00; double or twin beds, \$33.00; double bed and single, \$31.00. For 35 passengers, single room, \$38.00; double or twin beds, \$35.00; double and single bed, \$33.00. For 40 passengers, single room, \$34.00; double or twin beds, \$31.00; double and single bed, \$29.00. Cost of meals and play or Radio City Music Hall tickets have been estimated at \$20-\$25. Other expenses will be for sightseeing, and perhaps taxi fares. Tickets have been requested for 3 plays: "Destry Rides Again," "My Fair Lady," and "The Miracle Worker." If they are available, they will be sold to the first requests accompanying the reservations. Also, reservations are being made for the special Easter show at Radio City Music Hall for those desiring to attend that event.

If it becomes necessary to adjust rates slightly when the type bus to be used has been determined, announcement will be made immediately prior to departure from the bus station in Raleigh.

Reservations for the tour, with a \$10.00 deposit and specifications concerning type of hotel accommodations desired should be sent as soon as possible to Miss Juanita Stott, 2208 Hope Street, Raleigh, N. C. The remainder will be due by check on departure from Raleigh. In the event of cancellations, the \$10.00 deposit will be refunded to the registrant. The deadline for reservations is April 1.

## Methodist Women Gave Two Million Plus to Missions

*Lexington, Ky.* — Methodist women of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service gave \$2,284,691 last year for missionary work around the world. This was an increase of \$83,199 over the previous year.

The announcement was made by Mrs. David J. Cathcart, Lakeland, Fla., president of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service, at the annual meeting of the organization February 16-18 at First Methodist Church, Lexington.

The contributions went to the Woman's Division of the Methodist Board of Missions to help support Methodism's program in 33 countries.

Attendance at the meeting was more than 400, including delegates, missionaries, and others.

Though 30,272 new members were added to the rolls of the Woman's Society of the Southeast last year (the 1958-59 conference year), there was a slight decrease in membership. The total membership reported for last year was 418,401, which was 146 less than the previous year. The figures are for both the Woman's Society and its affiliate, the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Mrs. Cathcart reported that 222 new local units of the Woman's Society were organized last year and that the total number of societies in the Southeast is now 8,745.

Principal speakers for the twentieth annual meeting were Mrs. E. L. Hillman, Durham, N. C., first president of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society; the Rev. Dr. Tracey K. Jones, Jr., New York City, an executive of the Methodist Board of Missions; and Miss Alpharetta Leeper, New York City, a staff member of the Methodist Board of Missions.

## Missionary Personnel Needs Announced

By MARY GARDNER

Personnel needs totaling 798 have been released by the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church. The Board lists 184 openings in the home fields and 632 overseas to serve under the Division of National Missions and the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

In the Woman's Division 100 professionally trained, dedicated workers are needed to serve as deaconesses, home missionaries, and employed workers. The home projects of the Woman's Division have openings in community centers, rural church and community work, children's homes, mission schools, residences for young business women, hospitals, and for 50 special-term home missionaries.

The openings cited for overseas cover both the Division of World Missions and the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Vocational categories of missionaries for foreign service include business and secretarial work, agricultural work, medical work, educational work, church and social work.



# W. N. C. Conference Reports Two New Rural Workers; Dr. Rice Writes; Dean of Women

Two new Rural Workers have joined the group in the Western North Carolina Conference, Miss Vera Falls at Cherokee, and Miss Virginia Miller in Avery County.

Both young women are as busy as can be in their jobs, getting acquainted with the people of their communities and churches, and in making plans for the future.

Miss Falls is a deaconess in the Methodist Church and has been at the Cherokee Center since September. She is a native of Kings Mountain and was commissioned a deaconess in 1940. She has served as a rural worker in centers near the coal fields of West Virginia and at the Scarritt College Rural Center at Crossville, Tenn. For five years just prior to coming to North Carolina, she was director of rural field work at National College in Kansas City, Mo.

One of her chief projects just now is the establishment of a Craft Center which they plan to have in the log building, Keener Parsonage, at Cherokee this summer. They hope to sell crafts there. At present the room is used for weaving, but with some work and rearranging the craft room can be made to be an attractive place for visitors at the Indian Center in the summer of 1960.

Miss Virginia Miller is a native of Jonesboro, Tenn. She attended school at Hiwassie and at Emory and Henry College. She was youth director in Norton, Va., for a year, then went to the center in Lower Lee County, Va., as a rural worker. Two years of this period was under the program of a U. S.-2 of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

She finds that her task in the Avery County Larger Parish is a big responsibility. There are 14 churches in 3 pastoral charges.

These two workers bring the number of rural workers employed in this conference to four. The other two are Miss Laura Wells, U. S.-2, serving in the Clay County Group Ministry, and Miss Anita Benoy, U. S.-2, serving in the Greater Mount Airy Parish, which includes eleven churches.



MISS VIRGINIA MILLER

## Emphases of Secretary of Promotion

Mrs. S. Ray Lowder, conference secretary of promotion, reminds her workers that in the coming quadrennium the theme is to be EMPHASES, rather than *goals* to be attained. She says that all Methodist women are to keep their eyes on the *Methodist Woman* magazine for an explanation of these EMPHASES, which probably will be shorter and more informal than the seven goals adopted for 1956-60.

Mrs. Lowder said that she is very proud to have six districts in the conference attaining a perfect grade of 100% reporting. These districts are Gastonia, Greensboro, Salisbury, Statesville, Thomasville, and Waynesville. She commends the district secretaries of Promotion for their splendid work in achieving this perfect score.

Three districts reported that they are 100% organized. These are Charlotte, Gastonia and Salisbury.

Mrs. Lowder feels that the fact that there are still 152 unorganized churches in the conference should give every woman an urge to work harder. She says, "Spring is just around the corner — let's get busy and get a district member in the unorganized churches. Cultivate, educate and they will soon become a society. WE CAN. LET'S DO!"

## Pakistan Letter from Dr. E. L. Rice

"We are grateful for the good things that come our way," says Dr. E. L. Rice, medical missionary to Pakistan. Many who heard Dr. Rice on his recent furlough in North Carolina can almost hear him as he would say those words to the people of his homeland.

He says, "We of this hospital staff look with higher hopes to the future now than at any time in the past . . ." and he gives six definite reasons for this feeling of hopefulness: 1. They now have a 14-acre plot for the new site for the permanent location of United Christian Hospital and the Planning Committee is busy working out overall plans.

2. The hospital now has a doctor in each of its three departments: Dr. Chris Martin in OB-Gyne, Dr. Donald E. Bowes in Surgery and Dr. Joseph Karcher in Medicine.

They also have a hospital business administrator, the Rev. Robert Martin.

4. The Thoracic Surgical Department got under way in November, and a recovery room and a central supply system was started about the same time.

5. Two Divisions of the Methodist Board of Missions have given positive assurance that they are backing the plans for a permanent hospital. The Presbyterian Mission Board has given the same pledge. With the emphasis on medical missions in both of these churches, Dr. Rice says, "We most sincerely hope and pray that the capital grants for the new plant will be forthcoming."

6. A larger number of patients were hospitalized during the past few months than in any period prior to that time.

Dr. Rice concludes his letter, "As we see things from here, surely the love of God is being shed abroad in the world and we can see many and interesting evidences of it in this Islamic country of Pakistan."

## Dean of Women in the WNC Conference

Mrs. C. C. Weaver of Winston-Salem is the beloved "dean" of the women of Western Carolina. Few women achieve the greatness of a person like Mrs. Weaver.

In her active years, she served so faithfully as president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, from its very beginning in the conference. She was president of the woman's work for years prior to that time.

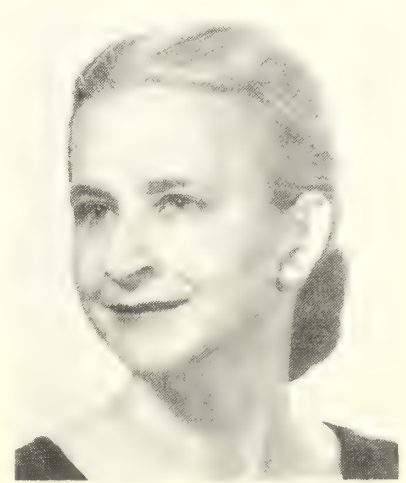
The quality of her leadership was of the finest caliber. So much was she loved by the women of her church, that when her time came to "retire," she was made president-emeritus of the Western North Carolina Conference. Each year at the Annual Meeting, she presides over one session, and a hush of love and honor spreads over the group as she stands for her first words to them.

Now that she has reached the age when she should sit in a rocking chair by a window or in the warm sunshine — she still keeps her finger on the pulse of the activities of missionaries around the world. Every time she gets a letter from a far corner of the world, or from the Mission Board, she shares it with a friend, "I just thought you might like to see this."

She is "a woman nobly planned."

## Wanted: Conference Annual Reports

On a recent trip through the archives of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service at Duke University it was discovered that no Conference Annual Reports had been placed there since unification. Since these Annual Reports comprise an important part of the conference's historical records, any person having one or more copies covering the years 1941-1958, and who is willing to donate them for the archives is asked to write the conference chairman of the Historical Committee, Miss Mary Gardner, 227 W. Edenton Street, Raleigh, N. C.



MISS VERA FALLS



# Child's Question Inspires Papa Seavy's Letter

By HORACE R. McSWAIN

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(The following paragraphs are excerpts from a letter to Horace R. McSwain, Missionary Secretary of the Western North Carolina Conference, from Seavy A. Carroll, formerly of Fayetteville, North Carolina, who is serving at Mutambara Mission, Southern Rhodesia, Africa, dated February 19, 1960.)

... "Our two-year-old daughter, Carrie, asked, 'Why are we going to Africa?' The simple answers given her motivated other questions: 'When will we get there? What shall we do there? Will Shirley be there?' (Of course, 'Shirley,' one of Carrie's dolls which had been packed last summer was awaiting us upon our arrival in Southern Rhodesia).

"This is a beautiful place — Mutambara — mountains, the likes of which we've never seen before. The people are interesting. Their poverty is so great; the illiteracy is so much — that one is startled to know that these . . . are God's creatures. Then, we learn that the people are hungry for learning. They have heard, and believe, that an education will make them more worthwhile to themselves, their families, their villages, and their nation. The entire family will work hard to save the money to send as many of the children to school as possible — but all cannot go. There are not enough schools.

"... And would you be appalled at the type of structures that are called school-buildings? A picture would not be sufficient, and my words cannot adequately tell you. You'd have to see it. You'd see that a large number of the floors aren't really floors. It's the plain old earth, hard clay. During dry weather, it's hard, drab and unhealthy. During the rainy season (which is now) the clay is soft, like putty, but it furnishes a certain amount of cool relief from the heat of the tropics, when the sun is beaming brightly, which is most of the time — even during the rainy season. There are plenty of windows, but no frames or glass. Some of the structures are of mud — others of cheap brick. Some of them have crude benches — and some do not have enough of even the crude ones. Most of them have blackboards . . .

"If there is any Mission Station in Africa which could profit, and help others with a short wave radio station

(sending and receiving), I believe that it is Mutambara.

(Editor's Note: Seavy is interested in the possibilities of setting up a short wave radio station with direct contact with America as suggested below.)

"We are fifty miles from Umtali, the nearest town. I can imagine how these Africans could learn so much by talking to each other and with other persons in



TWO-YEAR-OLD CARRIE

other parts of the world — by radio. One mission station could carry on special and regular programs with other stations at appointed times — and then, there's the possibility of sending messages to the people in the United States. This is something I want to consider and investigate the possibilities — after we have become more settled — and after we have solved the problems of urgent needs at Mutambara.

## What are These Needs?

"I am typing this letter, and my only source of light is a kerosene lamp. Of course, the lights were turned on for three hours this evening (and every evening), but even when the power plant is running, there are so many de-

mands for the use of the lights here at Mutambara, that the wires are far too heavily loaded, and the result is that our lights are so dim that we find it necessary to light our kerosene lamp, in order to see how to eat, without straining our eyes too much. There is a Night School in session five nights per week — and you can imagine how much learning can be accomplished when the lights are not adequate even to walk around — if you don't believe this, just come on down to Africa and take a look. I can feel the tremendous strain on my eyes as I write and try to read each night. Askings have been approved for \$9,000 for a new light plant and for new wiring, but we haven't received any money on this at this point.

"Well, we've started drinking rain-water, because the windmill, which pumps the water to our house and to other places at this mission has stopped turning, and hasn't turned for more than two weeks. We finally managed to get a crew to start working on it, and we have been told to expect more windmill water by tomorrow. We surely hope that we get some water, because we've just about drained our rain-water tank, and even during this rainy season, we haven't had enough to keep the barrel full while we use it. If we run out of water, and if the windmill doesn't work, we shall have to use the water from the Umvumvum River — and it is laden with bilharzia. Bilharzia is considered a bad disease in Africa. I am told that large numbers of Africans have bilharzia. Here at this station, the water from the Umvumvum River is channeled to this area, and the African students drink the water, and bathe in it, and use it for all purposes. The sanitation system is terrible, and I am reminded of it every time I see a fly. There is no sewage system but there are a few septic tanks which are inadequate.

"I'm wanting to take a lot of pictures and send a large number of them back to the churches in the states. However, I have found that the cost of film and of developing is exorbitant. I am now definitely planning to erect a dark room and equip it for developing pictures. I am in the process of writing to some photographic equipment companies, asking for catalogues and for suggested lists of necessary items for a dark room and for enlarging. I can see so much potential in such a project. Pictures can tell the missionary story so much better than the written word, and sometimes even better than the spoken word. I shall have to figure some approach to having

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## Papa Seavy's Letter

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the supplies, equipment and material furnished, because the expense will be so great that I would not believe I could handle it.

"Before I reached Mutambara, and while I was still at Umtali, I was told by missionaries that Mutambara is the most neglected station in all of Southern Rhodesia, and of the African Federation. I haven't seen all the other stations, but after being at Mutambara more than a month, I am inclined to believe the statement. I'm hoping that we'll soon obtain better lights, a new water supply system, with a purifying system (which would be the first for Mutambara), and a sewage system (which would be another first).

"Here at Mutambara, we can see signs of progress — the best sign of all is the great desire of the Africans to learn. There are many of the teenagers who will beg for an opportunity to read a magazine or daily newspaper — to learn more about what is happening in the world.

"Best regards and good wishes from the family.

Sincerely,

(Signed) SEAVY  
Seavy A. Carroll

"P.S. I do believe that I could type better with better lights.

"P.S. The greatest need of all here at Mutambara is more missionaries. Hope you can send some more."

## Methodists Take Strong Stand

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and we must never relax or weaken our military defense," said Dr. Barclift. He outlined what he said was the five major attempts to maintain world peace through negotiation and diplomacy which have been made since the end of World War I. All of these were "complete failures," he said.

He was frankly skeptical or pessimistic about the possibilities of any effective negotiated disarmament or peace treaty with the Communist bloc at this time.

"All we can do is to continue to buy time in an effort to fend off another world war," he asserted. "Perhaps if we can buy time for the next two generations a new group of Russians and fellow travelers will come to their senses and realize that a world war would be as suicidal to them as disastrous to us, as well as one no one can win."

## Your Heart, Your Treasure, And Your Faith

By W. W. REID

When we consider numbers — people, or dollars, or planets — in the millions, a few "zeros" more or less do not affect our thinking much: we are (except for possibly some statistical geniuses) unable to comprehend one million, much less one billion. When we see figures of national debt, or of the projected populations of 2000 A.D., in the evening paper, our ungrasping mental concept is quite apt to be "that's an awful lot!"

So when the *Associated Press* reported: "The Methodist Board of Missions appropriated \$22,321,749 for its work at home and overseas for the twelve months beginning on June 1, 1960," every Methodist could take a deep breath of pride. And when he read on, "This is almost half a million dollars more than for 1959-60; is based on the increased receipts of that amount during the past fiscal year; and is the largest appropriation ever made by the Board," both pastors and laymen could have a sense of well-doing. Who ever heard of such figures for missions?

But one needs to take a look at this laudable statistic from another angle. There are about 9,800,000 of us Methodists actually on the church rolls in the U.S.A. *On the average*, then, each Methodist on the rolls is giving \$2.27 per annum to all missionary causes of his church; this includes both home and foreign missions and *all* the activities of the national WSCS. It's not quite a nickel a week; well short of a penny a day. And when you consider that, according to the U. S. Census Bureau, there are about another 8,000,000 people in the nation who "regard themselves as Methodists" (probably for weddings and funerals) though not on membership rolls, *the interest of "the average Methodist" in the well-being of others is rather pathetic.*

When you measure against this \$2.27 *per enrolled member* for all missionary interests, the fact that *each average American* (though we hope not each Methodist!) pays the national government \$10.63 *each year in taxes alone for tobacco*, and over \$50 per year to the retailer; that each average American pays the government \$17.65 *in taxes alone for alcoholic beverages*, and over \$100 to the retailer; and that each average American pays about \$10 per year (plus a 10% tax) for *jewelry*; then the figures of "concern for others" are unimpressive.

If one will add to this picture the annual \$1,600,000,000 of the military aid the U. S. A. gives overseas, and the \$85,000,000 just to keep American military personnel overseas as our largest number of "missionary ambassadors," we may get a truer picture of where our hearts, our concerns, our "treasures" really are. Since about one in each group of seventeen Americans is a Methodist church member (and one in nine has Methodist "leanings"), what Methodists' present interests, and philosophies, and attitudes are contributing financially to the world's peace or confusion must be evident.

In this connection, it might be noted that in *per capita total church giving* of Protestant groups of 100,000 members or more, Methodists rank twentieth. And if account is taken of those millions who "lean toward" Methodism but are not "of" it, this denomination would be nearer the bottom of the list. Meanwhile, the wonder grows among churchmen that the highest giving per capita to both missions and all-church support comes from the groups in American church life that are smaller than the 100,000's. If it were not for this latter fact, one might be inclined to draw the erroneous conclusion that Methodism is ministering to the less-economically-privileged people of the nation, thus accounting for low per capita giving. All studies of small, and "fringe," and "splinter" groups (thus designated by others than themselves), tend to disprove too close a relationship between "having" and "giving." It appears to be a question of values, and devotion, and concern, rather than of economics.

Someone suggested the other day: "Every decision of our family life is a test of our Christian stewardship. Whether it is buying a pair of shoes, or buying a house, we express a standard of values. Money is merely a means of exchanging our labor for the things we consider worthwhile in life."

What are we Methodists buying these days?



# Woman's Division of Christian Service Observes Twentieth Anniversary

By MARY GARDNER

Twenty years of decisions, some changes, but always with a world-wide vision and progressive attainments are characteristics which have led the Woman's Division of Christian Service in its work with peoples on the home front and around the world.

The story of the organization's first 20 years was told by Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, its second president, at the Woman's Division's Annual Meeting at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., last January. It has been published in the March issue of the *Methodist Woman*.

A brief summary of some of the story's highlights reveals many fascinating facts and figures. "The Methodist Church in 1940 had provided within its own structure, an organization sufficiently strong and broad and varied to meet emergencies and challenge its membership," declared Mrs. Brooks. "To the new organization (the WSCS) was entrusted the work formerly done by five great women's organizations."

By the fall of 1940, 94 of the 106 conferences were organized with 1,000,000 members in the local woman's societies, and almost 20,000 charter societies.

At the beginning of the second quadrennium a Section of Education and Cultivation was created.

From the beginning the Woman's Division's basic philosophy of giving has been giving to the total program rather than to the individual project. From its beginning, the Woman's Division has also co-operated with certain interdenominational groups.

The Woman's Division decided in 1949 to build a Literature Headquarters building in Cincinnati, Ohio. This building was completed and paid for in four years and four months. The total cost, including the chapel was \$300,000. Literature sales in 1942-43 amounted to \$48,000; in 1958-59 they had increased to \$800,000. In 1940 there were 83,000 subscribers to the *Methodist Woman*; in 1959 there were 280,000.

The Woman's Division is divided into three departments. They are the Department of Work in Foreign Fields, the Department of Work in Home Fields, and the Department of Christian Social Relations. This latter department has pioneered in all phases of social action, and has continuously kept before the Woman's Division the issues about which Christians should be concerned.

Since 1940, 271 young women have been commissioned as deaconesses and 283 young women have been commissioned as missionaries to work under the Woman's Division of Christian Service. In addition, 323 overseas and 247 U. S. Special Term missionaries have been commissioned and assigned to work under the Woman's Division.

During 1941, \$3,036,623 was given on appropriations by the conferences. In 1958-59, \$9,143,065 was received. Almost every year an increase in giving has been noted. The growth in gifts for the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial offerings and cash for supply work has been phenomenal. In 1941 the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial offer-

ings were \$113,249; in 1959, the half million mark in giving to this cause was passed. At the end of 1941, cash supply gifts amounted to \$30,799. These gifts have now gone over the million mark. The per capita giving has increased from \$2.38 in 1941 to \$5.93 in 1958-59. During this same period, however, the value of the 1940 dollar has decreased 47.7 cents.

The Wesleyan Service Guild has grown from a membership of 39,326 in 1941 to 131,209, as of May 31, 1959.

"The total effort of the Woman's Division," declared Mrs. Brooks, "has been undergirded by a spiritual force; otherwise any advance would have been of short duration."

## Junaluska Schedules Forty Conferences

*Nashville, Tenn.* — The 1960 program of The Methodist Church's Southeastern Jurisdiction summer assembly at Lake Junaluska, N. C., will have a total of more than 40 conferences, institutes, workshops and training schools.

The announcement was made by the Rev. Dr. D. Trigg James, Atlanta, Ga., program director for the assembly and an executive secretary of the Methodist Southeastern Jurisdictional Council.

The 48th annual program will begin June 4 and run through September 2. Also, a conference is scheduled September 13-15.

From July 13 to 17, top Methodist leaders of the Southeast will be at Junaluska for the quadrennial Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference. At the meeting, work of the church in the nine southeastern states for the last four years will be reviewed, and projects for the next four years will be planned. Also, bishops will be elected and assigned.

A jurisdictional older adult conference will be held at the assembly for the first time, June 19-22.

The annual Bible Conference, July 3-7, will be enlarged and enriched, said Dr. James, by adding an emphasis for teachers of adult classes in local churches.

For the first time, a conference on a Decade of Dynamic Discipleship and Prayer will be held. It is scheduled for July 7-10 and will succeed the Deeper Life Conference that was held last year and previously.

Scores of well-known speakers are scheduled during the summer.

Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, Washington, D. C., secretary of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, is tentatively scheduled to speak.

Among others scheduled to speak are the Rev. Dr. Haskell Miller, a professor at Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C.; the Rev. Dr. Leslie C. Sayre, New York City, a staff member of the National Council of Churches; the Rev. Dr. William R. Cannon, dean of Candler School of Theology of Emory University, Atlanta; the

Rev. Dr. Franklin Littell, a professor at Candler; the Rev. Dr. J. C. McPheeters, president of Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky.; the Rev. Dr. John A. Redhead, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, N. C.; the Rev. Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton, pastor of Pasadena Community Church, St. Petersburg, Fla.; the Rev. Dr. Roy L. Smith, La Jolla, Calif., retired publishing agent of The Methodist Church; the Rev. Dr. Edwin Kimbrough, superintendent of Birmingham, Ala., Methodist district; the Rev. Dr. Albert C. Outler, a professor at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas; and the Rev. W. B. Selah, pastor of Galloway Memorial Methodist Church, Jackson, Miss.

The Rev. James W. Fowler, Jr., is the assembly superintendent.

The schedule is as follows:

*June 4-5* — South Carolina WSCS and WSG Spiritual Retreat; *5* — Waynesville District Youth Rally; *7-12* — Western North Carolina Annual Conference; *14-16* — WNC Conference WSCS; *17-19* — WNC Conference WSG Week End; *19-22* — Older Adult Conference; *23-26* — Family Life Conference; *23-30* — Juris. WSCS School of Missions and Christian Service; *26-29* — N. C. Tuberculosis Association; *27 to July 2* — WNC Senior Officers' Workshop; *29 to August 10* — Summer School of Music and Drama; *30* — Boston Lyric Theatre Concert.

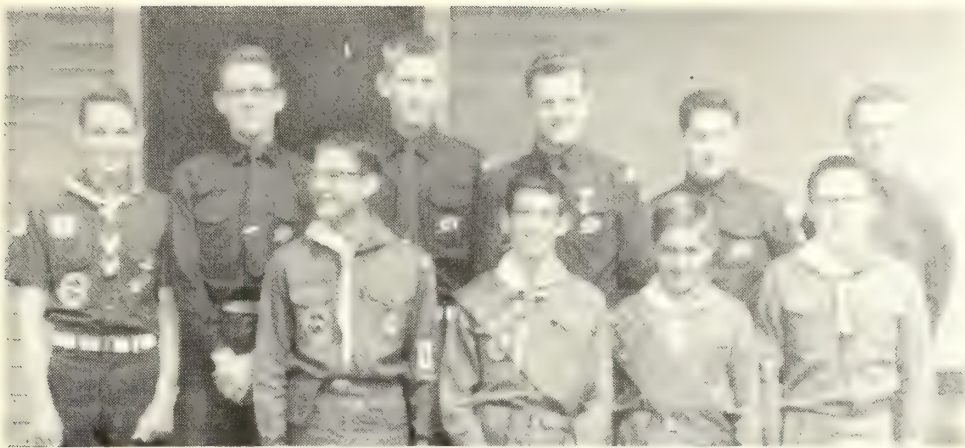
*July 1-3* — Jurisdiction WSG Week End; *3-7* — Bible Conference and Conference for Teachers of Adult Classes; *4-8* — Red Cross Instructors' Course; *4-9* — WNC Senior Christian Action Assembly; *4-9* — Youth Activities Week; *7-10* — Mid-Year Conference on Decade of Dynamic Discipleship and Prayer; *10-12* — Methodist Historical Society; *13-17* — Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference; *18-21* — Ministers' Conference for District Superintendents and Pastors; *18-21* — Methodist Writers' Conference; *19-20* — Staff Meeting for Youth Workshop; *21* — Concert by Nell Rankin, Metropolitan Opera mezzo-soprano; *21-28* — Regional Youth Workshop; *22-28* — Missionary Conference; *22-28* — Youth and Missions Conference; *28-31* — Jurisdiction Laymen's Conference; *31 to August 5* — Institute of Church Music.

*August 1-12* — Two-Week Leadership School and Laboratory School; *6* — Meeting of Lake Junaluska Assembly Board of Trustees; *6* — Cornelia Stabler in original character sketches; *7* — Lake Junaluska Day; *7-12* — Conference of House Parents and Superintendents; *12-14* — Conference of Church School Administrators; *13* — Crowning of Junaluska Queen; *14-20* — One-Week Laboratory School; *14-21* — Candler Camp Meeting and Seminar on Evangelism; *15-19* — Conference of Directors of Christian Education; *15-19* — Conference for Church Management; *20-21* — WNC Laymen's Conference; *22-29* — Student Regional Conference; *29 to September 2* — Southern States Faculty Conference.

*September 13-15* — Christian Social Relations Briefing Conference.

In addition to the conferences, the summer program offers Sunday worship services, sight-seeing tours, golfing, boating and swimming.





These 12 Boy Scouts and Explorers received God and Country Awards March 6 at Lee's Chapel Methodist Church in recognition of the service they rendered the church in 1959. Among other things, they kept up the grounds and shrubbery, served as ushers, remodeled and presented to the church a record player and projector, refinished the church altar and built a worship center for a Sunday school classroom. They are, from left, front row, Howard Wilkinson, Richard Swink, Robert Swink, Joseph Chappell, Jr.; back row, Charles McDonald, Norman White, Jerry Scott, Thomas Kennedy, William Kennedy, Randall Hartzog. Explorer John Scott and Explorer John White were not present when picture was made.

## News From the North Carolina Conference MYF

By GLENDA PITTMAN

### Study of Local Church Set-Up

For the past two months, the Roanoke sub-district MYF has been conducting a survey of the local church set-up within the area. This project stemmed from complaints of local church youth leaders concerning disinterest among the members and the drabness of the entire local MYF program.

Because attendance at the sub-district meetings has increased during the past year, the sub-district council concluded that the disinterest and drabness of the local MYFs was a result of poor organization, programs, youth leaders, counselors, etc. President Glenda Pittman proposed a survey to ascertain the causes so that steps might then be taken to remedy them.

At the January meeting, a prepared questionnaire was given to each local MYF president. In addition, the presidents were asked to add any weak points not covered by the questionnaire. The filled-out sheets were given to an appointed committee for study.

The sub-district Outreach chairman, Judy Woodburn, planned a special program for the February meeting on how to improve and plan programs. She prepared an excellent outline for local MYF improvement and a list of resources. Main topics of the outline were programs, officers, projects, materials, assemblies, and recreation. Shown during the program, was the filmstrip, "Not Bigger but Better" on the small MYF and its potential. After the filmstrip, specially prepared packets filled with excellent resource materials and helps were given to each local president.

Everyone was encouraged to attend the District Program-Planning Workshop on February 28 for further helps in strengthening the local MYF. The sub-district council plans to pursue this project further by visits to the churches within the sub-district.

### Rocky Mount District Stages Workshop

The Rocky Mount District Methodist Youth Fellowship staged a Program-Planning Workshop on February 28, 1960, at the Weldon Methodist Church. Beginning at 2:30 with registration, the workshop was held for the purpose of improving programs of the MYF groups within the district.

Marie Hope Dunn, Fellowship chairman, opened the meeting by leading in group singing. After the call to order by president Annette Lee, Gail Carlton, Faith chairman, presented a short, but inspiring devotional.

Present at the workshop was Rev. Bob McKenzie, conference director of Youth Work, who spoke on the importance of good MYF programs and on general program planning. Later, the group divided into six classes led by members of the district and conference councils who rotated among the classes, talking on programs on the five program areas and UCYM.

A report on the workshops will be prepared by the district secretary and mailed to each MYF.

### Concern

The Christian youth must forever be concerned about the happenings in the world about him. To please those youth who are concerned about the world in which they live, who believe that a knowledge about the issues and events in the world is required for Christian action, and who feel that Christian principles should be applied to all of life, the National Conference of Methodist Youth publishes a bi-weekly magazine, *Concern*.

Through *Concern*, youth and students

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Every true preacher knows that his people may be a better blessing to him than he is to them.—*Forsyth*.

Every preacher should give forth a sound more by his deeds than by his words, and rather by good living imprint footsteps for men to follow, than by speaking show them the way to walk in.

—*Gregory the Great*.

get a critical probing into news issues and are able to examine from a Christian point of view happenings in national and international affairs and developments in social issues and news in the life of the church.

*Concern* is also a suggested vital resource for each MYF program area chairman. Its reports and editorials deal with issues in each of the areas of faith, witness, outreach, citizenship, and fellowship.

A one-year's subscription to *Concern* will cost \$1.50. Subscriptions should be sent to CONCERN, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

## Pfeiffer College Announces \$200,000 Fund Drive

Leaders of Pfeiffer College at its 75th Anniversary Dinner held here Friday night announced plans to raise \$200,000 immediately to aid its teacher-education program. Announcement of the fund drive was made by Pfeiffer President Dr. J. Lem Stokes II, following an address by Dr. Charles F. Carroll, state superintendent of public instruction.

The \$200,000 drive will get under way at once with Charlotte Attorney Paul Ervin serving as general chairman. Ervin is chairman of the Pfeiffer board of trustees.

President Stokes in announcing the drive stated that friends of the college would be asked to join with members of the board of trustees in subscribing a minimum of \$200,000 with income assigned to provide student scholarships for prospective teachers, supplements to faculty salaries, needed classroom teaching equipment and expansion of the college library.

Dr. Carroll in his address paid tribute to the teacher education program at Pfeiffer noting that almost one-half of its recent graduates had been certified to teach. Chairman of the college's Division of Education is Dr. Camerson P. West, widely known in North Carolina public school education circles.

The college teacher-training program was described by President Stokes as a concern of the total Pfeiffer faculty. "Against a background stressing high scholarship, the college has developed a teacher-education program of great effectiveness leading to certification on the primary, grammar and high school level. The college believes this program is developing sound scholarship in prospective teachers, as well as the fundamental techniques of teaching. This, Pfeiffer holds, will enable teachers to deal more effectively with today's crisis in public school education," he explained.

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# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## The Little Things

By EDITH GOREHAM CLARKE

A famous minister was once traveling through France to Italy. When he reached the border, both he and his luggage were most carefully examined by officials. He was wearing a red rosebud, and this was taken from him and not returned.

This was the explanation: A certain insect pest was invading the vineyards of Italy, and it had been traced to its home in France. One of the ways by which it entered Italy was through flowers and other vegetation, especially on the petals of roses.

In the same way, little bad habits are often hidden under a beautiful and pleasing appearance. They begin so small that we hardly notice them, but if allowed to remain and grow, they become so big that it is very, very hard to get rid of them.

They are like the cucumber that someone once gave a little boy. It was in a glass bottle. The neck of the bottle was so small, and the cucumber so large that it could not be taken out without breaking the bottle. It puzzled the boy for a long time to know how it could possibly have gotten inside. But one day, out in the garden, he came upon another bottle slipped over a tiny green cucumber that was still on the vine, and then he understood it all. The cucumber in his bottle was tiny when it was put in, and it had grown there.

Now let's think also about some *good* little things. God has made many wonderful big things, but have you ever noticed how perfect is every detail of the very smallest things He has made? A party of tourists were in Switzerland, and were admiring the marvelous proportions of the great and beautiful mountains. Someone remarked that God was seen not only in the lofty snow-clad mountains, but also in its beautiful mosses to be found in the crevices of the rocks.

A member of the party, having caught a tiny fly, proceeded to look at it under his pocket microscope. Reminding his friends that the legs of the common English housefly are bare, he called their attention to the legs of this little mountain fly, which were thickly covered

with hair. God, who had made these lofty peaks, had also thought of the comfort of some of His tiniest creatures, and had provided them with socks to keep them warm among the snow-clad heights.

All around us, if we keep our eyes open, we may see how careful God is of the little things. This reminds us that although *we* may be little ourselves, God has a personal love for each one of us. He cares about even our little joys and our little sorrows, and our little difficulties. He says that "even the hairs of your head are all numbered."

A Christian boy was once employed

### Top O' the Mornin'

*As long as the Shamrock is growin'  
In the land which the Irish all love;  
As long as the Lakes of Killarney  
Reflect the blue heavens above;  
As long as the hearts of the Irish  
Are tender, courageous, and true,  
When St. Patrick's Day comes I'll be  
wishin'  
The top o' the mornin' to you!*  
—Clipped.

in a shop, and one day his employer had to go out for a short time, so left him in charge. Soon a customer came in to buy some cloth. As the boy was measuring it off, the customer leaned across the counter and whispered, "You'll give me good measure, won't you? Your master is not in."

The boy replied, "But my Other Master is in."

This lad had learned the secret of being faithful in little things. If Jesus is King of your heart, he will help you to turn out the bad habits, and to be faithful in little things as well as in big ones.—Selected.



### A MOMENT WITH GOD

*Dear Father, hear and bless Thy beasts  
and singing birds;  
And guard with tenderness small things  
that have no words.*  
—Selected.

## STEALING A RIDE

Little boys sometimes try to "steal a ride" on a passing wagon or truck. This is wrong and dangerous, too; but let me tell you about "stealing a ride" which is neither wrong or dangerous. Here is the story.

In southern Europe every spring, many thousands of cranes can be seen flying northward. When the chilly winds of autumn begin to blow, these same cranes gather in great numbers along the northern shores of the Mediterranean Sea.

When the cranes are ready to start on their long journey to the warm southern countries of Africa, many thousands of small birds are ready to go also. There is often a lively scramble among these small birds to see how many of them can get on the broad back of a crane. Those not able to get on must wait a while and try another crane.

Away the cranes go flying high and fast over the waters of the great Mediterranean Sea, while the little birds sit quite still and happy on their backs. The cranes make good airplanes for these little birds, and finally land them safe and sound in the far-away warm southern countries.

—Clipped.



### IRISH CHUCKLES

Doctor: I'm very sorry to have to tell you, Patrick, but your wife's mind is almost completely gone.

Patrick: Shure an' I'm not surprised, Doc. She's been givin' me a piece of it for nigh onto fifteen years.

Mike (to hotel proprietor): Shure an' it's a room with a shower that I'm wantin'.

Pat (proprietor): Shure an' it's me that can give you a room that leaks, but I can't guarantee rain.



## Bible Rhymes

### Who are these men?

1. He built a boat when the world was new, And led in the animals, two by two. ....
2. He killed a giant with a stone, And won a kingdom of his own. ....
3. When Moses died, he led the band over the river to Canaan's land. ....
4. A man of very small stature was he, Who talked with his Lord from the fork of a tree. ....
5. They stoned him to death by a city wall, While he prayed the Lord to forgive them all. ....

### Answer to Last Week's Quiz

1. Joshua — Joshua 24:15
2. Paul — Acts 26:19
3. Agrippa — Acts 26:28
4. Jesus — John 14:6
5. Peter — Acts 2:32



# International Sunday School Lesson

FOR MARCH 20, 1960

By RAYMOND A. SMITH

Head, Department of Religious Education, Greensboro College

## I BELIEVE GOD

Background Scripture: Acts 27:1 through 28:15  
Lesson Scripture: Acts 27:1, 21-26, 28:1-2, 11-14

"My times are in thy hand;  
My God, I wish them there;  
My life, my friends, my soul, I leave  
Entirely to thy care."

The above is the first verse of Hymn No. 222 in our Methodist Hymnal. If your class has hymnals available in the room where they meet, this would be a fine hymn to sing as a sort of theme for this particular study.

If the reader will study the complete story of this shipwreck as indicated in the reference above to the background Scripture he will see that it is one of the great sea stories of all time. However, this is not the part of the story we are interested in. What we need to see is that the inspired faith of a prisoner raised the hopes of more than 276 men who were on a doomed ship.

We can imagine with what scorn and ridicule Paul's words must have been met, especially by the hardened sailors. Here is a man (one of the prisoners) who attempts to give them assurance from nothing more than a "vision" in the night. One of the worst things that can be said of a leader in our world (where men worship facts) is "he is visionary." Modern men, grateful for the luxuries and creature-comforts that "science" has given them, tend to fall down and worship it. Some of us don't seem to have as much insight as that credited to an old African chief, who, upon being told of America's automobiles, sky-scrapers and machines, replied simply, "To be bigger is not to be better." Thoughtful citizens need to ask whether our education (both in the public schools and colleges) is raising a generation of young people who believe only in "the facts." After all, a fact can hardly be separated from an interpretation of a fact. After you think you have found out something about the world there are other more important questions to ask: of what use is it, and what are you going to do with it? It looks sometimes as if the human race hasn't got the goodness and the gumption to use the facts it already has, to say nothing of accumulating more.

But to return to Paul's adventure once more, we notice that he was able to bring comfort to most of those on board. So firm was he in his assertions that they, too, came to believe they would not be lost. So does the courage of one man communicate itself to the fearful. In the words of Paul, "Take heart, men, for I have faith in God." Sometimes, in danger of discouragement, one man's testimony will act as a powerful stimulus to those who are waiting hopefully for such assurance. This imposes a great obligation upon us to share our faith with others. Men don't want more questions — they want answers. They don't want more and more descriptions of how rotten the world is, they want hope. Nor do they want good advice — they want good news. And that is what the Christian gospel is. There is a stanza of hymn No. 300 in our hymnal which goes like this:

"Say not the days are evil —  
Who's to blame?  
And fold the hands and acquiesce —  
O shame!  
Stand up, speak out, and bravely,  
In God's Name, Be strong, be strong!"

Now there's one thing more that must not be forgotten; and that is, one doesn't come by such

faith easily. It comes after an unreserved commitment. Paul had burned all the bridges behind him. He was at the point on no return. He had risked everything — his former religion, the friends of his youth, the love of his family and relatives, the comforts of undisturbed study — all this, and more, he had gambled in this tremendous trust in God. Webb Garrison quotes a keen student of life as having said: "I have stopped listening to opinions except those of men who have survived shipwreck." How much has *your* faith been tested?

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Still as of old  
Men by themselves are priced —  
For thirty pieces Judas sold  
Himself, not Christ.

— Cholmondeley.

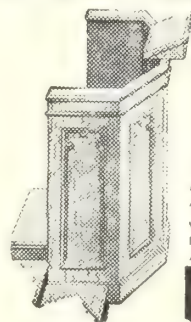
"Some have wit and worldly wealth —  
but give me the precious gift of health."

"Take it from me, the Church has something you need more than you need anything else."

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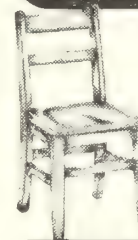
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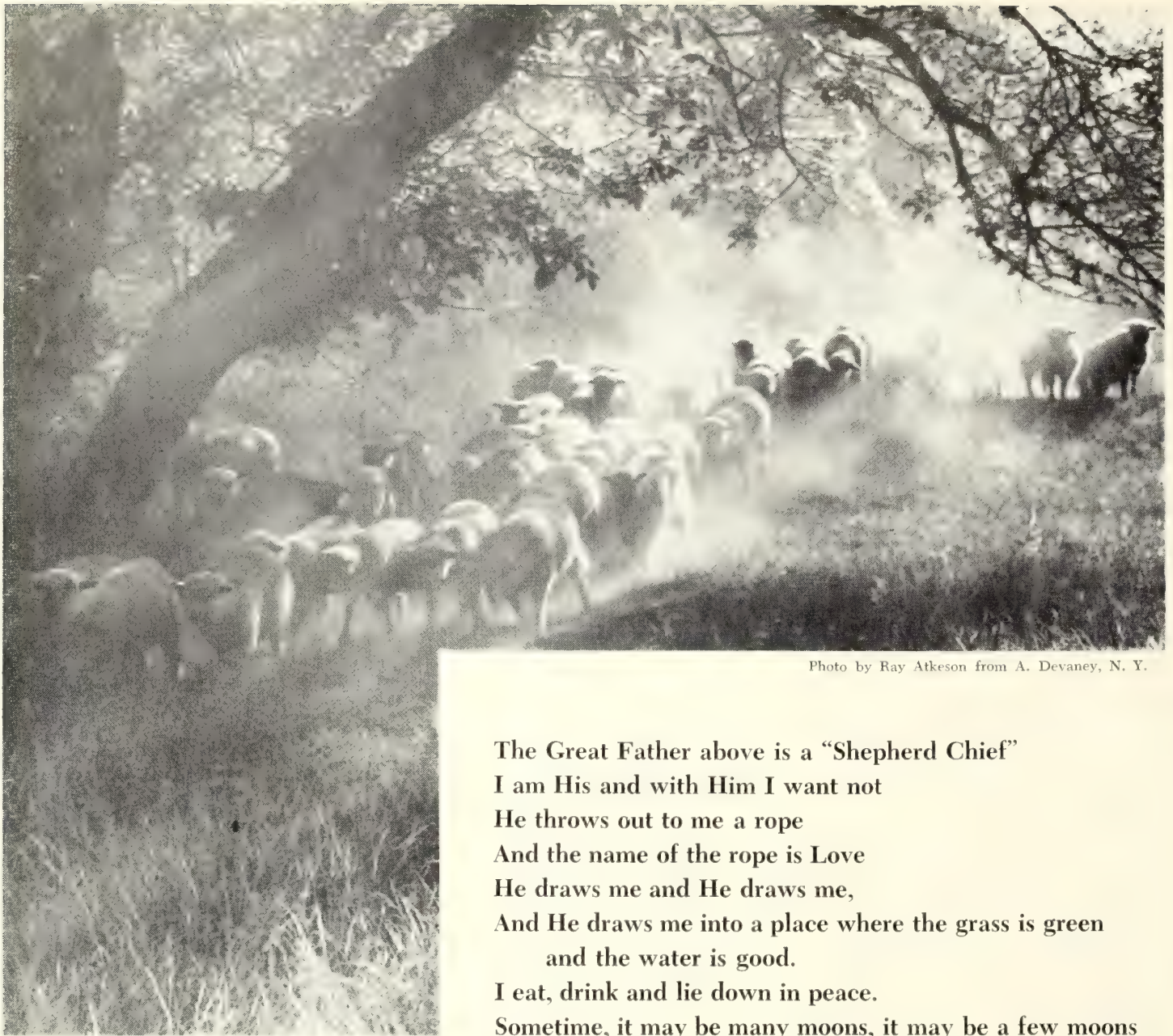


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# Indian Version of The 23rd Psalm

The Great Father above is a "Shepherd Chief"

I am His and with Him I want not

He throws out to me a rope

And the name of the rope is Love

He draws me and He draws me,

And He draws me into a place where the grass is green  
and the water is good.

I eat, drink and lie down in peace.

Sometime, it may be many moons, it may be a few moons

Or it may be a long, long, time until He will

Come and draw me into a place between mountains.

It is dark there, but I'll draw back not, I'll be afraid not

For it is there between these mountains that the "Shepherd  
Chief" will meet me.

Sometime He turns the "Love Rope" into a whip but afterward  
He gives me a staff to lean on.

He spreads before me a table with all kinds of food:

My cup He fills until it runs over,

And He places His hand upon my head and all the "tired" is  
gone.

His name is called "Wonderful."

What I tell you is true, I lie not, for this road that

Lies away, way ahead will follow me all through this life,

And afterward I will go to the "Big Tepee" and sit down  
by the "Shepherd Chief" forever.





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# LETTERS

Dear Editor:

Although I am still a member of the Western North Carolina Conference and am therefore on the free mailing list of the *ADVOCATE*, I feel that it is only right that I should pay for my subscription to the *ADVOCATE*. I am therefore enclosing a check for \$3.00 for one year's subscription. My family and I enjoy the *ADVOCATE* a great deal, not only because we get news of the folks back home, but because we feel that it fills a real need in the life of a Christian. The Southern California-Arizona Area does not have a conference paper but does include a pamphlet in each issue of *Together* magazine. This is not nearly so helpful as the *ADVOCATE* as it seems rather impersonal and does not give nearly such good coverage as the N. C. *ADVOCATE*. I pray for you that you may have continued success in the field of religious journalism.

Sincerely,

(REV.) JACK C. SMITH

Kahuku Community Meth. Church

Kahuku, Oahu  
Hawaii

## "Another Look at Cuba"

Dear Editor:

Your March 10 issue including the article "Another Look at Cuba" by Garfield Evans would have been much better without it.

The Castro regime is more corrupt than that of Batista because it is destroying the only hope in Cuba and throughout the world for those who are resisting Communism. He will inflict on the Cuban people more hardships than Batista.

There is nothing in the teachings of Jesus to support Castro.

Any observer of the Cuban scene does not have to visit Cuba to visualize what the future holds for the Cubans. Mr. Evans looks upon these changes as good for Cuba and he is entitled to his opinion. He makes the same mistake anyone does who puts the government ahead of the individual. Any time the individual has fewer rights to decide his own destiny the less

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freedom he has and eventually he becomes a slave to the state.

Is this in keeping with Christian conduct and doctrine?

Sincerely,

S. A. CHALK, JR.

Morehead City, N. C.

**Editor's Note:** Mr. Evans would, no doubt, answer that all of this is quite true, but he might repeat the statements of the Cuban ministers that the individual did not have any rights to speak of during the Batista regime. Castro is dangerous, we believe, and the fear of Communist domination is shared by most of us, but there is a chance that those living in Cuba feel that the difficulties of the present and the even more dangerous days ahead are less than they have faced in the past. We appreciate this thoughtful and intelligent letter. See the editorial in this issue and the letter below.

Dear Editor:

After following rather closely reports from Cuba, and especially those dealing with the activities of Fidel Castro, the writer would like to offer a few suggestions that, if followed should be of benefit to our U. S. as well as Cubans.

It is believed that the Castro regime spends entirely too much time and effort in building up hatred and resentment against all who do not join wholeheartedly, and see eye to eye with the Castro Government. Everyone knows that there are quite a number of organizations and thousands of individuals who do not go along with the Castro group, but are still vitally interested in the welfare and progress of the Cuban people.

Fighting certain elements of Cuban well-wishers tends to retard the forward march along all lines of progress. If Fidel Castro is to be successful in his fight to put Cuba where she belongs in world affairs, it is imperative that he direct his activities to enlisting the help of every element that have the general welfare of the Cubans at heart.

The greatness of a leader is measured by his ability to coordinate the efforts of all interested parties. Let us hope that the Castro government will alter its policies to the extent that all friends of the Cuban people (U. S. as well as Cubans) can join hands in helping neighbors in our quest for freedom, higher standards of living, and enjoy the peace and satisfaction that comes to us when we have done our best.

Goodwill builds: Hate destroys.

WEBB FINDLEY

Graham, N. C.

## "A Cure for Lost Members"

Dear Editor:

I have read with much interest Brother J. Clay Madison's article on the above topic. Let me add a few points on the subject. I can draw from the experience of forty-seven years as pastor and more than twenty years as a retired member studying the same question.

As pastor, I thought it my work to look after the sheep. I visited the people, taught them and prayed with them. That helps to bind them to the church. In order to hold them, they must love the church and be interested in it; then they will not leave the church. If a pasture gets too barren and dry, sheep may jump the fence into an-

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## LETTERS

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other pasture or over into the nearby fields.

I had a membership committee whose work was to assist the pastor in keeping up with the people. They were to look out for new people coming into the community and report the names to me and I went after them. If any moved away or were sick or disorderly or needed attention from the pastor, they reported to me and I attended to all those matters.

But the over-all way and the surest way was the old-time revivals we had. In these we got unsaved members and back-slidden members converted, and when they became spiritually alive the membership question was settled.

I'll give our experience in one charge: I went to a rundown circuit in a fine country, fine people, four churches well located, but they had had no revivals for a long time. We had gracious revivals in all the churches and two or three schoolhouses. One church the first year, most of the church was backslidden, the four stewards all professed religion. We had one hundred twenty-eight professions and all four stewards were among them. Four young men were called to preach; not by me, but by the Lord. One of them is Dr. A. P. Brantley of the Burlington District. But to make the long story short, I was there four years on this circuit, we had twelve hundred professions, I received six hundred people into the churches, and we built one the second year.

Now, I want you to note that of the twelve hundred professions I received only six hundred into the church. You are interested in what became of the other six hundred? A few may have gone into other churches, but most of them were already members of the church. Sinners in the church need to be saved as much as sinners outside the church; that keeps the church spiritual. We have thousands of unsaved men and women in the church that do not know God.

Do you know that many of our members are going to the churches that hold revivals? Hungry hearts will go where they can get food. In one of our conference sessions, a young preacher asked the bishop how to get people's attention. The bishop replied, "Give them something to attend to." If we hold our people, we must give them something to hold to.

Sincerely,

EBENEZER MYERS

Lenoir, N. C.

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## NOTICE

By action of the 1959 session of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference all invitations to entertain the Annual Conference shall be in written form and shall be placed in the hands of the Chairman of the Conference Entertainment Committee sixty days prior to the opening of the Annual Conference on June 8, 1960. Therefore, invitations to entertain the 1961 session will be received gladly until midnight of April 8, 1960. Invitations should be directed to W. HUGH MASSIE, Chairman, Box 410, Waynesville, N. C., or REV. HARLAN L. CREECH, JR., 605 East Boulevard, Charlotte, N. C.

W. Hugh Massie, Chmn.  
Harlan L. Creech, Jr., Sec.

THE REV. MARK Q. TUTTLE of Reidsville will be the preacher at special services in Bethel Church, Greensboro, April 24-29.

THE FIRST of the "simultaneous revivals" was held on the Mt. Hermon Charge with the Rev. D. E. Earnhardt as preacher, during the last week in February. On the clos-

ing Sunday, 20 new members were received, according to the Rev. M. W. Warren, pastor. Twelve of these came by profession of faith and eight by transfer and certificate . . . Bellemont Church on this charge lacks only four ADVOCATE subscriptions of having its quota of 27 and expects to send these four in a few days.

## A Plan for the Advocate . . .

By JOSEPH T. SHACKFORD

As one who was a member of the Western North Carolina Conference from 1940 until my coming to Oklahoma in early 1958 may I make one observation concerning the value of the ADVOCATE whose future still seems somewhat in the balance: The practice in this conference is to have a weekly church paper in the form of a newspaper as the front sheet and general items of religious interest and news along with many advertisements composing the other six sheets of the paper. Once a month the Oklahoma-New Mexico Methodist Conference uses news of our two conferences as an insert in this newspaper. I can understand my initial prejudice for my native conference, but I find that I still read through the NORTH CAROLINA ADVOCATE each week surveying the entire contents, yet I find that I seldom take the time to read through this conference paper as it comes to us in its present form.

In a time when the whole future of the Christian kingdom depends upon strengthening the ties and deepening the consciousness of unity among the congregations of the Christian fellowship it seems inconceivable that we should discontinue the most effective method of communication of church news which we possess. Printing is one of the cheapest media of dissemination of knowledge which exists in our world.

Perhaps we have long made a mistake at 2 points: (1) To expect dissemination of essential information to depend upon a constant renewal of subscriptions. (2) To require that everyone who receives the news media shall have taken the initiative of entering a personal subscription. This is a decision which it seems to me must be made in the light of the intelligent Christian purpose of our religious faith at the top level of leadership of our conferences and the outcome of the decision not left to the chance interest of either the pastors or the particular congregation.

In other words, why should not a minimum subscription be sent to the official board of every congregation in the two conferences, to become an item of Conference Benevolences with the cost borne in the general world service and conference apportionments. This then could be followed with incentives to the congregation to expand the subscription lists by reduced rates once the basic costs of publication were borne as an item of Conference Benevolences.

I believe across the nation there is no Methodism which is superior in its general level of advancement and of intelligence and of co-operation to the North Carolina Methodist Conferences. And I believe across Methodism there is no conference organ superior to our NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. And I think there is some connection between the two facts. Therefore, it is inconceivable to me that the *high levels* of intelligent co-operation which exist in North Carolina Methodism could long survive the discontinuation of this exceptional medium of communication. And though there are cheaper forms of distribution, I doubt their comparable ability to attract readers.

I trust that this will not be misunderstood as the effort of one whose present ministry is beyond his native conference to speak out of turn, but rather the sincere desire of one whose first love must always be North Carolina Methodism to share with those so dear to his heart what limited experience and observation he may have accumulated in areas beyond his home land.



# EDITORIALS

## Castro Is Not Cuba

*U. S. News & World Report* last week headed an editorial with these words: "Cuba is not Castro and his clique. Cuba has 6,500,000 people — and they are in serious trouble."

With these words we heartily agree. Despite the confident assertions of the dictator that he is the incarnation of Cuban aspirations and desires, it is very possible that coming events may show that the people are beginning to realize their mistake in pinning their faith on such a leader. We have no brief for Castro, but we have a real concern for Cuba — and for our relations with that country.

Our desire to see a toning down of attacks on Cuban policy stems not from any desire to help Castro, but from a belief that we are adding fuel to the flames of an incipient Communism by talking loudly of what we will do by way of retaliation against Castro's childish charges.

Let us not forget that drastic action against Cuba will only serve to antagonize the Cuban people, who are, up to now, our friends. They have supported the Castro government because they sought relief from the oppression of Batista. Perhaps they will soon be disillusioned as Castro is forced to apply to his own people the drastic tactics that he is now using on foreigners; perhaps conditions will change for the better; who knows? But, meanwhile, much depends upon cool heads in the State Department.

## Ministerial Motivation

The Study Commission on Our Ministry set up by the WNC Conference has sent out a lengthy questionnaire to all pastors in that conference. If those who receive it answer all the questions they will deserve "A" for effort. But, more than that, they will find themselves humbled and, perhaps, inspired.

The questionnaire is designed to bring out needed information regarding the ministerial members of the conference, and to do this it must have accurate information — and honest answers. By the time this editorial is printed, all the answers should be in the hands of the committee, which is headed by the Rev. Douglas Corriher and composed of some of the leading ministers and laymen of western North Carolina. Knowing these men as we do, we are sure that the in-

## A LENTEN PRAYER

*We desire, O God, thy good for our lives. Pity our follies, deliver us from our miseries and forgive our sins. Hear the cry of our hearts and bring us all into the glorious liberty of the sons of God. Amen.*

— JOHN WESLEY

formation collected will not be allowed to collect dust unread and unevaluated. Out of this study should come some pertinent and, perhaps, alarming facts concerning Methodism's future ministry.

But we would mention only two areas covered in the questions: One concerns the individual's call and the other, his response to that call in the area of ministerial recruitment.

One question went something like this: "Were you influenced by the belief that your particular talents would find their best use in the ministry?" Now that one has a hidden hook and we hope that each minister answers it honestly. We fear that too many modern ministers would have to admit that they were like a young friend of ours. He wrote us a long letter and said that he felt that his particular talents would be best utilized in the ministry, and we suggested that if this was his only reason, he had better go no further.

The ministry needs talent and brains — but it needs, even more, a sort of spiritual desperation, a feeling that life would be without meaning, joy or satisfaction if the call to preach were not heeded. That is why many of the most effective pastors and preachers are those who come from the ranks of other professions, men who could have succeeded in some other field, but who felt a call that could not be denied.

## Suggestions Wanted

As the Board of Publication makes plans for the coming year, readers of the *ADVOCATE* may assist them in their plans by offering suggestions as to policy and content of the conference organ.

It has been suggested by some that we omit devotional and religious material and editorials, giving all the space to news coverage and promotional ma-

terial. Several conference papers follow this style and it appears to appeal to the church leaders, but not to the readers.

Those who favor this type also suggest that the cabinets of the two conferences use the paper as a promotional organ and advise the editor as to content and editorial policy.

On the other hand, the laymen who have written us almost unanimously favor the present magazine style, featuring good religious reading matter and using even less promotional material. They like to read editorials, Sunday school lessons and the Children's Page.

What do you think?

## With Other Editors

### LOVE vs. BRAINS

Maybe we haven't been told everything in the case of four-year-old Alice Marie Combs.

She's the little girl who has been called a near-genius.

Welfare officials say, in fact, that she is too smart for her foster parents. They would take her from them and place her in a home that can give Alice "opportunities for intellectual cultural development."

The New Jersey State Board of Child Welfare placed the girl with Combs and his wife when she was an infant. She has grown to love these people as her real parents.

To her, they ARE her parents.

To take her away from them now, in our opinion, would be much worse for the child than leaving her to develop normally as she will.

To take her away not only would result in a tremendous emotional upset for Alice, but it certainly would deal a lethal blow to the parents who must know a great love to have taken her in and accepted her as their own.

Frankly, we can't imagine what the welfare department is using as an argument.

The girl's father makes \$120 a week. Sounds like they're not in rags.

The welfare says, though, that the parents would rather watch television than read a book.

Is that a crime? If it is, then 99.44 per cent of us should be indicted.

We have to conclude that we haven't been told everything.

— *Gastonia Gazette*



# WE HAVE THE FACTS . . .

By THE EDITOR

In the words of the well-known TV character, "All we want is the facts." Now we have them in the form of a package of material furnished by the National Council of Churches which gives the full text of the controversial Air Force training manual, along with copies of letters, editorials, and statements, which should convince any fair-minded person that the charges made in that manual were irresponsible and inaccurate. The author of the pamphlet lists as two of his sources a pamphlet published by Billy James Hargis, an independent "fundamentalist" evangelist, unknown to most of us. These two pamphlets bear titles that in themselves are a give-away to the un-Christian attitude of the man who wrote them. The first is called, "Apostate Clergymen Battle for God-Hating Communist China;" the second bears the brotherly caption, "The National Council of Churches Indicts Itself on 50 Counts of Treason to God and Country." The third "source" is a pamphlet circulated by Circuit Riders, Inc., which bears an equally prolix title: "30 of the 95 Men Who Gave Us the Revised Standard Version of the Bible."

In reading over the manual, we come across these statements: "Another rather foolish remark often heard is that Americans have the right to know what's going on." "Keep in mind that public news media present only as much information as the government wants to release." "Be especially watchful for persons who are trying to undermine the Air Force by belittling or smearing its policies and accomplishments."

Bear in mind that this manual was intended, not for active Air Force personnel but for members of the Air Force reserve, who are not on active duty but are living in our communities, attending our churches, serving on our official boards. They were being ordered by the Air Force to spy on their neighbors, to report on their pastor's sermons, to look with suspicion upon any minister who expresses any confidence in the National Council of Churches. By implication, they were expected to throw their influence to men like Hargis who are carrying on a hate campaign under the guise of religion.

In putting out this manual the Air Force unwittingly allowed itself to be used as a propaganda channel for intolerance and malicious attacks upon the major denominations of this country.

There are many Methodists who sincerely hold opinions at variance with those expressed by some prominent leaders in the National Council on matters of theology and interpretation of the Bible. We ourselves could not agree with some of these statements, but we know, personally, a large number of these men; we have confidence in their Christianity and their loyalty to God and their country.

One of the charges made in the manual was that 30 of the 95 translators of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible had been affiliated with pro-Communist fronts. The answer to this may be suggested by the facts in the case of one of the men mentioned, Dr. Henry J. Cadbury of Harvard

University. Dr. Cadbury is a Quaker pacifist, and, like many other Quakers, joined the Fellowship of Reconciliation, a group which sought to do the very things which President Eisenhower is now saying should be done — build a bridge of friendship and understanding between nations. However, during the McCarthy days of irresponsible attacks and charges of Communism, some of the other members of this organization were denounced by the "former Communist" spies which were paid by the committee seeking evidence of subversive activities. (It is curious thinking to suppose that one who has been an avowed atheistic Communist should always be telling the truth, while a respectable clergyman who has never had any connection with Communism will not be believed when he denies the fantastic charges against him.)

The fantastic logic used by the manual goes like this: Dr. Cadbury belonged to an organization of several thousand persons called the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Among those thousands were a few who were accused of being tainted with Communism (to be tainted it is only necessary to express a view that some Communist agrees with, such as, "All men should have equal opportunity," or to have sat on the platform with one who later turned out to be a Communist). Having in its midst a few suspected people automatically makes the organization suspect also. Therefore, because he is a member of the organization, he is a member of a so-called "Communist Front." Going still further along this line of reasoning, the writer of the Air Force manual deduces that the Revised Standard Version which Dr. Cadbury helped translate is Communist-tainted!

Said the *Washington Post* on Feb. 26, "It is precisely such logic which has been applied to many of the distinguished clergymen who had anything to do with the Revised Standard Version and who happened to incur the wrath of these fundamentalist intransigents, the Circuit Riders, Inc., and the International Council of Christian Churches. If we may paraphrase the Revised Standard Version slightly "The voice is the Circuit Riders' voice, but the hands are the hands of the Un-American Activities Committee." There is no way to measure the injury that committee has done to the fabric of American life by its encouragement of mutual distrust, its suppression of dissent and its technique of condemnation by innuendo."

We are inclined to agree with the editorial in the Fort Worth (Tex.) *Star-Telegram*: "... In fact, while purporting to warn Air Force personnel against the Communists, the manual could easily work to (the Communists') benefit. The churches are the foundations of the nation's moral strength. They have been the first and most savagely attacked targets in every country the Reds have taken over. Any statement or action that discredits the churches, arouses suspicion of them or engenders strife among them is an assist for the Communists, regardless of whether it is Red inspired."

And we would note with pleasure the following paragraph from an article in *The Commonweal*, nationally known Roman Catholic magazine: "A recent Herblock cartoon pictured a harassed Air Force officer, grimacing and holding hand over his eyes, sitting before a blackboard captioned, 'Air Force Training Manual Crackups.' Listed on the board were '1. Big Brother is Watching,' '2. Washing the Dog.' A G.I., hat-in-hand, rushes in to report, 'Chalk up another one, Chief, this one hit the church.'"



CONDENSED PROGRAM  
**Twentieth Annual Meeting**  
 NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE  
**Woman's Society of Christian Service**  
**GRACE METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Wilmington, N. C.**  
 CONFERENCE THEME: *"Thy Kingdom Come."*

**Pre-Conference Meetings**

*Monday, April 4, 1960*

5:30 p.m.—Dinner Meeting for Enlarged Executive Committee, Grace Methodist Church.

8:00 p.m.—Service of Spiritual Preparation, Mrs. R. L. Jerome, presiding; Miss Mary Nichols, leader.

**Regular Sessions**

*Tuesday, April 5*

9:00 a.m.—Registration of delegates.

11:00 a.m.—Opening Session, Mrs. Pierce Johnson, presiding. Greetings; Report of Credentials Committee; Presentation of Program, Mrs. H. C. Turlington; Presentation of General Chairman and Pages; Appointment of Committees. Reports: recording secretary, Mrs. H. W. Doub; vice-president, Mrs. H. C. Turlington; treasurer, Mrs. L. C. Vereen. Address: "He Tills the Holy Land," Mrs. Ralph A. Ward.

12:30 p.m.—Luncheon

2:00 p.m.—Mrs. Pierce Johnson, presiding. Report of chairman of public relations, and historical committee, Miss Mary Gardner. Address: "Bolivia, A Land of Decision," Miss Virginia Bunn. Reports: children's work, Mrs. J. S. Henninger; youth work, Mrs. W. I. McLamb; student work, Mrs. Taylor Long; missionary personnel, Mrs. Allen C. Lee; Methodist student Center, Miss Mamie Chandler.

4:00 p.m.—Tour of Gardens

6:00 p.m.—Dinner

8:00 p.m.—Service of Holy Communion

*Wednesday, April 6*

9:15 a.m.—Mrs. Pierce Johnson, presiding. Meditation. Address: Thor Hall. Message of President, Mrs. Pierce Johnson. Dedication of Annual Report; presentation of Special Memberships. Address: "Where Human Lives are Thriving," Mrs. Ralph A. Ward.

12:30 p.m.—Luncheon

2:00 p.m.—Mrs. Pierce Johnson, presiding. Report of White House Conference, Mrs. J. S. Henninger. Reports: Wesleyan Service Guild, Mrs. Harriett Fralix; missionary education and service, Mrs. Sam A. Dunn; Christian social relations, Mrs. S. W. Anderson; status of women, Mrs. T. S. Newbold; supply work, Mrs. L. S. Thompson; spiritual life, Mrs. R. L. Jerome. Awarding of Study Jewel. Preview of 1960 School of Missions, Mrs. Sam A. Dunn. Reports: Miss Rebecca Moddelmog, and Miss Jean Griffith, conference workers.

4:00 p.m.—Coffee Hour

6:00 p.m.—Dinner

8:00 p.m.—Mrs. H. C. Turlington, presiding. Scripture and prayer, the Rev. J. E. Garlington. Address: "Our Song of Brotherhood," (illustrated with slides), Mrs. Ralph A. Ward. Pledge Service, Mrs. L. C. Vereen, district presidents and treasurers.

*Thursday, April 7*

9:15 a.m.—Mrs. Pierce Johnson, presiding. Meditation, Miss Virginia Bunn. Report of committee on nominations; Election of officers. Reports: committee on by-laws; Legislative committee. Presentation of recommendations. Message of Benjamin Zambana. Address: "Jesus, the Light of the World," Miss Marian Derby. Installation of officers and prayer of dedication. Adjournment.

**Guest Speakers**

Mrs. Ralph A. Ward, widow of the late Bishop Ward, will be one of three principal speakers at the Annual Meeting of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service in Wilmington.

A native of Illinois, and daughter of a Methodist minister, Mrs. Ward went to China in 1925 as a missionary under the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Church. During one year of civil war, she evacuated to Singapore,



MRS. RALPH A. WARD

where she taught in a Methodist school. During the summer of 1937, Mrs. Ward transferred to Chungking, in West China, in which place she experienced several air raids, one of which almost destroyed the school in which she was teaching.

After her marriage to Bishop Ward, they made their home in Shanghai, where Bishop Ward was in charge of Methodist work in four provinces of China. When the communists invaded China, Bishop and Mrs. Ward remained in Shanghai for 18 months. They returned to America in 1950.

In 1951 Bishop and Mrs. Ward went to Hong Kong and Taiwan for the purpose of making a survey of Methodist needs and opportunities. Subsequently, mission work was begun in these two regions and Bishop Ward became the presiding bishop in both regions. During their period of service there, churches, schools, re-settlements for refugees, medical work, and relief stations were established.

Following Bishop Ward's death in Hong Kong in 1958, Mrs. Ward remained in Hong Kong until February 1959, since which time she has resided in Hendersonville, N. C.

Mrs. Ward is preparing to return to Taiwan during the summer of 1960 as a missionary under the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Miss Marian Derby, of New York City, is a graduate of Cornell College, and holds an A.B. degree from Cornell University, and an M.A. from Northwestern University.

Following a teaching career in Michigan, and Freeland, Miss Derby was called to China in 1936 as a missionary under the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Church. From 1936-1953 Miss Derby served as teacher, vice-principal and





MISS MARIAN DERBY

principal of Crandon Institute, Montevideo, Uruguay, a secondary school of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. As a member of the River Plate (Uruguay and Argentina) Conference of the Methodist Church, she served as a member of the Field Committee, president of the Board of Education, president of the Board of Evangelism, and member of the Counseling Committee for the Student Christian Movement. Miss Derby is currently serving as a member of the Committee on Co-operation in Latin America of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States.

Since 1953 Miss Derby has been executive secretary for Latin America for the Woman's Division of Christian Service, in which capacity she administers the work of the Division in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Cuba, Mexico, Peru, and Uruguay.

Other speakers during the three-day sessions will include Miss Virginia Bunn, missionary to Bolivia; Thor Hall, Crusade Scholar from Norway, now attending Duke University; and Benjamin Zambrana of Bolivia, a student at the University of N. C.

Miss Mary Nichols, of Wilmington, will lead the Service of Spiritual Preparation to be held on Monday evening, April 4, at Grace Methodist Church.

Upon her graduation from Woman's College in Greensboro, N. C., Miss Nichols taught school in her native town, Roxboro, N. C., later entering Scarritt College in preparation for her work as a deaconess.

After four years' service in the Woman's Division, Miss Nichols' 36 years of service in the Woman's work has been in the Southern Jurisdiction. From 1944-1946, she served as director of defense work in Wilmington, for the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Miss Nichols' will use as her topic, "Come-Go."

### The Love Offerings

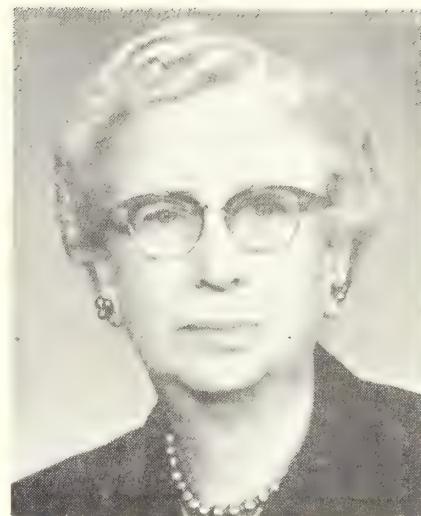
One project and one soon to be established as a project of the Woman's Division of Christian Service will share equally in the love offerings to be placed on the altar during the Service of Holy Communion at the Annual Meeting in Wilmington. They are furnishings for the new Nurses' Home at Clinica Americana (sometimes spoken of as the Pfeiffer Memorial Hospital) in La Paz, Bolivia, and equipment for a Girls' High School to be opened at Taiwan.

The Clinica Americana Hospital is the only Methodist hospital in South America at the present time. The nursing school in La Paz, an integral part of the hospital, was the first one opened in the country. During the past 15 years, it has graduated more than 100 nurses who occupy important positions in the hospitals, clinics, and public health centers of Bolivia, as well as in other countries of both South and North America. The missionaries and the graduate nurses have been living right in with the student nurses, but in order to be able to take in a larger class of student nurses, and to give the graduate nurses the rest and prestige which they need, it has been felt desirable to try to have a separate home for them. It was possible to purchase a house recently which seems to be quite adequate. The home is furnished with only the most essential items, but the love offerings from the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service will help to make it a real home for these young women.

Since the beginning of Methodist work in Taiwan, the request has been made for a girls' school. Women who were graduates of Methodist schools on the mainland have been eager that their daughters might have an opportunity for a Christian school.

Last fall alumni from eleven different schools of China met in Taipei to plan a school and raise funds for the land. They are now negotiating for land as the campaign for funds is continuing. The school will doubtless begin as a junior high school and gradually develop into a senior high school. Because it must be located outside the very congested city of Taipei it must have a boarding department where both teachers and students can live.

One Chinese doctor in America has recently sent to the Woman's Division of Christian Service \$250 to help the



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school. He wrote: "Kindly mail this sum to Miss Chi Yi Chen through your office and designate it for the purpose of the land. Certainly a person like me can say that I have lost everything material through communist rule. But the most valuable part of my life is my Christian education which no one can take away from me. With my Christian education I can extend useful service to others. I will send the other half of my promised sum as soon as I am able to do so, approximately within three months."

### "Career Clinic" Held at Maple Springs Church

The new Maple Springs Church on Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem, was host to the district-wide "Career Clinic," a conference on Christian Vocations, on March 20. Youth from all over the district attended.

Speakers for the occasion were: Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, Dr. William Frazier, William Holland, Dr. Clarice Bowman, the Rev. George Thompson, Mr. Fred Butner, Mr. Holt MacPherson, George Phillips, Dr. Edward Auman, Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, the Rev. Carl Judy and Dr. J. Lem Stokes.

In the evening, a movie, "Reply to Reality," was shown and Johnny Frye, a pre-ministerial student at Duke, addressed the group.

The conference was under the direction of the Rev. Jack Caudill, district director of Christian Vocations.

### METHODIST COLLEGE PICKS LIBRARIAN

President L. Stacey Weaver of Methodist College, Fayetteville, has announced the appointment of Alva W. Stewart of Marshville as the first librarian of the new college. He assumed his duties on March 1.

Mr. Stewart, a former reporter for several state newspapers, has served on the staff of the Library of the University of North Carolina. He is a member of the Baptist church.



# Lorena Kelly Writes of Needs for Schools in Belgian Congo

"Throughout the Congo there is a tremendous thirst for knowledge," writes Miss Lorena Kelly to her friends in the Western North Carolina Conference. Miss Kelly is a missionary in Lodja, Congo Belge, Africa.

Yet she creates a tremendous heartache in the souls of Methodist women when she writes, "Many more want to enter, but we did not have room for them."

She says of the recent disturbances in Africa, "I heard that one of the reasons of the tragic insurrection in Leopoldville was the bitterness on the part of boys who could not find a place to go to school. We seldom go out in the district that someone does not plead for school . . . Hundreds of boys have the door of education shut in their faces when they finish the fifth grade simply because there are not enough schools beyond that level to absorb them."

She points with pride to the fact that "Fifteen girls graduated from the Home Economics School this year. Among them three are now teachers in the school, one is doing social work at Kindu, four were appointed to the staff at the Girls' Home at Lodja, two were given work among the women and girls in the Wembo Nyama district, and one married."

She tells of a new extension program, "This year we are beginning Extension Work of the Home Economics School. We hope to take into the out-villages a program which will help to develop Christian homes and make them more comfortable and attractive. One of our former Home Economics School graduates is assisting with the work."

A visit made by King Leopold was described like this, "One interesting event of the year was the visit made by King Leopold III to Lodja. On the day of his arrival, we took our students and village people to the road where he was to pass to greet him. When he came by, he graciously stopped, got out of his car and chatted with us for a few minutes. He made a few remarks to our people, and one of our Afri-

can teachers interpreted for him. The king complimented him on his French and asked him where he had studied it. We were real proud of our young teacher."

She says that "The 'Lumumba Patrice' who was mentioned in *Time* magazine is a former student of our mission. We wish we could have helped him to develop into a thoroughly Christian character. In spite of it all . . . I hope he still has something which will sustain him at this particular time."

Of her own town of Lodja, she says, "Things are fairly quiet at Lodja. I was in Luluabourg last month. Outward calm reigned; but within there was bitterness and hatred. During these last few days that bitterness is being demonstrated in more fighting and killing. We want to see our Congo people have their freedom; but we wish they were better prepared for it."

She concludes her letter by saying, "We are praying earnestly for the Belgian leaders and the Congo people at this time in their history. I am sure you are remembering them in your prayers also."

## Scholarship in Memory Of Dr. C. C. Weaver

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

A sum of \$2,500 to be known as the Weaver Scholarship Fund was approved by the members of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference at the recent meeting at Pfeiffer College.

Mrs. C. C. Weaver of Winston-Salem, former conference president, had previously donated a sum of money to begin the scholarship fund in memory of her husband, Dr. C. C. Weaver, who died in 1946. The Finance Committee recommended that the conference add enough to the fund to make it \$2,500.

This news was sent to Mrs. Weaver by

Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford. Mrs. Weaver's reply of gratitude came this week. She said, "Imagine my surprise and delight when I received a letter recently from Mrs. Cranford telling me that you wonderful women set aside a fund for a 'Weaver Scholarship Fund' in memory of my good husband and in my honor. I could hardly believe my eyes, so I read and reread that paragraph to be sure that I had made no mistake."

Mrs. Weaver said further, "I just had to shed a few tears (of joy) for this magnanimous thing you have done. I feel very humble and unworthy for my part of it, and yet I feel so grateful that the dream I have had since Dr. Weaver's passing is going to become a reality in my lifetime, in that some worthy girl or boy (or both) will be able to prepare themselves for some form of definite Christian Service, and the work we are doing through our conference will go on and on. A glorious thought!

"THANK YOU are two such small words, and yet they express so much, and I thank you a million times for what you have done.

"Life is always so much sweeter and so much more worth living with friends like you have been.

(signed) "Florence S. Weaver."

## Clay County Churches Have Bible Study

Nine churches in Clay County participated in a study course of "Luke's Portrait of Christ," by Dr. Charles Laymon, this month. Three ministers and one rural worker served as leaders for the study.

Ledford's Chapel of the Shooting Creek Circuit was hostess church.

The ministers were the Rev. Stuart Taylor, pastor of this circuit; the Rev. H. C. Young of Hayesville Methodist Church; and the Rev. Ben Steele of the Hayesville circuit. Miss Laura Wells is the rural worker. Lay leaders from all of the nine churches participated in the program.

One interesting feature was the fact that that the committee in charge decided that they would use as many men as women in their schedule of panels, buzz sessions, discussions, playlets and tableaux.

The Clay County Council composed of women from each WSCS in the nine churches, appointed these committee chairmen: Mrs. Dennis McTaggart, publicity; Mrs. Neal R. Kitchens, arrangements; Miss Louise McTaggart, bulletin board; Miss Laura Wells, textbooks; Mrs. C. A. Burch and Mrs. R. L. Long, hospitality; Mrs. Velma Beam Moore, program.

## REVIVAL MEETINGS

The Rev. J. Malloy Owen of Horne Memorial Church, Clayton, is conducting evangelistic services this week at Rosemary Church, Roanoke Rapids, assisting the Rev. L. L. Parrish.

A Laymen's Revival is scheduled at Clayton's Horne Memorial Church, April 3-10, when two visiting laymen will speak each night. The services are under the direction of Matt Howell, Centenary Church, Winston-Salem. Roy Justice of Clayton is general chairman. "The Circuit Rider" telecasts of April 3 and 10 will feature the laymen on WRAL-TV, Channel 5, at 2 o'clock.



The Rev. O. L. Easter, associate pastor, and the Rev. Harlan Creech, pastor, are shown above as they presented God and Country awards to a group of Boy Scouts at Dilworth Church, Charlotte, on a recent Sunday. Left to right, Mr. Easter, who instructed the Scouts for more than a year, George Wilkinson, Mr. Creech, Tim Wilkinson, Stanley Wisdom, Jr., Jimmy Fitzgerald, Rusty Therrill, Dorsey Brewer and Scoutmaster Ralph Austin.



# Committee Proposes Dropping Week of Dedication

*Chicago.* — If a proposal approved in principle by The Methodist Church's Week of Dedication Committee successfully clears several other agencies, the Week of Dedication observance would be dropped from the church's calendar as a fund-raising program. It would become simply a time of spiritual emphasis. For a dozen years now the Week of Dedication has included both a spiritual and financial phase.

In place of the Week of Dedication, Methodists would share in the One Great Hour of Sharing, an interdenominational program for raising money primarily for world relief. The Week of Dedication has included emergency building projects overseas and in the U. S. as well as relief funds.

According to the proposal, which will ultimately reach the 1960 General Conference, the denomination would be asked to observe the One Great Hour of Sharing, preferably on the fourth Sunday in Lent.

The offering taken that day in Methodist churches would be used to continue and expand the present Crusade Scholarship program, which has had a first claim on the Week of Dedication funds, would help overseas relief, and would aid a Servicemen's Overseas fund.

Under the proposed plan, participating agencies would administer Methodist funds given for One Great Hour of Sharing would be: the Board of Missions, for the Crusade Scholarship fund; the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, for the overseas relief fund; and the World Division of the Board of Missions, for the Servicemen's Overseas fund.

Annual observance of the One Great Hour of Sharing would be under the general supervision of the church's Commission on Promotion and Cultivation.

The proposal was approved in principle at a meeting of the Week of Dedication Committee in Chicago March 3. Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., of St. Louis, vice-chairman of the group, presided in the absence of the chairman, Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of Pittsburgh, who was snow bound.

Several spokesmen favored a plan which would permit more "flexible giving," with individual congregations being given more leeway in the time of the observance and in the projects to receive help from the offering.

In a statement relative to MCOR, its general secretary, the Rev. Dr. Gaither P. Warfield of New York, said that this year they anticipate the fund to reach a million dollars, an increase from the annual receipts of \$800,000 seven years ago.

Church agencies yet to clear the proposed change include the Coordinating Council, the Council on World Service and Finance, the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, and the General Conference. Presumably, the proposal would be channeled through the General Conference's Committee on Temporal Economy.

The Rev. Dr. E. Harold Mohn of Chicago, general secretary of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, reported that last year's receipts for the Week of

Dedication amounted to \$591,000 and that the total receipts for the last 11 years and nine months had totaled \$7,900,171. He said that 127 Crusade scholars were currently studying under the program, which, because of rising costs, now requires more funds.

## Balls Creek Charge Churches In Building Program

Mountain View Church has one hundred and twelve members. Three years ago the people were worshipping in a frame building with inadequate class rooms. Plans for a remodelled-enlarged building had been considered for some time, and in early summer of 1957, plans were approved and work started on the first part of a two-part project, that of remodeling, enlarging and brick-veneering the building then being used.

The seating capacity of the sanctuary was increased about fifty per cent and five classrooms and one rest-room were added. Several new pews were put in place, new light fixtures installed, and new carpet put on the floor. New windows were secured as memorials, a new front built on the church, and inside of the church completely redecorated. All this at a cost of about \$25,000, which has been paid in full.

The building now stands free of indebtedness. But not for long, says the pastor, the Rev. W. E. Rufty, for the congregation plans to go forward with the second unit, which will contain additional class-rooms, an assembly-dining room, a kitchen and another rest-room.

Attendance recently reached the 100% mark, and the salary of the pastor has been increased nearly fifty per cent.

Friendship Church, on the same charge, has had a building program in mind for several years and money was being collected for this purpose. In the early summer of 1959, work was started on a new addition to the building, and on remodeling-enlarging of the sanctuary. The new building contains eleven large class-rooms, restrooms, offices, and the pulpit-choir area of the enlarged sanctuary. The basement of the old church has been made into an assembly-dining area and a roomy kitchen.

The seating capacity of the church has been increased about thirty per cent, and an altar-centered pulpit arrangement is being used. With the installation of the pulpit furniture, expected any day, this work will be completed.

Homecoming services combined with the formal opening of the new building will be held Sunday, May 1, with the Rev. J. Max Brandon, Sr., a former pastor, as guest minister for the morning service.

The third congregation, at Center Church, began construction of a long-needed education building in the late summer of 1959. Work was delayed about three months due to the shortage of steel, but has been resumed, and the roof is being placed on the two-story brick building, con-

taining ten class-rooms, a large assembly-dining room, a kitchen and rest-rooms. Remodeling of the sanctuary is being planned upon completion of the new building.

Annual Homecoming Services will be held at Center on Sunday, May 22, with the Rev. Fletcher Nelson of Morganton preaching at the eleven o'clock service.

## Methodist Laymen To Head Southern Safety Conference

*Jacksonville, Fla.* — A Methodist lay speaker was elected president of the Southern Safety Conference as the 21st Annual Conference adjourned here March 9.

Jeff B. Wilson of Durham and Raleigh, N. C., director of information and safety of the North Carolina Motor Carriers Association, will head the conference for 14 southern states from Virginia to Texas. He is a member of Trinity Methodist Church of Durham, serving as a lay speaker for five years.

Wilson, who is also editor of "Tarheel Wheels" magazine, has served the conference as vice-president for public safety, executive vice-president, and five terms on the board of directors.

## Subscription Report

Since our last report, and through March 15, the following churches have qualified for the Honor Roll with at least 10% of their reported members subscribing:

Micro-Fellowship, Rev. McGee Creech; Main Street, Albemarle, Rev. C. H. Dickson; Dryman's Chapel, Rev. A. L. Brown.

Qualifying for club rate with 20% or more subscribing was High Shoals-Iron Station, Rev. R. B. Forward.

## LEET CRUSADE SUCCESSFUL AT BURGAW CHURCH

The Rev. C. Franklin Grill, pastor of the Methodist church at Burgaw has termed the recent L. O. Leet evangelistic "crusade" there "an overwhelming success."

Victory Sunday climaxed the twelve days of meetings, during which every Sunday school class had 100% attendance.

One of the outstanding highlights of the meetings was the song service which featured a youth choir which grew from three voices on the opening night to 25 at the close. On the final Sunday night the evangelist presented a year's program to the official board, which was adopted.

## NEW PARSONAGE BABY

The Rev. and Mrs. Paul B. Scott, Jr., announce the arrival of Paul B. Scott III on March 4. Mr. Scott serves the Macedonia Church in the Raleigh District.

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REVIVAL SERVICES will begin on March 27 at First Church, Taylorsville, with the Rev. J. C. Reichard of First Church, Lincolnton, as guest preacher. Mrs. Bob Heafner will lead the choir, which will sing at each service, according to the pastor, the Rev. Raymond L. Wilkinson, who invites visitors from nearby communities to attend these services.



## Unable to Remain Silent

This is the text of a statement issued by 57 Raleigh ministers on current tensions which are evident in North Carolina. Although it applies primarily to the Raleigh area, many people in other sections of the state will be interested in reading it. A number of Methodist pastors were among those signing the statement.

"In view of the continuing racial tensions and crisis in our region, we as ministers cannot be silent about our convictions. This unhealthy situation must be faced constructively and with a positive program of understanding and just action.

"The issue of discriminatory service at lunch counters is only a symbol of the many problems which need to be faced openly and frankly. These problems deal with the rights, duties, and dignity of all free people in our republic. They are moral and spiritual as well as political and social issues. As Christian men, therefore, we must bear witness to the truth as we see it.

"We speak in a spirit of deep humility. We speak in penitence for our own failures. We make no claim to possess infallible solutions to these problems for which we all share the responsibility. We confess that the problems of discrimination within our own churches have not been solved. While respecting the right of individual opinion, we nevertheless believe that all such varying opinions must be subjected to examination in the light of the Word of God as revealed in Christ and witnessed to through Holy Scripture.

"For us, this matter is not primarily one of social custom but one of allegiance to God's Word through Jesus Christ and His Church. It is not primarily a matter for legal consideration and technicality but for Christian faith, decision, and action. We believe that we must without delay face these issues openly and voluntarily in order to decrease prejudice, hatred, and suffering. We are convinced that our problems must be faced and solved in the spirit and atmosphere of Christ-like love, understanding, and tolerant planning before other crises arise.

### Christian Principles

"We are convinced that the problems of discrimination cannot be solved apart from Christian principles. We affirm that the following relevant teachings from the Bible are basic to the solution of both our church and our community problems:

"1. That God created all men in His own image with equal dignity, giving no superiority to any one race or group of people by nature or worth, but ordaining that they should dwell together as brothers, with justice, decency, and humility in all human relationships.

"2. That God offers all men equally — all classes, races, and nations — the same Lord and Savior and the same promise of redemption.

"That God especially calls all people who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior to transcend all human barriers and to live as new creatures in love, obedience, and service, for His glory.

### Call for Co-operation

"Therefore, in the light of these basic principles, we invite all Christians and the community at large to join with us in the following:

"1. That we support leaders of Raleigh's civic, business, governmental, and religious life in opening and using every possible channel of communication for discussion and understanding of the problems and needs of all races and citizens.

"2. That we encourage individuals and the public to refuse to participate in physical or verbal violence and name-calling.

"3. That we commend students and all other persons who use orderly and non-violent means

in a forgiving spirit to express their views on the practices of discrimination.

"4. That we uphold freedom of speech for all persons, and urge that all of us learn to disagree agreeably over differences for conscience's sake while we search for a solution to our mutual problems.

"5. That we urge prompt steps be taken which give opportunity and service to persons as persons in all community relationships such as worship, education, business and employment regardless of race, creed, or color.

### Fair-Minded Plea

"We call upon the community of Raleigh to be fair-minded — to make the name of Raleigh appreciated for its good human relations and friendliness.

"We feel that Christ would refuse no man food if he were hungry; no child education if he wanted to learn; and no person fellowship if he sought to worship. We believe that Jesus would open the door to every man who knocked.

"Therefore, we call upon every person to seek divine strength and guidance in leading our churches and community to obey God rather than man."

## "Prayer Partner" Movement Launched by Methodists

Nashville, Tenn. — An estimated 235,000 persons are participating thus far in a Prayer Partner Movement that is a part of the Decade of Prayer launched January 1 by the Methodist General Board of Evangelism.

"In the Prayer Partner Movement," said the Rev. Dr. Thomas A. Carruth, Nashville, "two people pray for each other daily by name. They also pray for others and witness to others about Christ and the church."

Dr. Carruth is director of the prayer life movement for the General Board of Evangelism.

He said that each person participating in the Prayer Partner Movement receives a Prayer Partner card and that about 235,000 such cards have been sent out by the Board of Evangelism.

The idea for the Prayer Partner Movement and card was suggested by Harold S. Rogers, Nashville, director of the personal evangelism movement of the Board of Evangelism.

## Greensboro College Gym Nears Completion

Despite a slight delay caused by the steel strike, construction on the new gymnasium at Greensboro College is about on schedule, with the erection of the steel frame completed. The building is expected to be finished by the middle of August.

Dr. Harold H. Hutson, Greensboro College president, said the gymnasium is designed to stress sports which students can use after they complete college, and that co-educational and family-type sports are

being favored on the assumption that this can lead to a more complete family life on the part of students after they finish college.

The gymnasium will contain the college's first swimming pool and the first regulation basketball court. In the past, the college has used the pool at the YMCA for physical education classes.

The basketball area will contain a seating capacity of 700 and the swimming area will seat 200.

Dressing rooms for both men and women students will contain an equal amount of space. Greensboro College, which became co-educational in 1955, plans to have an equal number of men and women students within the next several years.

The gymnasium will contain a downstairs area for an equipment room, a volley ball court, and courts for indoor tennis practice and handball.

The complete sound system will even include facilities for underwater sound so instructors can talk to students in the pool.

The gymnasium will include an electrically-operated scoreboard and diving boards that can be stored so they will be out of the way when not in use.

## Courtesy

By W. A. Rock

Last week I was snow-bound in Charlotte and had to spend the night in the hospital. Other people were marooned there also. Early in the morning, after dozing several hours in a chair in my wife's room, I walked down the corridors of the hospital. In every chair, on every couch, somebody was asleep — men, women, rich, poor, well-dressed, poorly clad. We were all marooned and, in our plight, became one. People who otherwise might never have spoken to each other became friendly; they bought each other coffee and sandwiches.

Later on I saw other examples of this. In the parking lot, two men whom I had never seen, put my chains on my car. In my own yard, when I needed a little push, one of my neighbors, whom I scarcely knew, gave me a hand.

Strangers along the streets gave a shove and a push to another person who was having a little trouble getting along. Neighbors went out of the way to shovel snow or to do other chores for their fellow neighbors, many of whom they did not know.

Why can't we learn some of the lessons we were introduced to in the snow? Does it take trouble or a common plight to cause us to be what we should have been all along? We have allowed some of the genuine Christian virtues to slip from our grasp and, in doing so, have become the weaker.

In these tragic moments in the history of our world, once again we need the basic concepts of brotherliness and neighborliness to control our lives, for unless we learn to live together, we are going to perish together.

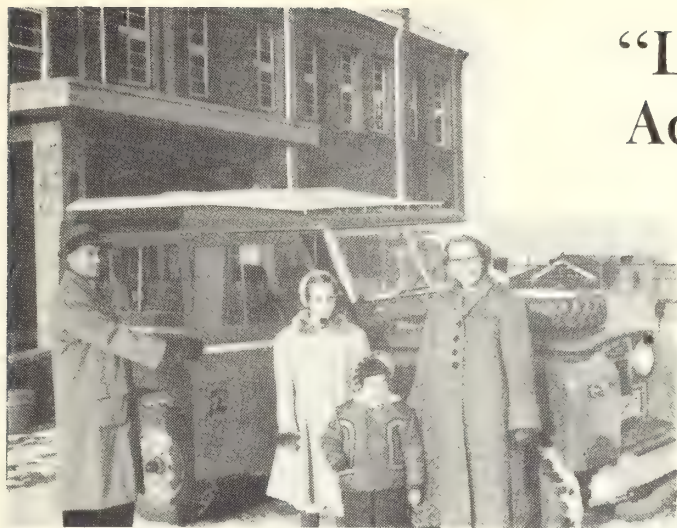
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It is not what you have in your pocket that makes you thankful but what you have in your heart.



# “Land-Rover” Jeep Welcome Addition to Korean Facilities

By MRS. HOWARD DOYLE



*The Stokes family, Charles and Arlene, with daughters, Carol and Jeannie, are shown with the Land Rover jeep in front of the main classroom building of the Methodist Training School in Taejon, Korea. The jeep was a gift to the Stokes from churches in the Greensboro District, and other churches.*

“The Seminary closed for winter vacation just before severe cold set in. This was fortunate because most of our students are housed in unheated dormitories,” so writes the Charles Stokes family from Taejon, Korea. In another part of their letter, they write, “It was cold in the unheated church, but their hearts were warmed as they were lifted once more in praise and thanksgiving to God for His matchless gift,” as they describe the service sponsored by the Woman’s Society on the Sunday night before Christmas.

The Stokes describe many of their Christmas observances — how Carol enjoyed singing the familiar carols in Korean, English and French together with her schoolmates, and that Jeannie was chosen by her Korean friends to portray Mary in the kindergarten’s presentation of the Nativity . . . but Christmas really came for the Stokes on New Year’s Eve when the “Land Rover” jeep arrived in Taejon, or perhaps it was meant to be a New Year’s gift from a number of churches in the Greensboro District with help from other churches.

The Land Rover is especially suited for the mud and snow and rough roads which the Stokes have to travel in Korea. It is most helpful since the seminary in which Dr. Stokes teaches is on the outskirts of the city which is not served by a city transportation system. The car will be used extensively on the weekends as Dr. Stokes travels to the country churches to which he often takes some of the seminary students.

At present the Thomasville District churches are carrying Mission Specials to purchase an apple orchard and a vineyard adjoining the school property. This will provide work scholarships critically needed by the students who attend the Methodist Training School where rural pastors and Bible women receive training in Bible and in theology.

Dr. Stokes, who teaches in the school, helped found it in 1954. At present, Rev. Lee Ho Woon, a Korean, serves as president of the school which now has 117 students enrolled.

The seminary has two departments. One department is open to older students who are only graduates of junior high school. The other department takes in the high school graduates. It is a three-year school, on the junior college level. The ages of the students are from 20 to 30 with some in the early forties. There was one man 56 years old in the class which graduated on February 23. Twenty-eight were graduated and it was expected that all of them would be given appointments at the annual conference which immediately followed graduation. When the vineyard has been purchased and is in full operation, there will be many others going from the school vineyard into His Vineyard. And this isn’t just a play on words, though when one reads the adventure of the Stokes in Korea, it rather seems that way. For instance, the section of the city in which the school is located had the Korean name, “Shepherd Ward.” The Stokes gave the site the name, “Shepherd Hill” and since that time have engaged in training “shepherds and shepherdesses” for the Methodist flock.

Dr. Stokes says the greatest need in Korea today is that of trained leadership. He was one of the three Methodist missionaries in Korea during part of 1950 and 1951 during the Korean War. His work then was distributing relief funds, repairing damaged churches, and securing temporary housing for destroyed churches, helping Christian workers and laymen find transportation, living quarters, and employment during the period of enforced absence from their home. It was during this time that about 500 of the top leaders of the

church in Korea were taken by the Communists, and they have never been heard from since. Now, Dr. Stokes spends a great deal of his time in training new leadership through his teaching and counselling, but all young men who graduate from the theological seminary are required to give three years in the armed forces. This leaves the church still far short of adequate leadership. “It would be possible,” says Dr. Stokes, “to organize a Methodist church in every community in Korea if the leadership were available.” There is no question as to why Korea is one of the “Lands of Decision,” and it would be reasonable to suppose that Korea could become the first “Christian” Asian country.

Dr. Stokes, who was a pastor in the Western North Carolina Conference from 1944 to 1946, was born in Summerton, South Carolina, but he claims Greensboro, N. C., as his American home. He studied at Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky, where he received his bachelor of arts degree and bachelor of divinity degree. He earned the doctor of philosophy degree from Yale University in 1947. He has been a missionary since 1940. Mrs. Stokes is from Orrville, Ohio. Carol Anne, their older daughter, is now 10 years old and Jean Elizabeth is five.

The Stokes live under a heavy schedule a long way from home, but when the annual missions meeting is held, it’s like old home week in Korea. Last September they got together at this meeting with Mrs. George Sidwell, Winston-Salem; Miss Marjorie Yarborough, Sanford; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Pinkston, formerly of Salisbury, N. C., now serving with MCOR. And that’s quite a contribution to the mission field from the Tar Heel state! A picture of this group appeared in the *ADVOCATE* for February 11.

A color filmstrip, 50 frames, with a script giving the story of the mission work of Dr. Charles Stokes and the Taejon Methodist Training School in Korea is available from Rev. Orion Hutchinson, 100 E. Sunrise Ave., Thomasville, N. C.

For friends who would like to write to the Charles Stokes, their address is: (for first class letters only) Methodist Mission, APO 31, San Francisco, Calif. Their foreign address for other mail is: Methodist Mission, 24 Mokdong, Taejon, Korea.



# Ministerial Student Scholarships

*An Abbreviated Report of the Ministerial Student Scholarship Committee working under the direction of the Commission to Study Our Ministry*

The Ministerial Student Scholarship Committee, made up of Edwin L. Jones, chairman, Walter Miller, and Robert G. Tuttle, secretary, working with Douglas Corriher, chairman of the Study Commission, after two years of study hereby reports some of the details of the Scholarship Program to be submitted to the meeting of the Annual Conference at Junaluska, in June. The study has been made with the aid of information from other conferences where Scholarship Programs are now in effect, and with the help of the presidents and leaders of the Methodist colleges of the Western North Carolina Conference.

At the meeting of the 1959 session of the WNC Conference, one-half of one per cent of Items 44, 45 and 47 of Table Two in the Conference Report was set aside by conference action for the Scholarship Program. Thus \$22,000 has been made available for scholarships to be granted for the 1960-61 college term. The conference will be asked to renew this same percentage for next year. (This has already come before the World Service and Finance Commission.)

If the Annual Conference meeting in June adopts the proposed Scholarship Program, the Scholarship Committee will meet at a central place soon after the meeting of the Annual Conference to receive applications and to interview applicants who are seeking scholarship aid for the 1960-61 college term.

The main points of the program which will be submitted to the Annual Conference in June are as follows:

(1) The Ministerial Student Scholarship Committee of the WNC Conference which is to administer the Conference Scholarship Fund shall be made up of the chairman of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications, two ministers of our conference, one of whom must be a cabinet member, and two laymen. (The nominations to be presented to the Annual Conference in June are Mr. Robert Smith of Mount Airy, Mr. Ben Smith of Greensboro, Rev. Douglas Corriher of Charlotte, Rev. Robert G. Tuttle of Asheville. The fifth member to be the chairman of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications for the next quadrennium.) Members of this committee shall be nominated by the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications, subject to confirmation by the cabinet and election by the Annual Conference, with the exception of the chairman of the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications. These four members shall be rotated, each holding a term of four years after the rotation system has been established, meaning that one new member will come on the committee each year. At the beginning of the quadrennium, a chairman of the committee shall be chosen by secret ballot from among the members of the committee.

(2) The annual administrative costs of the Scholarship Program shall be paid out of the funds apportioned by the conference for the Scholarship Fund. A sufficient reserve fund shall be maintained at all times,

and a secretary-treasurer of the fund shall be elected by the committee in order to keep all records, and all monies shall be handled by the conference treasurer.

(3) The entire Scholarship Program now being put into effect shall be set up as a four-year experiment, its future and its permanence to be determined by a careful investigation by the cabinet of the WNC Conference and the Board of Ministerial Training of the conference in the Conference Year of 1962-1963. These two bodies, after their review of the Scholarship Program, shall make proper recommendations to the Annual Conference.

(4) The following details are submitted for the administration of the Scholarship Program:

(a) *Granting Scholarships:* The Scholarship Committee will meet in the spring of each year to process applications and to interview applicants. (This year the committee will meet soon after the meeting of the Annual Conference.)

(b) *Eligibility:* The Western N. C. Conference Scholarship Fund shall be available to Methodist students who have evidenced their desire to become Methodist ministers under the appointment of the WNC Conference, have obtained their local preacher's licenses, are enrolled in one of the colleges affiliated with the WNC Conference, and have successfully completed their freshman year. Special cases shall be considered by the committee involving students thus qualified but attending some other college or university.

The applicant for such scholarship must be recommended by the pastor of his church, his district superintendent, and a representative of the Department of Religion of the institution where he is enrolled. The applicant shall be one who does have need of financial assistance. A recipient of this scholarship must be an undergraduate student, with the exception that a seminary ministerial student may be considered for assistance by the committee in time of extreme financial need.

(c) *Restrictions:* Undergraduate students, while receiving scholarship aid from this fund, are not to serve as pastors of churches. This, however, would not rule out part-time service by an undergraduate under the direction of a senior pastor. This restriction is explicitly stated in order to discourage the use of immature undergraduates in student appointments, since certain students who have been shouldered with such responsibility have failed to maintain a scholastic average sufficient to admit them into a theological seminary.

(d) *Amount of Loan:* \$300 per year shall be the norm recognized as the individual grant, with the understanding that the committee in certain cases may grant a fraction of this amount, or in extreme cases might add supplements in units of \$100.

(e) *Securing the Loan:* Any loan granted from this Scholarship Fund shall be secured by a promissory note, stating clearly the terms of the scholarship, dated and signed by the applicant, endorsed by the applicant's pastor and by the parent of the ap-

plicant, if he is under twenty-one, and by the wife of the applicant if he is married.

(f) *Repayments:* The scholarship grant to the individual may be repaid in service under the appointment of the WNC Conference — i.e., for each year of full time service in the WNC Conference, \$150 shall be considered repaid, with the further provision that a maximum of eight years full time service in the WNC Conference shall repay all monies received by the individual from the Scholarship Fund. If the student for some reason does not continue in the Methodist ministry, or if he shall take appointment in some other conference than the WNC Conference, the note shall be paid in full on a cash basis. Such a cash obligation shall be met in annual payments and shall be paid in full by the end of an eight-year period beginning the first year after graduation from college or seminary. If cash payment is required, the rate of interest shall be 3% per annum, beginning the first year after graduation. If a scholarship recipient shall serve in the WNC Conference long enough to repay in service only a part of his total grant, that part not repaid in service shall be repaid in cash in keeping with the terms stated above, beginning with the year of termination of his service with this conference.

(g) *Counseling:* The scholarship committee shall keep in close contact with all students receiving scholarship aid. The committee shall implement this counseling by an annual visit to the campuses in the WNC Conference where these students are being trained. In this visit, the committee will talk with the students and with certain faculty advisors responsible for the student's guidance. Other students not in colleges of this conference shall meet the committee annually at a place and date designated. Further, a student receiving scholarship aid shall report for counseling to his pastor and to his district superintendent at least once annually.

(h) *Scholastic Requirements:* It shall be required that a students have an acceptable scholastic record at the time of his application, and that thereafter he must maintain at least a high-C average in order to be eligible for the renewal of the scholarship grant the succeeding year. The committee shall proceed in close co-operation with the colleges wherein the ministerial scholarship students are enrolled.

## Young People Conduct Advocate Campaign

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Micro-Fellowship Charge recently conducted a drive for subscriptions to the N. C. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE and secured 31 new subscribers.

The pastor, the Rev. McGee Creech, who is serving his first year on the charge, with the aid of the young people, compiled a list of prospects and assigned these to the workers. In two weeks they had secured the list, which, according to information from the ADVOCATE office, gave the charge its first subscribers to the conference organ this year. Said Mr. Creech, "I know that the official organ of our conference can exert a tremendous influence on the families of our church. Next year, the goal is for the ADVOCATE to be in every home."



# Unparalleled Opportunities in Christian Camping

THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Methodist families of eastern North Carolina are having opportunities in Christian camping that have never before been paralleled in the history of the Methodist Church in this area. Three camps will be in operation this summer of 1960, offering Christian camping experience for all age groups of the Church School beginning with the children of the Junior class. Even the youngest child may be included when a family attends one of the Family Camps.

Camp Don-Lee, Camp Chestnut Ridge, and Camp Kerr Lake will be open to provide additional time for Christian Education in an out-door setting.

Camp Don-Lee, located 24 miles east of New Bern near Arapahoe, N. C., will be the scene of camping for all age groups. Three new features have been added for this summer. For the first time a five-day camp will be offered for the seniors of the Church School (10th, 11th, and 12th grades). Long term camping is planned for the Junior High age groups (7th, 8th, and 9th grades). Two camps of ten days and one camp of three weeks will be conducted for this Junior High age group.

Camp Chestnut Ridge will be in operation for the second summer. This camp is located between Durham and Burlington, four miles south of highway 70 and Effland, N. C. It offers many unique experiences in camping and Christian learning. Inspired by the seclusion, the hills, woods, and streams, the camp is planned to further create the atmosphere of the American Frontier. All buildings have been designed and built to harmonize with the terrain; small, complete camps have been built out through the woods. Covered wagons for sleeping shelters, and preparing and eating food out-of-doors further contributes to the atmosphere of the camp. A new feature will be the swimming pool to be built before the opening of the 1960 season.



## JUNIOR CAMPS

For boys and girls entering grades five and six in the fall of 1960

### Camp Don-Lee

August 1-6 August 8-13 August 15-20

### Camp Chestnut Ridge

Mr. Robert E. Reed, Director

June 13-18 June 27-July 2

June 20-25 July 4-9

July 11-16

### Camp Kerr Lake

July 11-16 July 18-23 July 25-30

August 1-6 August 8-13

## JUNIOR HIGH CAMPS

For boys and girls entering grades 7, 8, and 9 in the fall of 1960

### Camp Don-Lee

June 12-18 July 6-16 (10-day camp)

June 19-25 June 26-July 16

June 26-July 6 (3-week camp)

### Camp Chestnut Ridge

July 17-23 July 31-August 6

July 24-30 August 7-13

### Camp Kerr Lake

June 12-18 June 26-July 2

July 19-25 July 3-9

## SENIOR HIGH CAMP

For those entering grades 10, 11, and 12 in the fall of 1960

### Camp Don-Lee

July 24-30

**Note:** The Conference Board of Education reserves the right to cancel any week of camping when the number of registrants prohibits the satisfactory operation of the camp. Any campers registered for such a week would be given opportunity to register for another week or have their fee refunded.

For the first time the Kerr Lake Camp will be open. Located on the Kerr Dam Reservoir, seven miles north of Henderson, just off highway No. 1, this camp will serve Junior and Junior High groups. Provision will also be made for individual families from local churches to use the facilities for camping.

A change has been made in the registration policy for those attending camp this year. A camper is free to select any week at any camp so long as he selects a time designated for his age group. Unless a camp is filled before the registration is received the camper will be given his first choice of camp and week.

The directors of all three camps are persons who are consecrated Christians and who have had special training in the area of church camping. Counselors are being selected and trained on the basis of their personal Christian commitment and their understanding of and ability to work with campers.

Methodists of the North Carolina Conference, a significant opportunity to extend the Christian Education program of your church school is available. By encouraging persons from your church to participate in this camping program you will be increasing the amount of time for Christian learning experiences. Whether they come as camper or counselor a great experience in Christian fellowship, learning and inspiration awaits each one.

## FAMILY CAMPS

### Camp Don-Lee

July 17-20 July 20-23

### Camp Chestnut Ridge

August 24-27

## COLLEGE ORIENTATION

### Camp Chestnut Ridge

August 17-20

## PRE-MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

### Camp Chestnut Ridge

August 21-24



Left: Cooking Out  
Below: Covered Wagon Sleeping Quarters







# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## What A Find!

By MRS. H. L. HARRIS

Dickie took a pan of dog food out to Skippy who was pawing at the back screen in his eagerness for his supper.

While Skippy was doggishly eating, Dickie looked around. He spied something white and round on the ground under an azalea bush beside the garage. He raced over and snatched up the object.

"A real honest-to-goodness brand new baseball!" exclaimed Dickie at his find. He let the ball fall from right hand to left and back again several times; then felt the hardness of it, and finally just caressed and admired it with his whole heart.

"What a find!"

Then a thought struck him. The joyful expression on his face changed to a quiet look. He remembered seeing Jackie, who lived only two houses down the street, with a new ball a couple of days before.

Dickie pondered: Did it belong to Jackie? He threw the ball up and caught it lovingly, but somehow he felt like a cheat. Then he rolled it on the narrow cement walk between the garage and the back steps, while Skippy chased it.

"Skippy likes the ball, too," Dickie mumbled. "We can really play now."

The sound of his mother's voice calling him brought Dickie up with a start. She would know the ball wasn't his. Then an even more terrifying thought gripped him. His mother had said he could not have another ball until he had learned better than to break out window lights.

"But — a boy wants a ball," he stammered. "She took my other ball and kept it."

A pouting look settled over his face. He thought, "What can I do with it?"

"Come get your snack," his mother called again.

He slipped the ball in his blouse, holding his elbow down over it as he dashed through the house to his room. He didn't even look her way. He slammed the door. Then a smile came to his lips. Daddy had said, "When you don't know what to do, pray it through."

He put his two hands together in an act of prayer, and dropped on one knee. But what should he ask God?

Just then he thought he heard his mother's footsteps. He jumped to his feet, grabbed the door and looked out. No, she was still in the kitchen. His feet felt as heavy as if he had been walking in the snow with his boots on.

She stood in the doorway. "What's the trouble?" she asked.

He banged the door of his room shut. Then he skidded into the kitchen. As he slipped into his place on the bench, he unintentionally kicked the table leg, and caused the dishes to clatter and the silver to rattle. His mother whirled and grabbed his tumbler of milk that was about to turn over.

"Easy, son!" she said.

His eyes fell upon his favorite dish of Boston-baked beans nestling down in their orange-colored sauce. He grabbed his spoon and began. But just as he was gulping down his milk and reaching for more cookies, he heard a familiar voice calling him.

He jumped up, but instead of going to the back door, he dashed for his room. Panic gripped his heart — he must hide that ball!

"This way, son," his mother called out, "the back way."

"Have you . . . come help me . . . f-find my ball," called Jackie from the door.

"What?" said Dickie, trying to look blank and to act as if he didn't know what his playmate was talking about.

"I-I've looked everywhere," Jackie stammered. "It's — it's lost." And he looked as if he wanted to cry. He rushed along looking under the hedge and shrubbery, and searching everywhere — back and front yard. "And it's new, too," he almost sobbed, "my birthday present."

Dickie was so troubled that he only stood and stared as Skippy kept jumping up on him and running back to Jackie.

Finally, Jackie in his desperation and disappointment, as he looked up and saw Dickie seeming to be only playing with his puppy, accused, "You don't care!"

Dickie dropped his head and eyes in shame.

"Well, somebody's got my ball," cried Jackie crossly, "for sure!"

Dickie wanted to speak, but he couldn't utter a sound. Skippy kept trying to get his attention, but he only slapped at his beloved dog. He didn't know just what he was doing. Both the boys had dropped down on the grass. But soon Jackie jumped up and said, "I'm thirsty," and went into the kitchen. After the drink of water he started toward Dickie's room.

Dickie, panic-stricken, tried to bar the door, but Jackie playfully pushed him aside. The first thing his eyes fell on was his ball. "I---I didn't know---" Jackie hesitated.

"I--found it," Dickie confessed, "and was going to give it back to you." But he dropped his head even more, for he knew that was not so. He had really planned to keep it. He felt a peculiar churning in his stomach that caused him to drop down on the side of the bed.

Then Dickie stood up tall. A determined look spread over his face, followed by a bashful grin. "Here it is," Dickie spoke clearly as he reached over and handed the ball to his playmate. It's not mine." Then he pleaded with his eyes as well as with his voice, "Don't be mad at me; please don't."

Jackie fondled his ball, and a loving, happy glow spread over his face. "Let's go catch," he said laughingly.

As they went off to play, a wonderful thought came back to Dickie: *When you don't know what to do, pray it through.*

## Bible Rhymes

### Who Are These Women?

1. Two sisters kept at Bethany  
A home where Jesus loved to stay.
2. She came from afar with banners unfurled,  
To visit the wisest man in the world.
3. Her warning to Pilate was swift and keen,  
But she could not save the Nazarene.
4. A seller of purple dyes was she,  
Who helped the Church more liberally.
5. Looking back was her greatest fault;  
They say she was changed to a pillar of salt.

### Answers to Last Week's Rhymes

- 1.—Noah
- 2.—David
- 3.—Joshua
- 4.—Zacchaeus
- 5.—Stephen



# International Sunday School Lesson

FOR MARCH 27, 1960

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH

Head, Department of Religious Education, Greensboro College

## CHAINED BUT NOT SILENT

*Background Scripture:* Acts 28:16-31; Philippians 1:12-30; Colossians 4:2-18

*Lesson Scripture:* Acts 28:16-24; 30-31

We come now to the end of our study of the ministry of St. Paul. It is a story that ends in uncertainty, for we are not told what the final outcome was. Space does not permit us to speculate on the possible reasons for this. We have to fall back on the saying, "The Bible does not tell us enough to satisfy our curiosity; it does tell us enough . . . for our salvation." If the reader is curious about the possible reasons for Luke's omitting the details about the end of Paul's life, he is referred to the commentaries, especially the Interpreter's Bible, volume 9, pages 349-52.

In any case, we are told that Paul met some of his fellow-Christians outside Rome. We hear no more of his contact with the church to which he wrote what many consider his greatest letter. He evidently was allowed considerable freedom — though not to move about the city. He did, however, make contacts with some Jewish leaders first, and later with a considerable number of them. They came to the place where he was being held prisoner to hear what he had to say. They told him they had heard no evil about him from their fellow-Jews, leaving the impression that they were open-minded on the arguments he was about to present. But they did refer to the Christian cause as "this sect we know that everywhere is spoken against."

We could pause here to point out that very often people can give the impression of being quite willing to listen to opposing views, but at the same time they have no intention of surrendering their prejudices. We are all like this to a greater or less degree. Sometimes we listen to the opposition with only partial attention, concentrating all the while on how we are going to prove them wrong as soon as they stop talking! No one knew this better than Paul, for when he had done his best to convince them only "several of them were won over by his words." To the rest he quoted Isaiah: "Seeing ye shall see, and shall in no wise perceive; hearing ye shall hear and in no wise understand." He then declared he had been fully justified in declaring the truth of Christ to the Gentiles.

The concluding verses (30-31) tell us Paul stayed there "two whole years, welcomed all who came to him, preaching the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ quite openly and unhindered." Was he allowed to go free after that, and to resume his traveling ministry for a while; only to be killed in the Neronian persecution which came a few years later? We simply do not know. Tradition says he died a martyr. Perhaps he was, finally, executed on the charge of being a disturber of the peace among the Jews. He may have had several hearings before his sentence. He intimates in some of his letters that he knew the end was coming for him soon.

Paul's use of his time in prison reminds us that witnessing is not dependent on favorable conditions. To the Philippians he wrote: "For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake (see Chapter 1, verse 29). He also reminded them in this same letter that his imprisonment had afforded him an opportunity to "advance the gospel."

The difference between a real Christian and a

merely nominal one lies in the way the real Christian grasps every opportunity to make his witness.

Paul was evidently an effective speaker and carried many a discussion by the force of his words. There is, however, a kind of witness that demands no gift of gracious or compelling speech. As Harlan Waite has written in the *Adult Student*: "An act of friendship across racial lines, a stand on conscience in contradiction of popular conduct, an expression of love in the face of bitterness and hatred are illustrative of this witness."

Paul spent his last years in prison and wrote some of his best letters from there. Since his time a host of the great and the good have, at one time or another, been prisoners. The roll is a long and honorable one: George Fox, John Bunyan, Mahatma Gandhi, Nehru, Thoreau, and others. But none of these has as good a "prison record" as St. Paul.

## In Memoriam

**LATHAM.** — We the members of the Riverdale Woman's Society of Christian Service wish to pay loving tribute to the memory of one of our dear members, Mrs. Fennie Williams Latham, whom God, in His wisdom removed from our midst December 24, 1959.

As long as her health permitted, she was an active member of her church and was an inspiration to all the members. There was always a joyful, Christian attitude which permeated the entire community in which she lived.

She had a sincere love for her family and home and we feel that God's will has been done. Surviving are her husband, Levi Latham; three daughters, Mrs. Joseph Hughes, Mrs. Albert Bracey, and Mrs. All Aversa and a son, Harvey Latham.

Be it resolved that a copy of this tribute be sent to the family, to the *N. C. Christian Advocate* and to be recorded in the minutes of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. Dewey Conner, President

Mrs. George Butts, Vice-President

Mrs. Thomas Robertson, Secretary

**WILLIS.** — We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Official Board and the Church School of Mt. Olivet Methodist Church in Manteo, North Carolina, together with the Pastor, wish to herewith express our love and appreciation to the memory of Mrs. Lucetta Willis, who passed away on January 20, 1960. She was for many years active in all phases of the church, teaching in the church school and holding various offices on the official board and in the Woman's Society of Christian Service. One of her most outstanding services was her active correspondence with all the youth of the church who were away from home.

Her devotion to her church will always be remembered. Therefore, be it resolved:

That the memory of her dedicated service inspire us to greater efforts in the fulfilling of God's Kingdom on earth.

That we express our deepest sympathy to the family.

That a copy of this tribute be sent to the family, a copy to the *North Carolina Christian Advocate*, and that it be recorded in the minutes of the Official Board and the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. Leatherman, Pastor; Mrs. G. G. Bonner, Chmn. Official Board; Mrs. B. A. Evans, Pres. WSCS; C. E. O'Neal, Church School Supt.

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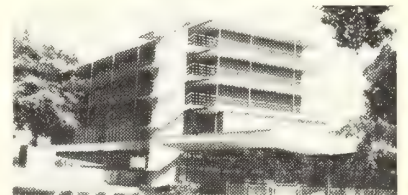
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## IN PASSING

*Tit For Tat, Colonel Gaston*

One of Gastonia Methodism's leading laymen is the publisher of the *Gastonia Gazette*, J. W. Atkins, whose newspaper is read each day in our office, and always with interest. Recently Mr. Atkins picked up an "In Passing" item about the old-time winters and printed it in his column, "Colonel Gaston."

We retaliate this week by borrowing one of the *Gazette's* editorials. We are not sure which of the editorial writers did the job, but it is a good one.

*If Winter Comes . . . ?*

"If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?" asked a famous writer, whose name I have forgotten. The answer is that it all depends. Winter came to North Carolina around the middle of December and according to usual custom, we could look for the first indications of Spring along about the last of February. But now it seems that any crocus bulb which peeks out of its bed during the next few weeks is likely to get nipped.

We may be wrong, and by the time you read this the sun may be shining and the hungry birds singing merrily, while the jonquils bloom and the lilacs bud.

But, at the moment, we are re-phrasing the question: "If Winter comes, will it stay on forever?"

*Spring Must Come*

According to our front page picture, Spring has come. According to the calendar it's just around the corner. But whether or not it will seem like spring when this issue appears seems rather doubtful. When we planned the front cover, we were still snow-bound, but we have faith that spring always follows winter — even if at a distance.

And, speaking of pictures, have you wondered if it was absent-mindedness which made us repeat a picture on this page that we ran two weeks ago? Not at all. We just couldn't resist the temptation to use it in connection with the delightful verse sent in by Brother Houts, who, sitting beside his fireplace in Tennessee in the midst of a blizzard, couldn't enjoy the verse we ran the first time. It wasn't the fault of the poet or the verse; it was merely that our friend was alternately freezing and scorching before his own fireplace while he longed for the comforts of central heating.

The same idea must have come to the Greensboro *Daily News* editor who penned a somewhat disillusioned editorial on the white stuff under the heading, "Snow, the Immovable Snow," no doubt, after driving around the block several times while looking for a parking place.

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Mt. HERMON CHURCH (Mt. Hermon Charge) near Graham, has a new training class for teachers, conducted by Mrs. L. C. Wood. An average of 20 teachers are attending the class.

## Maylo Church Begins Drive For New Building

The congregation of Maylo Methodist Church recently began a drive for a \$100,000 building fund.

The director of the campaign, the Rev. R. P. Gibbs, presented the financial program and asked for individual pledges. The pastor, the Rev. Howard Allred, expressed confidence that the amount would be exceeded.

H. D. Whitener, general chairman of the drive, reported that the 150 persons present pledged \$76,681 to the crusade and said that the remaining 250 members would be contacted and asked for pledges.

## Myers Park Announces Lenten Mission Preachers

Myers Park Church, Charlotte, has announced the guest preachers for the Lenten Preaching Services to be held March 27-30. They are:

Sunday night, March 27 — Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville, Tenn.

Monday night — Dr. Albert P. Shirkey, Washington, D. C.

Tuesday night — Dr. Howard P. Powell, Raleigh, N. C.

Wednesday — Dr. Robert N. DuBose, Columbia, S. C.

All services will be at 7:30 p.m.



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(Answering the poem with same name by Johnnie Speas Carter, in N. C. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 10, 1960)

There's nothing so hot on the front of your shins,  
And nothing so cold in the rear —  
It's ninety in front and twenty behind,  
So where's all the joy and good cheer?

The music of forests — the ring of the saw,  
The sound of the axe loud and clear;  
With snow down your boot, you wouldn't give a hoot  
For all of the joy and good cheer.

You have not the time just to sit and to dream,  
You've got to be out cutting wood;  
No room for your friends to sit all around,  
With them that is well understood.

So save all your poetry, music and such,  
For men who are not in the KNOW,  
For those who afford a good furnace, too,  
And never cut wood in the snow.

— ROY T. HOUTS

P.S. — I ought to know, the blizzard is in, my furnace is OUT.



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Crisp, and cold, and hard;  
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Of the black pit of night;  
Hammered into thin plates  
Of smooth battleship grey,  
As clean and as sharp  
As the celebrated Excalibur:  
And tingles to the bone,  
The touch of fragile fingers.



# LETTERS

## "Keeping the Church Warm"

Dear Editor:

As a layman, I'd like to express my thanks for the spiritual impact the *ADVOCATE* now carries. I especially appreciated the editorial "Keeping the Church Warm" in the March 10 issue.

I firmly believe that if more of our ministers would preach "Christ and him crucified" there would be more warmth, harmony, and understanding in our churches. Hence there would be less division and conflict, for, after all, is that not the primary purpose of the church — to draw men to Jesus Christ by the preaching of the Cross, which is foolishness to man, but for all who will believe it is the way of salvation.

May God richly bless you as you go back into the ministry as a pastor.

Sincerely,

GUY MCINTOSH

Stanley, N. C.

## Put the Bible in the Schools

Dear Editor:

Allow me space in your paper to propose and contend for the teaching of the Bible in the state supported schools of our state. I know of no greater issue that could come before the people. Ample provision is being made for the mental and physical development of our youth while little emphasis is being placed on their moral and spiritual welfare.

It behooves the State to take up this matter, since the homes in this fast age seem remiss in the building of character and instilling in their children the teachings of the Bible, the Book of all books. We have no greater textbook as a guide for the making of real men and women than this, which has stood the test of time, was given by divine inspiration, and is the best seller today of all books.

The church is the product of the Bible. We may keep the State and Church separate, and well it may be, but let not any individual or State or Nation be separated from the Word of God, our only guide to temporal and eternal happiness. The State

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or Nation little knows what it owes the church in holding down crime and making our country livable.

That little church on the corner in any community has a far reaching effect for good on the life of that community. First, it makes that place a safer place to live in. It creates a spirit of cooperation among its people, promotes fellowship, enhances property values, and, above all, holds out to all temporal and eternal life. Who would want to live in a community where there were no churches? Since the presence of the Church in the land holds down the State's crime bill, let the State give the Bible, the foundation of the church, its rightful recognition.

Let the infallible word of God be taught far and wide especially to the young, that education may mean character as well as mental and physical growth. Let the State sponsor the teaching of the Bible, the supreme guide for successful living. Then will the old ship of State safely navigate the turbulent sea of life, enter the harbor of peace and cast her anchor off the golden shore. We read, "Blessed is that state or nation whose God is the Lord."

Raeferd, N. C. ROLAND COVINGTON.

## Liked Article and Editorial

Dear Editor:

I appreciated very much your splendid editorial, "A Forgotten Task," in the February 25 issue. It points up in clear fashion the need for pastors to take personal interest in the religious development and membership training of children in their congregations.

There is real need for a more effective program of training in discipleship and churchmanship in The Methodist Church. Your article is a valuable contribution in this direction. Many thanks for it.

Also meriting the gratitude of your readers is J. Clay Madison's article on "Keeping Those We Have." There is a relationship between the article and your editorial which calls for full consideration throughout Methodism.

It was sad news to read of your resignation as editor of the *NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE*. You have brought stature and richness to the publication and we shall miss your fine editorial touch. Best of good wishes for your continued success as you leave the *ADVOCATE* and carry on your contagious Christian witness in other areas of activity.

With best personal regards, I am  
Cordially,

FRANCIS C. WILSON

General Board of Education,  
Nashville, Tenn.

## More Inspirational Reading

Dear Editor:

In response to the letter and editor's note, headed, "More Inspirational Reading, Please."

I heartily agree with the Rev. Mr. Connor in that we desperately do need more inspirational reading. Some has said, "Many church members are willing to reach for greater spiritual heights than some preachers are ready to allow them." True or not, I feel that the masses of Methodism are hungering for simple and straightforward

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Sincerely,  
GUY MCINTOSH

Stanley, N. C.

**Methodists Take Stands**

Dear Editor:

In the March 17th issue of the *ADVOCATE* I was pleased to read the article, "Methodists Take Strong Stands on Major Issues."

The quotation of Dr. Miller saying that American moral standards are shot to pieces should alert every adult to a higher standard of living, in and out of the home, to fit and prepare this generation's children (to be) the type of citizens of whom we can feel proud and whom the nation will need.

Sincerely,  
MRS. C. B. SMITH

Cary, N. C.

**Editor's Note:** We like the way Mrs. Smith used the term, "higher standard of living." She uses it in the right way. One trouble with us today is that we have been conditioned to think of a "standard of living" as having to do only with more material things. We need, as she says, higher moral standards.

**Ezekiel "Far Fetched"**

I have read with interest your editorial entitled "Ezekiel's Experiment."

The application you make, I think, is "far-fetched." Ezekiel was going down among his own people, and it is hardly an analogy such as you apply.

An editorial of this sort can do nothing but encourage the nefarious sit-down strike in the lunch counters of the South and can do no good to the Negroes.

Sincerely,  
GUY WEAVER

Asheville, N. C.

**"Ezekiel's Experiment"**

Dear Editor:

Thank you so much for your editorial entitled "Ezekiel's Experiment" (March 17), in which you express sympathy for the protests against racially segregated eating facilities.

It is most properly the place of the church and the church publications to uphold justice by speaking out for it in such a manner. The alternative is to leave these important matters to the mercy of heathen elements and pagan values.

If we are to have a revival in Methodism, it must awaken us to a sense of social responsibility and a repentance for the sins of society that we have allowed ourselves to indulge in.

Sincerely,  
(REV.) WILLIAM M. JEFFRIES

**He Reads Editorials**

Dear Editor:

Your recent editorials (March 17) were wonderfully written and I felt compelled to

write you about them. I have also enjoyed each and every one of your articles "In Passing."

Sincerely,  
WALTER J. PAGE

Maxton, N. C.

**Editor's Note:** Modesty forbids printing the entire letter, but we just wanted to prove that someone reads the editorials. At a recent minis-

terial meeting we found only two ministers, who had read them. But, of course, they were busy men. We are informed by some preachers that they only read the "briefs," anyway.

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THE REV. ROBERT F. STAMEY recently presented God and Country awards to Larry Sledge, Paul McDade and Douglas Smith at Main Street, High Point.

# Passion Week

By THE EDITOR

Passion Sunday is little known outside the liturgical churches; Methodists seldom mention it. But in church liturgy it has a prominent place, for, coming one week before Palm Sunday, it serves to remind us that the time of greatest tension and sorrow to the Master was not the last week of his life, but the one before it.

During Holy Week, Jesus was active and cheerful. His mind was made up. He had steadfastly set his face toward Jerusalem and death; now that the time was at hand, he was ready.

But the journey to Jerusalem was a time of testing. At any moment he could have turned back. There was Peter, the impulsive, affectionate friend, standing in front of him in the road crying, "Don't go, Master, we will not let you go." And there was John, the one who loved him most of all, watching with tear-filled eyes which spoke for him the words he did not utter.

As with the Master, so it is with us. It is not hard to die; it is only hard to face death in the darkness of the future. "O Death, where is thy sting?" cried Paul, but we are not Paul, and the prospect frightens us.

Jesus was man, as well as God, and the last week before Jerusalem tested him as nothing had since the temptation in the wilderness. One came at the beginning; one at the end of his career.

So often a man can overcome temptation in the first flush of youth, when duty calls loudly, but when the days lengthen and the shadows creep down upon him, there is the greatest temptation of all. He had made his commitment once in joyous abandon, but the years have taken their toll. Now he wonders if it was worth all of the hard work and the pain. So it is that the retired minister fights the battle of loneliness and disillusionment; the business man fears the enforced leisure, the mother looks back and wonders how she can go on without the encouragement of her little ones.

Those temptations did not come to Jesus. His mother was another sort. But Passion Week brought the final question, "Is it worth it?" And his answer was, "It is worth all that and more."

Jesus went on his way to Jerusalem, despite the warnings of his friends and the threat of his enemies. This week many of us will walk that road along with Him.



# EDITORIALS

## Methodism As a Bridge

The Rev. Robert S. Bilheimer, of the staff of the World Council of Churches, has suggested that Methodism might act as a "bridge church" in the coming negotiations and co-operative efforts between denominations. And editorial comment in *Christian Advocate* (Chicago) says, "No doubt about it, Methodism does stand in the middle among the churches of the world, preserving what is best in the past and reaching forward to what is most promising in the future."

If Methodism becomes the "bridge" it is likely to attempt to span the chasm between the old, established churches of this nation and the new sects which have sprung up in an effort to give people what Methodism once offered. It can only become such a bridge by offering sincere believers in experimental religion what is so seldom found — a combination of genuine piety, social vision, evangelistic passion, and an appreciation and understanding of worship.

There is no doubt that Methodism is well-equipped for this task, at least from an historical and doctrinal standpoint. John Wesley was a combination of High Churchman, street preacher, philanthropist and genius at preaching to people. When Methodism became static, putting evangelism in the background and yet failing to emphasize worship, it lost its grip on the crowd and failed to feed the sheep inside the fold.

The church which Wesley founded must not fail to emphasize the doctrines and practices which made it a pioneering, preaching and teaching church. The smaller denominations which have arisen out of a desire for more "know-so" religion have a right to look to us for encouragement and co-operation in the days that are ahead.

## Birth Control in the Ministry

Editor John Marvin of the *Michigan Christian Advocate* calls attention to the proposal of the Minnesota Conference Commission on Minimum Salary. This proposal, if adopted by the Conference, would call for a child allowance of \$300 for the first child, \$250 for the second and down to \$50 for the sixth. Dr. Marvin suggests that this would seem to call for drastic methods of birth con-

## A LENTEN PRAYER

*Thou has sent thine only Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. O Lord, we believe; help our unbelief. Give us true repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and let the love of God be shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given us. Amen.*

trol on the part of the parsonage families.

We would imagine that the proposal, however it *might* work out, is not directed toward that end, but is only a recognition of the fact that there is just so much money available. It was not so long ago that minimum salaries were almost unknown and the maximum was shamefully inadequate. Despite the fact that the Church cannot completely care for the needs of a large family out of these special funds, we may assume that there is no intent to penalize the fathers of more than six children. Like the thousands of preachers who never received any additional compensation for their children, they must work out the situation by themselves.

This reminds us that the two North Carolina Conferences differ somewhat in handling this same situation. The N. C. Conference has a minimum salary (for conference members) of \$3,500 for childless couples and \$3,900 for those with any number of dependent children. The W. N. C. Conference has a minimum of \$3,600 for married members of Conference and adds \$100 per child up to a limit of six. Thus a father of six dependent children is entitled to \$4,200. "Dependent" in this Conference is defined as: (1) Single (2) not of 18 years of age, or an undergraduate in college whose parents furnish more than half of his support (3) handicapped person who is not capable of self-support.

## Suggestions Wanted

As the Board of Publication makes plans for the coming year, the present editor and the Board would be interested in hearing from our readers as to what kind of church paper they prefer.

Here are some suggestions which have been brought before us by ministers:

1. Stop trying to print devotional ma-

terial and editorials. "We get all we can read and you can't compete with other magazines for good writers."

Make the paper into a promotional organ, listing coming events, printing news about the preachers and churches, progress reports; use big headlines like a newspaper; do away with pictures on the front page; use more advance publicity on Conference projects.

Make the paper the vehicle for promotion of the various Boards and Commissions; let the Cabinets decide what should be printed by consulting with them frequently on policy. "Never allow anyone to say anything critical about policies or plans of the Cabinet or officials."

2. On the other hand, we have received many suggestions from laymen and ministers who propose these ideas:

More pictures. "We especially like the beautiful pictures on the front page."

Carry some informal material in the nature of "In Passing."

"Tell us more about retired ministers we have known."

Give more space to Sunday School lessons, Children's material, and devotional material. "We are not interested in being told at great length about things which we have already read about in the newspapers and promotional literature."

Retain editorials and speak freely on controversial issues.

Keep editorials, but don't get into hot water.

"Do away with the 'Briefs.' They seem to be no more than 'puffs' for preachers who want to see their names in the paper." (We can answer this one by saying that most of the "Briefs" are not sent in by the ministers.)

Well, there you have some of the suggestions. We'd like to have yours — preferably ones fit to print!

## Methodism's Loss

The recent death of Dr. James Cannon, former dean of Duke Divinity School, was a loss to all of Methodism. Scholar, administrator and friend to thousands of ministers and students, Dr. Cannon made a contribution to the church which will long endure.

Conference sessions will not seem right without his presence, his wry humor and his brotherly attitude.

We shall miss him, but we will not forget him.



## Have We Forgotten Something?

By VERGIL E. QUEEN

This question is provoked by the prevailing attitude of the average Methodist toward the meaning of the Holy Communion. It would seem that modern Methodists have not only forgotten the true meaning of the Lord's Supper, they have ceased to *care* or to feel obligated to participate. Why this situation? Is it not strange that we view with indifference this central Rite which has been the focus of the church's worship from the beginning? Is it not more strange that we regard so nonchalantly the very celebration without which there would be no church? For over a thousand years the Holy Communion was the regular Sunday morning service in the pre-Reformation church. The Reformers were deeply concerned about the role of the sacraments in the church. John Wesley received the Holy Communion ninety-three times the last year of his life.

It is a singular fact that Methodism combines the evangelistic and the sacramental elements of Christianity into a synthesis of common worship in which the Holy Communion becomes not only a "means of grace," but a "converting ordinance." We have said much about Wesley's "heart warming" experience at Aldersgate in 1738, but when he wrote to his mother telling her of his new found faith, Susannah replied that she had come into this same experience while kneeling at the altar of Holy Communion. Many of the early Methodists were converted at the Lord's Table! Actually, Methodism's doctrine of salvation is written systematically in the sacramental hymns of the Wesleys.

Undoubtedly, the secularism and sectarianism have done their work. Secularism would deny that anything happens at Holy Communion on the grounds that such a claim is sheer superstition and that modern man needs a new image for his togetherness, a togetherness based on mutual self-reliance.

Sectarianism, on the other hand, would minimize the importance of the Lord's Supper by saying that the Sacrament has divided Christians from the start, and besides that, the Sacrament is only a vague symbol — that nothing really happens when the Rite is observed (not celebrated). In other words, the worshiper receives nothing from the Lord's Table except that which he really brings. Further, sectarianism would beg the matter by saying that, the less



## AM I A CHRISTIAN, LORD?

By WILMA W. HORTON

Have I the strength at my command  
To do or die — to take a stand;  
To fight the lions in the den;  
To turn away from home and friend?  
*Am I a Christian, Lord?*

Have I the faith, if strife should fall,  
To know that God will conquer all;  
To still walk by His blessed side,  
And never falter at His stride?  
*Am I a Christian, Lord?*

Have I the love to carry me  
Through life into eternity;  
To earn the right to see His face  
When I'm laid in my resting place?  
*Am I a Christian, Lord?*

Have I the will to cry aloud  
That I'm a child of God, and proud?  
Or would I hang my head in shame  
And brokenly denounce His name?  
*Am I a Christian, Lord?*

Oh, would I hold my head up high  
And sing His praises to the sky?  
Would I, in spite of all the world,  
Be proud His banner to unfurl?  
*Am I a Christian, Lord?*



often Holy Communion is observed the more meaningful it becomes; that when it is received too frequently it becomes common-place! Moreover, if too much stress is laid on the Sacrament, many will be lured into "eating and drinking unworthily."

Now, none of this is Methodism and Methodists will not be fooled by thinking it is; yet many unwittingly follow this reasoning in their religious practice.

Once again we must seek to recover the awe, the mystery, the beauty, and the transcendent wonder of the blessed Sacrament. Perhaps we might yet discover the glorious fact that something very real can and does happen at Holy Communion, that the risen Christ meets us there and feeds our souls on the Bread of Life. Perhaps we might even rise from the Holy Table healed, restored, forgiven, reconciled, and united in Him. It is possible! So,

Lift your eyes of faith and look  
On the signs He did ordain!  
Thus the bread of life was broke,  
Thus the Lamb of God was slain,  
Thus was shed on Calvary  
His last drop of blood for me!

## Steeple Echoes

By T. R. JENKINS

Granny Stewart was an elderly widow in Edinburgh. She worked as a charwoman in a large hotel, and she was on the job at the stroke of six every morning. Going down to breakfast one morning, a guest of the place had a word with Granny as she was starting to clean the lobby. "So you wash this floor six mornings a week?" he asked.

"I do that!" replied Granny.

"Well, at least I hope you sleep good and late on Sunday, so you get plenty of rest that day."

Granny looked at him with a smile. "No, that's the morning when I get up early, too, to take two of my grandchildren to the kirk (church)."

The stranger seemed pained. "But surely you've earned your rest one morning of the week. Wouldn't it help you to keep going?"

The old lady leaned back on her heels, her red hands in the pail of water beside her, and beamed with joy that comes from positive knowledge. "Och," she exclaimed, "it's going to kirk on the Sabbath that keeps me going the other six days of the week!"

Granny Stewart had something! Going to church isn't a luxury that one can whimsically take or leave. It is a necessity that one sincerely cannot afford to leave. It isn't an extra burden which is added to our already heavily-laden shoulders; it is a much-needed lift to our needful souls.

## An "Upper Room" Devotion

Read Luke 23:39-43

*Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.* (Luke 23:43.)

The thief on the cross said that he was receiving due reward for his life of sin. Nevertheless he asked Jesus' forgiveness. Christ granted salvation to him in those closing moments of life.

By Jesus' own actions we find assurance that whosoever believes in Christ will not perish, but have eternal life.

This assurance is the hope of the world today. By his own righteousness, no man can hope for eternal life. We all live in a sinful world, and by nature we are all sinners. It is only through our belief in Jesus Christ and through His forgiveness of sins that we can be assured of everlasting life.

We have the same choice to make — to believe or not believe — as had the two thieves crucified with Jesus. The price has been paid for our sins, but each of us must believe and put our trust in Jesus if we are to be saved.

LUTHER J. CARUTHER, (Tenn.)



# Modern Circuit Rider Or College President

BY DALLAS MALLISON

Circumstances may have a lot to do with it, but inborn qualities and the element of choice more truly determine the worth and effectiveness of the pioneer. When all are combined in one personality, there is found the true pioneer who leads forth in whatever he may do.

Such a person is the Rev. Thomas A. Collins who is now treading new paths as the president of a new Methodist college. His work as president of the N. C. Wesleyan College at Rocky Mount follows nearly six years as Tar Heel builder of churches. Wesleyan will open its doors to the Freshman class in September, 1960, thus pioneering in Christian Higher Education.

Tom Collins, as he prefers to be called, could very well be called "Mr. Church Extension" himself. In deed and in truth he has played the strategic role in the formation and growth of more new Methodist churches than any other one man in modern Methodism.

From 1953 until 1959 he was truly a modern Methodist circuit rider. To say this is not to belittle the work of thousands of others who worked side by side with him when he executive secretary of the N. C. Conference Board of Missions, stationed in Raleigh.

Brother Collins is very conscious of the fact that he has been and is treading in the direct footprints of his illustrious forebears, from Bishops Asbury and Coke on down to this very hour. First, as builder of churches and now as a builder of a college, he has realized that his work has been and still is that of the evangelist and pioneer.

When the present church extension program was being launched back in 1952-53, Bishop Garber and leaders in the N. C. Conference realized that it was necessary to secure a young, able, and energetic minister for the ambitious, demanding path-breaking assignment as the new secretary of the N. C. Conference Board of Missions. They finally turned to youthful Tom Collins who was rounding out four years as pastor of the new Wesley Memorial Methodist Church in Raleigh, which he had organized and built.

At the rate of about 45,000 miles per year, Tom Collins has traveled a quarter

of a million miles by automobile in crisscrossing the 56-county area of the N. C. Conference. He thus equalled the distance traveled by Bishop Asbury, who rode up and down the 13 original colonies on horseback for nearly half a century.

Perhaps no one in American Methodism, next to Bishop Asbury himself, has had more to do directly with the formation of as many new churches,



REV. TOM COLLINS

certainly in so short a time, as has Tom Collins.

Tom Collins has probably preached in more churches in the N. C. Conference than has Bishop Garber himself or any other minister, which is going some. He has spoken and preached in about 400 churches in the N. C. Conference—which is not far from half of the 850 churches which compose this Conference. In addition, he has conducted numerous tent revivals, spoken in all kinds of non-church buildings, and taken part in hundreds of meetings.

Brother Collins estimates that he has preached more than 1,000 sermons since he became missions secretary.

He played a major role in the conception and promotion of the Ten Dollar Club which has resulted in around \$500,000 assistance in helping nearly 40 new churches to build their first permanent units.

A native of Wilmington on the lower Carolina coast, Collins is a graduate of Asbury College and the Candler School

of Theology. Following a two-year ministry in Georgia, he came to the Gatesville Charge in Gates County (North-eastern North Carolina) 1945-49. From 1949 to November, 1953, he was minister at the new Wesley Church in Raleigh—his first real experience in founding a new church. He then became missions board secretary.

He is married to the former Miss Anna Galloway of Whitehall, New York. A former school teacher, she was attending Asbury College when the two met. She has become a specialist in the woman's side of church extension, having no small part in the forming of at least three new Raleigh churches. They have four children, one girl and three boys.

At 38, Tom Collins has already seen and preached in more Methodist churches in eastern Carolina than does the average minister in a long and fruitful lifetime.

## Support for Church Colleges Said Available

"Much larger financial support is available to every institution of higher learning willing to go out for it," Charles A. Dukes, director of alumni affairs at Duke University, told members of the executive committee of the board of trustees at Louisburg College at their quarterly meeting March 18.

The speaker listed the faculty, trustees, parents of students, alumni, local community, friends and foundations as untapped areas upon which every college can draw. "Those most directly involved in the institution must lead the way in giving if the college is to gain support from others," Dukes declared. He pointed out that every foundation and agency and large individual donor wants to know first what those most directly related to the institution are doing toward its support before they give. Generous support by alumni in many colleges has brought large outside gifts, he concluded.

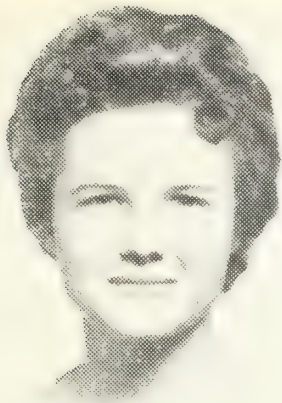
In the meeting presided over by Dr. Edgar B. Fisher of Burlington, the executive committee approved the installation of a pension plan, salary increases for next year amounting to around \$12,000, and the securing of additional faculty personnel to enrich the college's curriculum.

## NOTICE

By action of the 1959 session of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference all invitations to entertain the Annual Conference shall be in written form and shall be placed in the hands of the Chairman of the Conference Entertainment Committee sixty days prior to the opening of the Annual Conference on June 8, 1960. Therefore, invitations to entertain the 1961 session will be received gladly until midnight of April 8, 1960. Invitations should be directed to W. HUGH MASSIE, Chairman, Box 410, Waynesville, N. C., or REV. HARLAN L. CREECH, JR., 605 East Boulevard, Charlotte, N. C.

W. Hugh Massie, Chmn.  
Harlan L. Creech, Jr., Sec.





MRS. JERRY TROXLER

*Mrs. Troxler (formerly Patricia Hughes of Richmond, Va.) has been employed as a director of Christian education at Bethel Methodist Church in Greensboro. She began her duties on March 1, 1960, after becoming a mid-year graduate of Greensboro College, where she majored in religion and philosophy. She and Mr. Troxler were married last July and make their home in Greensboro. She is a native of Virginia and daughter of a Methodist minister, Dr. J. Aubrey Hughes, of Berryman Church in Richmond.*

## Fred K. Macon Receives \$1,000 Scholarship

The Rev. Fred K. Macon, student at Boston University School of Theology, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by the Lilly Endowment, Inc. Mr. Macon is a native of Greensboro and a graduate of High Point College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Macon, Greensboro.

Ordained deacon at the 1959 session of the WNC Conference, he has been serving as student minister at Glendale Methodist Church, Everett, Mass.

The award was announced at the meeting of the Committee of the American Theological Schools in the United States and Canada. In order to receive such a scholarship, the student must show academic excellence and more than usual promise in the pastoral ministry. He must be nominated by the president or dean of the school where he attends.

## World Traveler to Lecture On Russian People

The Rev. Andrew Juvinall of Napa, Calif., pastor of Napa Methodist Church and world traveler and lecturer, will be in the WNC Conference during the week of April 5-9. A writer and photographer, he has lectured in many sections of the country and contributed to magazines and newspapers in several nations.

His lecture schedule includes engagements at Mitchell College and Broad St. Methodist Church, Statesville, April 5; Brevard College and First Church, Gastonia, April 6; Myers Park Church, Charlotte, April 7; Allen High School, Asheville, and First Church, Forest City, April 8.

Mr. Juvinall's illustrated lecture on "Soviet Sights and Sounds" will deal with a tour he led to Russia during the summer of 1959.

## J. W. Clay Honored on 80th Birthday

John Wesley Clay, teacher of the Clay Bible Class at Centenary Church, Winston-Salem, celebrated his 80th birthday as guest of the class which bears his name at Centenary Church on March 19. (The occasion was late, on account of the snow, as his birthday is March 2.)

Mason Swearingen, president of the Bible class, said of him, "He has been an adventurer, world traveler, humorist, author of prose and poetry, a printer, naturalist, star of radio and television, Scout leader and Sunday School teacher."

Despite his 80 years, Mr. Clay has missed only a few sessions of the class which he teaches. Members of the class, some years ago, donated \$3,000 to purchase land for a children's camp near Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, which they named for him. At his birthday party this year they started another fund for another camp to bear his name.



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**MRS. IDA F. CUSHMAN**, mother of Mrs. Jesse H. Lanning of Fayetteville, passed away on March 17 in Tucson, Ariz.

**THE REV. J. W. LINEBERGER**, pastor of Centenary Church, New Bern, will preach in the spring revival to be held at West Burlington Church, April 3-8.

**DR. C. E. ROZZELLE** of Winston-Salem, will be the preacher at revival services beginning April 3 at Hinshaw Memorial Church, Greensboro, assisting the pastor, the Rev. Edgar O. Peeler.

## Gates County Church Will Rebuild After Fire

Zion Church, Gatesville Charge, was destroyed by fire last summer. Last week church officials announced that a contract had been let for rebuilding the sanctuary and classrooms. The new church will be of brick and will have five classrooms, in addition to a sanctuary with a seating capacity of 175.

Ground will be broken on April 3, when the district superintendent, the Rev. R. L. Jerome, will be present. The pastor, Robert N. Knight, and his people extend a welcome to visitors on that occasion.

## Bellemont Church to Be Dedicated April 3

The dedication ceremony for Bellemont Church, Graham, will be held on April 3 at 11 a.m., with Bishop Ralph S. Cushman, retired, as preacher. Superintendent A. P. Brantley, Pastor M. W. Warren and former pastors will participate in the ceremony.

The \$112,000 structure was begun in April, 1956, and completed the following February, during the pastorate of the Rev. Auburn Lore. The educational unit consists of 15 classrooms and a full-length basement with kitchen and fellowship hall. The sanctuary, which has a divided chancel, has a seating capacity of 350.

Originally a Methodist Protestant congregation, Bellemont was started in 1883, when John Cox started holding worship and Sunday School services in various homes. A brush arbor was built in the following year and services held there until winter.

One of the 30 charter members is still living — Mrs. Heenan Hawks, who, at 89, is still active.

Bellemont Mission, as it was first called, became a part of the Mt. Hermon Charge. Friendship became a station some six years ago, and Mt. Hermon will take that step in June, leaving Bellemont and Cedar Cliff to carry on as a two-point charge.





# Older Youth Family Life Conference

By ALICE HOBSON

From the expressed opinion of many of the fifty-two delegates attending, the Older Youth Family Life Conference was a success! The conference was held March 4, 5, and 6, at Christ Methodist Church in Greensboro. Fifty-two persons had pre-registered, but due to the snowy weather that weekend, some ten of them were unable to attend.

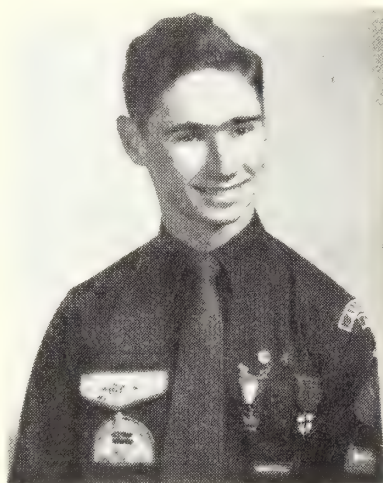
The purposes of the conference: "To consider the task of planning a home and its relationship to church and society" was well carried through by excellent leaders, interesting discussion groups, good films, and good fellowship. Serving as leaders for the conference, which was planned by the Older Youth Council of the Western N. C. Conference, were Rev. Howard C. Wilkinson, chaplain of Duke University; Dr. Charles P. Bowles, minister of West Market Street Church in Greensboro; Rev. R. Harold Hipps, minister of education at West Market Street; Rev. Melton E. Harbin, minister of Christ Church; Rev. Gilreath Adams, Jr., minister of Trinity Church in Gastonia; Rev. Robert H. Love, marriage counselor at Grace Methodist Church in Greensboro; and Dr. Kendon Smith, professor of psychology at WCUNC. Mr. Adams was the director of the conference.

An official business session of the older youth was on the agenda for Saturday afternoon. Conference President Kelley Jones presided over this session and made a talk to the delegates urging more participation in the conference older youth program. After Kelley's talk, the group divided into buzz groups for evaluation of the conference. These evaluations will be passed on to the council for their use in planning a similar conference next year. The next item of business was the election of officers. Kelley Jones of Winston-Salem and Duke Divinity School was re-elected president and Sarah Cooke of Hildebrand and WCUNC was elected secretary. At the close of the business session, last summer's Older Youth Trail Hike slides were shown and much interest was shown in the hikes scheduled for July 19-24 and August 28-September 2 of this summer.

During the weekend, two major addresses were made by Mr. Wilkinson and Dr. Bowles, and two films, "One Love, Conflicting Faiths" and "Marriage Today" were shown. Discussion groups on engagement, college marriages, social drinking, and coordinating church and home were held, with each delegate attending two different ones. A panel discussion Saturday afternoon considered many questions which were raised by the delegates. Informal confabs, fellowship periods, refreshment breaks, and two delicious meals added much to the conference. The concluding item on the weekend conference was a challenging sermon by Mr. Harbin Sunday morning on "Marriage in Christian Perspective."

The older youth who participated in the weekend are anxious to have another con-

ference. They feel that a gathering such as this is helpful to them in meeting problems, and in facing life in the classroom, in the factory, and at the office.



*Jimmy Warren, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben-net Warren of Asheville, recently was awarded the Eagle Scout badge and the God and Country Award. His pastor, the Rev. H. L. Black-welder, presented the God and Country Award in a recent church service in Bethesda Church. Jimmy has been in Scouting since he was eight years of age. A high-school junior, he is vice-president of the Student Council and Junior assistant Scoutmaster of his troop.*

## Carolina Briefs

FAIR GROVE CHURCH was host to Davidson County Methodist ministers and their wives on March 21.

THE ADVOCATE EDITOR is the speaker at Oak Ridge Church during the preaching mission held this week, assisting the pastor, the Rev. J. M. Burton.

MAIN STREET CHURCH, High Point, will hear the Rev. Harold Robinson of First Church, Salisbury, in revival services, April 3-8.

THE REV. MILLARD C. DUNN, superintendent of the Fayetteville District, will begin revival services in Christ Church, Fayetteville, assisting the pastor, the Rev. Jesse H. Lanning, on April 3.

SPRING REVIVALS are scheduled for the three churches on the Friendship-Shady Grove Charge: Shady Grove, March 27-April 1, the Rev. Edgar H. Nease, Jr., preacher; Warlick's Chapel, April 24-29, the Rev. Neil E. Smith; Friendship, May 1-6, the Rev. John R. Sills.

ST. PAUL CHURCH, Durham, began preparation for the revival services to be held April 3-8 by two days of visitation. Bible

Study will be held each morning at 10 a.m. and evening services at 7:30, when the Rev. Thomas Langford, professor of religion at Duke, will preach.

DR. PAUL HARDIN, pastor of First Church, Birmingham, will conduct a series of services at Dilworth Church, Charlotte, April 3-7. Dr. Hardin was for 22 years a pastor in the WNC Conference, and was special preacher at the 1959 Annual Conference.

MISS SUDIE HUNT DOUGHTON of Durham is scheduled to arrive in Santiago, Chile, next month to begin a three-year term as a missionary. She will teach at Sweet Memorial Institute. She is now in Costa Rica, attending the Spanish language school for American missionaries.

KENANSVILLE SUB-DISTRICT MYF, Goldsboro District, recently sponsored a workshop at Kenansville Methodist Church on boy-girl friendships. Youth of other denominations attended with an enrollment of 96. Dr. Haywood L. Harrell of Pink Hill Methodist Church was leader.

FOUR WELL-KNOWN MINISTERS of the WNC Conference will speak to the congregation of Main Street Church, Kernersville, this week, according to the pastor, the Rev. Sherrill B. Biggers. They are: Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, superintendent of the Winston-Salem District, Sunday; Dr. Mark Depp, pastor of Centenary Church, Winston-Salem, Monday; Rev. Ralph Taylor, First Church, Lexington, Tuesday and Wednesday; and the Rev. Roy E. Bell, First Church, North Wilkesboro, Thursday.

### BISHOP HARMON VISITS CENTENARY CHURCH

Bishop and Mrs. Nolan B. Harmon of the Charlotte Area were the guests of Centenary Church, Winston-Salem, on March 20, when the bishop spoke at both services, attended a reception following the evening meeting, lunched with the committee on education on Monday and addressed a dinner meeting of the official board on Monday night.

### GREENSBORO CHURCH BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW BUILDING

Centenary Church, Greensboro, which has served Methodism for many years in what is now a crowded industrial area, will break ground on April 10 for its new building to be erected in a new residential area on the north side of the city.

### BISHOP COORS DIES

Bishop D. Stanley Coors, 70, head of the church's Minnesota Area since his election to the episcopacy in 1952, died March 6 in his St. Paul home. He had been in poor health for some time and would have been retired this summer under the age limitation rule. As an outstanding Michigan pastor, he was elected to six General Conferences, heading the delegation five times. He was vice-president of the Board of Temperance. He was a graduate of Albion College, with Phi Beta Kappa honors, and held degrees from Drew Theological Seminary and Columbia University.



# What We Are—Not

BY GLENN M. FRYE, Jackson, Mich.

A young pianist of unusual artistry, came to give a concert at the First Methodist Church, Omaha, where I was assistant pastor. At the beginning of his musical education, the minister of the church had sponsored him. With this personal and effective backing every seat had been sold for the performance.

He went to the Steinway Piano store to arrange for one of their better concert grand pianos. The manager wanted him to be satisfied with a rental instrument of lesser quality. He insisted on talking to the owner of the business and had come back to the church office waiting for a call.

I was sitting near when the young pianist was summoned to the phone. A big voice on the wire said, "Are you the man who wants to rent a piano? Who in H—— do you think you are to demand the best piano in my store?"

The boy answered quietly, "Sir, I am nothing. But music is everything." You could just hear the bluster draining from the big man, in the quiet that followed. After a long pause he said, "Come down and see me." A music lover himself, he made the mistake of asking the boy to play. Completely captivated by the boy's brilliance as well as his humility, he gave him one of his best instruments for the concert, and would not charge either rental or drayage.

It was not what the young pianist *was* that weighed so heavily in his favor, as what he was—not. Jesus said, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." J. B. Phillips translates this Beatitude, "Happy are those who claim nothing, for the whole earth belongs to them."

Few of us have talents or moral worth of great consequence. Everyone has serious qualifying defects. As human gods, our feet are of clay. Anyone searching for moral perfection in us would be readily discouraged. We would not dare offer ourselves as goal or guide.

It is not what the disciple is that counts, but what he is—not.

The man who believes in Christ, who has trusted Him for the forgiveness of his sins, and who has determined to obey Him is in Christ's way. But he is far from being a perfect example. His heart belongs to Christ with a strange elation and a firm purpose.

But let that same man brag about

God's love in Christ, ah, that is different. His position now is unassailable. Now he can advance into the enemy's country, not just fight desperately to keep the ground already attained. He is strong just when he is—not.

A mother of quick temper worked faithfully with her little daughter to help her grow out of temper tantrums. Then, one day, the mother became very angry. The girl said, "Mommy, you are so angry. Why scold me when I get angry?"

Instead of assuming what she was not, the mother said, "Cindy, mother has the same problem of self-control which you have. You must help mother to be a better Christian, and mother must help you." And together they knelt in prayer to Christ who helped them both.

"Happy are those who claim nothing for themselves. The whole earth belongs to them." When we stand in honest appraisal of our weakness, then we are strong. Awe and lowliness of spirit before Him is our hope. In Christ our strength depends not on what we are, but in what we are—not. — *Michigan Christian Advocate*.

## New Booklets on Evangelism

*The Evangelism of Jesus*, by Mack B. Stokes, is a volume of 96 pages designed for personal reading and study, and as a group study book. There has been a general feeling that The Methodist Church must go deeper before it can go further in its evangelistic activity. Accordingly Methodist Evangelistic Materials asked Dr. Mack Stokes, associate dean and Parker professor of theology, Candler School of Theology, to prepare a study book that the local church Commission on Membership and Evangelism could take up as the first of a series of church-wide studies in the deeper meanings and implications of evangelism.

The result is a highly attractive book with an introduction and ten chapters. The ten themes with which Dr. Stokes deals are: *Jesus Used the Scriptures*, *Jesus Used Everyday Experiences*, *Jesus Asked Key Questions*, *Jesus Went Straight to the Point*, *Jesus Confronted People With Responsibility*, *Lostness and Judgment*, *Jesus Used the Ministry of Healing*, *Jesus Associated Intimately With All Kinds of People*, *Jesus Led People Into a Right Understanding*, *Jesus Enlisted Others in Planned Evangelism*, and *Jesus Gave Himself*.

At the close of each chapter he has arranged pertinent and thought provoking questions, followed by "Some Suggested Conclusions." In the foreword the editors say, "Here is a volume that can be used both for personal reading and for church groups, midweek services, informal Bible

groups, fellowship groups, Fishermen's Clubs, and all kindred groups who witness for Christ — including "The Twelve" in the new "Decade of Dynamic Discipleship."

Single copy, 50¢; quantities of 12 or more, 35¢ each.

Two new leaflets on Methodist beliefs are *Five Methodist Beliefs*, by Bishop Gerald Kennedy, and *Prominent Doctrines of Methodism*, from *The Methodist Primer*.

Bishop Kennedy discusses these five beliefs: I — Experience; II — Freedom; III — Responsibility; IV — Enthusiasm; and V — Perfection. In his matchless style he makes these five beliefs stand out in a compelling manner. 3¢ each, 25 for 75¢, 50 for \$1.00.

Recognizing that no finer brief statement of Methodist Doctrine has been presented than that in *The Methodist Primer*, the section on "Prominent Doctrines of Methodism," has been lifted out and issued as a beautiful, illustrated leaflet of 12 pages. Here Bishop C. C. Sealeman deals with 13 doctrines of Methodism that represent the great truths that we have emphasized throughout our history. In this convenient form, this section is readily available to hand prospective or new members or to distribute to the whole congregation. 5¢ each, \$4.00 per 100.

Order from: METHODIST EVANGELISTIC MATERIALS, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 5, Tenn.

## Dr. Carl King Attends White House Conference

The 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth — the Golden Anniversary Conference marking fifty years since President Theodore Roosevelt called the first session in 1909 — will be a significant event in Washington from March 27 through April 2. Some 7,000 delegates will represent three types of organizations dealing with children and young people. These include federal government agencies, state-appointed committees, and 500 other groups composing the Council of National Organizations. The conference will examine environmental influences on children and youth and survey the current scene from the standpoint of personal and individual involvements. Major themes are "The World Around the Young" and "The Young in the World."

Carl H. King, executive secretary, Conference Board of Education, is attending this conference this week as one of the seventy delegates from North Carolina.

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¶ THE REV. R. L. CROSSNO of Havelock will conduct revival services at Pleasant Plains, Buie's Creek, April 3-8, assisting the pastor, the Rev. Lewis H. Morgan. Mr. Crossno is a former pastor of Pleasant Plains, now serving Cherry Point Church.

¶ DR. JOHN R. CHURCH was the speaker at the Pender County Evangelistic Rally on March 27 at Rocky Point Grammar School, as a climax to what the Rev. Ed. Osteen calls "a great year for evangelism in the Pender County area. It began last fall when nearly 100 persons from Pender County attended the Evangelistic Rally at Raleigh."



# Women In the News

## W.S.C.S. Promotion Reports Show Gains

By MARY GARDNER

Mrs. C. H. Boyd, secretary of promotion, N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, has announced several new societies and a substantial gain in membership during the second reporting period of the current conference year.

Nine new Woman's Societies of Christian Service and 847 new members bring the number of societies to 754, with a membership of approximately 33,582. The conference also has gained six new district members during the second reporting period, bringing the number of members in this category to 65. These district members are expected to serve as a nucleus for future new societies in their respective churches. Two districts, Burlington and Goldsboro, were 100% in reporting for the second reporting period.

"The North Carolina Conference is making progress in many areas," Mrs. Boyd declared, "and I am grateful for the women on the local level who make our gains possible."

### Annual District Meetings Scheduled

The nine districts of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service have scheduled their annual meetings to be held during April.

Dates, meeting places, and district presidents include: New Bern District, April 19, Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church, Greenville; Rocky Mount District, April 19, Nashville Methodist Church, Mrs. R. K. Atkins; Burlington District, April 20, Siler City Methodist Church, Mrs. George Ratterman; Durham District, April 20, Oxford Methodist Church, Mrs. J. E. Sponenburg; Fayetteville District, April 20, Red Springs Methodist Church, Mrs. H. R. Odom. Also, Goldsboro District, April 21, Kenansville Methodist Church, Mrs. Cecil Pate; Raleigh District, April 21, Fairmont Methodist Church, Raleigh, Mrs. D. H. Sutton; Wilmington District, April 21, Tabor City Methodist Church, Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr.; Elizabeth City District, April 28, Parker's Methodist Church, Mrs. Joseph R. Bryant.

## The Little Church Goes Travelling

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

The little church used in many programs of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the Western North Carolina Conference has travelled all the way to South America and is meeting with the same love and joy that it found in North Carolina.

South American women are thrilled to take part in building the little church and each one sets her section of the church in place as lovingly as did other women on this side of the equator.

The miniature church was made by one of the retired ministers at the Methodist Home for the Aged in Charlotte and it was made so that it could be put together in sections. As each speaker put her section in place, she told how important it was to lay good foundations, make good floors, erect sturdy walls, put on a roof and a steeple, etc.

The program was so effective and the little church so attractive that it travelled all over the conference — and even had its picture in *The Methodist Woman*. Mrs. Charles Clay saw the church, and the women of the WNC Conference gave her a little church to take back to South America with her.

She writes, "Another interesting time it served was the big quadrennium meeting of the Latin American Federation of Methodist Women, held in Rio de Janeiro in January, with representatives from ten countries present. A delegate from each country helped to 'build the church' and all were impressed with the spirit of co-operation, so graphically illustrated. I wish you could have seen that service. Thank you and the women of the WNC Conference again for giving it to me."

Mrs. Clay said also, "I have used the little church about 25 times in the two years we've been back — in Sunday Schools, church services, Woman's societies, and especially last year in all of the district meetings of the WSCS in this region."

### North Carolina Women who Plan To Attend General Conference

Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford of Asheboro, president of the Woman's Society of Western North Carolina Conference, is one of the official delegates from this conference to the meeting of the General Conference in Denver on April 27-May 7.

Mrs. Cranford was elected at the meeting of the Western North Carolina Conference at Lake Junaluska last June. Since that time, she has been assigned to serve on several committees. Now all of the spare time she can find, she is using in concentrated study, learning all she can about the functions and problems of the committees on which she will serve.

Mrs. Nolan Harmon of Charlotte, North Carolina's first lady of Methodism, will accompany her husband, Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, to the conference.

Other women in the conference who plan to attend are Mrs. Ralph Ward of Hendersonville, Mrs. Robert Tuttle and Mrs. Embree H. Blackard of Asheville; Mrs. Walter J. Milier, Mrs. Edwin L. Jones, Mrs. Paul R. Erwin and Mrs. A. Glen Lackey, all of Charlotte; Mrs. Tom Little of Wadesboro, Mrs. E. C. Few of Gastonia, Mrs. Clay Madison of Greensboro, Mrs. J. W. Fowler, Jr. of Lake Junaluska, Mrs. Robert Smith of Mt. Airy.

Others are Mrs. John Carper of Thomasville, Mrs. Hugh Massey of Waynesville, Mrs. Lee F. Tuttle and Mrs. M. T. Lambeth of Win on-Salem.

### The Charles Clays to Attend General Conference

The Rev. and Mrs. Charles Clay, missionaries to Brazil, will be in the United States to attend the meeting of the General Conference of the Methodist Church to be held in Denver, Colo. April 27-May 7, according to a message received this week.

The Rev. Clay was elected delegate from Brazil to General Conference. Mrs. Clay will accompany him as far as North Carolina, she says. They plan to be in the states about six weeks in all — long enough to have time to visit their children, Robin in Winston-Salem, Helen at High Point College, and John at Randolph-Macon's Men's College . . . as well as aunts, brothers, sisters, cousins . . . and others.

### Supply Asksings

The funds given in Supply Work during the 4th quarter will be used for the Department of Work in the Home Fields of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Mrs. G. E. Brown, secretary of supply work in the WSCS of the Western North Carolina Conference, is asking that every society in the conference make a generous donation to this cause and that the money be sent to the district treasurer by May 1st.

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THE WEST FORSYTH CHARGE (Winston-Salem District), composed of Doubs, Elm Grove and Pleasant Hill churches, will observe the week of April 10-15 with services each evening at 7:30 at Pleasant Hill Church, Dozier community. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Thursday evening of that week, according to the pastor, the Rev. Kyle N. Smith.

*The Little Church in action in South America. The president of the largest Woman's Society in Brazil helps Mrs. Charles Clay assemble the Little Church to be used in a devotional message to the National Conference of Adults of the Methodist Church in Brazil.*





Mrs. Brown also urges Methodist women to remember to save the coupons from the designated lists of products. This represents a substantial gift to the Bethlehem Centers each year.

## News of Marlene Harmon

Many problems in the mission field confront Miss Marlene Harmon as she begins her second term at Kapa ga in Elisabethville in the Belgian Congo in Africa.

Miss Harmon was on leave in the United States, then spent several months in Belgium at a language school before returning to Africa. She is supported by the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Western North Carolina Conference.

In writing to her friends at home, she cites "the baffling problems" facing every missionary in any part of the world. She feels concerned about "the lack of missionary and African personnel to maintain and extend the program which is necessary," and she tells of the 430 patients treated each day in the hospital at Kapanga and a staff of only two missionary doctors, one missionary nurse and 17 African nurses, who also have the responsibility of teaching in the nursing school and in the midwifery school.

Miss Harmon mentions another problem, "the unfilled needs which are our present opportunity . . . hundreds of eager children, youth and young adults are looking forward to the day when we can replace our three-room mud hut social center with a permanent building. Hundreds of classrooms and teachers are needed in the villages to provide schooling . . ."

But she finds that "Perhaps the most 'baffling problem' is within the African himself as he seeks stability and security in a country where change is daily and the future so uncertain. He is now experiencing the pains of growing into a civilized nation and this very fact is having repercussions in their daily lives. Leadership is demanded, but abilities to visualize the implications of leadership are inadequate."

## Fifty Million Gamblers in U. S. Says Statistician

Washington, D. C.—The gambling fever is so powerful that 50 million adult Americans gamble regularly, "butting their heads and dollars against odds that make it impossible for them to win," a Methodist seminar group was told here.

"Nearly all gamblers are motivated by the desire to get something for nothing," said Dr. Ernest E. Blanche of Kensington, Md.

Formerly the Army's chief statistician and long a college teacher and consultant on gambling, Dr. Blanche spoke at a National Seminar on Alcohol and Gambling Legislation held here Feb. 9-12 by the Methodist Board of Temperance.

He is author of the book, "You Can't Win," published by Public Affairs Press.

Most gambling games are crooked, Dr. Blanche said, and even when they are honest the odds are such that, over any period of time, the bettor can't possibly win.

He added:

— Some 26 million Americans play bingo, buy lottery tickets, take part in raffles or attempt to beat the baseball and football game pools. Bingo operators pocket

a profit of 50 to 80 per cent. The "take" of operators of baseball and football pools often run as high as 80 or 90 per cent.

— The 14 million slot-machine addicts wage a perpetual losing battle because all slot machines are fixed to retain from 40 to 80 per cent of the money put in them.

— About eight million Americans waste time and money trying to beat the numbers game — "a form of lottery which is very popular in large cities and is generally classified as the poor man's form of gambling." Operators pay off at the rate of only 400 to 600 to 1.

— About half the states have legalized horse-race betting. The states get from 3 to 6 per cent of the money bet, and the track operators get the rest. "For every dollar wagered legally at the tracks, a hundred dollars are wagered illegally with bookmakers throughout the country."

— Carnival games "are strictly gyms."

— Punchboard operators pocket between 50 and 70 per cent of the cash paid for chances.

"Although I've spent a substantial part of my life studying the techniques of gambling and foibles of gamblers," Dr. Blanche said, "I still can't figure out why, really why, people gamble."

Another "expert," Downey Rice, Washington lawyer and former FBI agent, warned that there is an upsurge in many states to legalize gambling in the hope of gaining revenue.

He said that records show that gangsters are behind most gambling operations, and even when a state legalizes a form of gambling the gangsters stay on to run clubs and rackets.

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## MRS. CONSTANCE FURMAN HERBERT

Though she always called Greenville, S. C. her childhood home, she was born in Sumter County during the Civil War. Her father, a Confederate officer, was then at the battlefront, her mother refugeeing among friends and relatives in Sumter County. Her father, Dr. Charles Manning Furman, was for many years

head of the department of English at Clemson College, S. C. Her grandfather was Dr. James Clement Furman, the first president of Furman University at Greenville, S. C. The Greenville Baptist girl, Constance Furman, married Walter Herbert, son of the Methodist presiding elder, Greenville District, in 1888. She and papa served many pastorates together and in several district parsonages. When papa died in 1932 she said to me, "Son, you are my preacher boy. I will tell you something I never told your father. I still have a lot of Baptist in me." Mama went the gamut of service in the Methodist Church, in the early years in the children's and youth work in the Woman's Missionary Society; she went on then to conference leadership, serving for eleven years as S. C. Conference president, Women's Missionary Society.

Mama became the mother of ten children, rearing nine to manhood and womanhood. Following the Methodist parsonage custom, they were all sent to Methodist colleges, each graduating at a Methodist college, in North or South Carolina or Virginia. An infant daughter, Constance, died at Columbia when papa was pastor of Main Street church there. Harriett, a school teacher, died in New York in mature life. Carlisle, a lieutenant, died in World War I in France and lies near Paris at Langres. Anne served as a missionary nurse in Shanghai for twenty-one years, since which time she has been caring for mama in the little home at Sumter. Other surviving children besides Anne are: Mrs. H. H. Lester of Jackson, Mississippi; Mrs. Hughes Roberts of Chase City, Virginia; Mrs. A. C. W. Baskin of Spartanburg, S. C.; Walter C. Herbert, head of the Music Dept. at Ga. Tech, Atlanta; Dr. Henry Herbert, psychiatrist, Florence, S. C.; and Furman, member N. C. Methodist Conference, retired, Rt. 2, Chapel Hill, N. C. Mama's brother, Alester G. Furman, survives at age 93, Greenville, S. C.; her sister, Mrs. E. R. Pendleton, Baptist preacher's wife, age 89, at Brevard, N. C.

Mama was South Carolina's Mother of the Year in 1948. She very much enjoyed the fellowship with members of the American Gold Star Mothers Association, sponsoring a meeting of the National Association at Sumter a few years ago.

She died in the Faith at ten o'clock on the night of March 8 in Sumter, at age 95. That's her story. She was a good mother. I am grateful for her life.

J. FURMAN HERBERT

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# Methodism on the March in North Carolina

For some two hundred years the Methodist Church has been an effective agent in evangelizing the world and trying to make people Christian in all areas of life; and this has been especially true more lately here in North Carolina and our capital city of Raleigh. A new day of challenge and opportunity is upon us in this community.

Raleigh's population is growing fast, and will doubtless be a hundred thousand in a few years. New suburban communities are springing up which call for the extension and ministry of the church in these parts.

Like most other communities in North Carolina, Raleigh remained comparatively static and constant until some 20 years ago. During those years Methodism was represented in Raleigh by Edenton Street Church, Jenkins Memorial and Central (now Trinity) churches. But 23 years ago Hayes Barton Methodist Church was organized with the Rev. Leon Russell as its first pastor. Then came Fairmont Methodist Church in 1937 with the Rev. O. L. Hardwick as its first pastor.

Since the second World War, eight new Methodist churches have been organized in Raleigh, and are functioning as live and effective institutions.

Westover, organized in 1945, 512 members, property valuation \$111,601.

Wesley Memorial, organized in 1950, the Rev. Thomas A. Collins, pastor; 312 members, property valuation of \$85,500.

Longview Gardens, with the late William Carlisle Walton, Jr., first pastor; organized in 1953, 400 members, property valuation of \$185,000.

Highland, organized in 1954, the Rev. Brooks Patten, pastor; 307 members, property valuation \$150,095.

Layden Memorial, the Rev. Conrad Glass, pastor; organized 1956, 169 members, property valuation \$72,500.

St. Mark's, the Rev. Henry Bizzell, Jr., pastor; organized 1956, 129 members, property valuation \$100,000.

Wynnewood Park, organized 1956, the Rev. Jack Crum, pastor; 82 members, property valued at \$10,000.

Asbury, organized in 1959, the Rev. John Wesley Jones, pastor; 35 members, property valuation \$8,000.

Millbrook Methodist Church, a few miles north of Raleigh on the old Wake Forest Road, is about a hundred years old. Raleigh's suburban population is extending nearly that far north, thus bringing Millbrook into the community of Raleigh churches. It has a membership of 205 and a property valuation of \$35,000.

These make 14 Methodist churches now in Raleigh as compared to six prior to 1945. These 14 churches have a membership of 9,074 and a total property valuation of \$3,740,086.

All these new Methodist churches founded in Raleigh since 1948 have been sponsored and aided by the Raleigh Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, Inc., which was itself organized in 1948.

The City Board of Missions and Church Extension is auxiliary to the Conference

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By W. A. CADE

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Board. It is an organization and agency of all the Methodist churches of Raleigh in meeting their responsibility to give the ministry of the church of Christ to the ever growing number of people in this community. As soon as one of these new churches is organized it becomes a member and patron of the board as well as a beneficiary. Each and all of the churches have representatives on the board and include it in their budgets.

The City Board has regular monthly meetings well attended. In co-operation with the Conference Board it makes surveys and recommends the organization of new churches to officers of the North Carolina Annual Conference which has the sole authority to constitute and organize new churches within its bounds, and to assign them preachers.

The local Methodist churches through this common agency help procure appropriately located and adequate size lots for the new churches, secure parsonages and contribute to the support of the preachers the first few years; and assist in other practical ways in helping the new congregations get started on what may be expected to be an endless life and service. This is an effective, practical and thrilling response to the command of Christ to be his witnesses to people near as well as to those far away.

This awakening and up-surge of the human spirit that is taking place all over the world far exceeds the renaissance of the middle ages. There is much in it that is ugly and dangerous. The material and secular tend to predominate over the mind and spirit. Herein lies the opportunity, challenge and ministry of the church. Will the new world now in the making be Christian or pagan?

Methodism, like the other churches, is awakening to this new challenge and opportunity. Especially is this true in the North Carolina Conference which embraces the eastern half of the state. During the last six years 36 new Methodist churches have been organized, and 40 others are waiting to be built.

The building of these depend upon the vision and generous giving of the Methodist people in the continuing support of their Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension, and a special agency of the Board known as "The Ten Dollar Club." This is a voluntary group of several thousand people, each committed to giving ten dollars for the building of each new church, not to exceed three calls a year.

Not only have many new churches been organized and built but many circuits consisting of from two to a half a dozen small churches have been divided into two or more pastoral charges. There are now 465 pastoral charges in the conference, with a total of 827 organized churches.

This new awakening of the Methodist people in eastern North Carolina is expressed, not only in these new churches, but

in a renewal of the spirit of evangelism which has been the historic genius and emphasis of Methodism since the days of John Wesley.

A new and unprecedented effort is now in process in the field of Higher Christian Education in the founding and building of two new senior colleges here in eastern North Carolina: Methodist College at Fayetteville and North Carolina Wesleyan College at Rocky Mount. These will open for their first students in September of 1960. These two new colleges together with the historic and revitalized Louisburg College, and the truly great Duke University at Durham, put the North Carolina Conference in the front ranks of education.

This is not half the picture of Methodism in North Carolina, for the Western North Carolina Conference embraces the western half of the state, and is much larger in membership and number of churches than the eastern conference. The two conferences have much in common: Duke University, Greensboro College and High Point College. The western conference has sole responsibility for Brevard and Pfeiffer colleges. The western conference owns and operates a large Children's Home in Winston-Salem and a splendid Home for the Aged at Charlotte. The North Carolina Conference has similar homes for children and the aged at Raleigh and Durham.

Both the eastern and western conferences are participating largely, and more and more, in a comparatively new kind of institutional ministry through their summer camps and assemblies. At Lake Junaluska in the mountains beyond Asheville, the Methodist Church of the Southeastern Jurisdiction owns and operates a magnificent summer assembly which is attended each year by thirty thousand or more people. Both conferences conduct several summer camps for their young people. The North Carolina Conference has four such camping places consisting of eight hundred and twenty acres. Last summer 2,2667 young people attended them.

Yes, the Methodists are on the march in North Carolina and the Capital City of our great state; but they do not march alone. The other denominations also march with them.

## UNPRECEDENTED DEMAND FOR CONFERENCE SEATS

An unprecedented demand for guest seats for the 1960 General Conference has swamped the committee with more than twice as many requests as there are available places. The Rev. Dr. J. Otis Young, Chicago, chairman of the committee on seating arrangements for guests, said March 4 that he had received requests for more than 10,000 seats — more than twice the number of 4,300 seats allocated. "Every effort will be made to seat those who do not have tickets, on a first-come, first-served basis," Dr. Young said, pointing out that a special section of 500 more seats will be made available and that ticket holders must be in their place 10 minutes after sessions begin or surrender the space to those waiting.



## Book Reviews

**A Private House of Prayer.** By Leslie Weatherhead. (Abingdon, \$3).

Dr. Leslie Weatherhead, the internationally known pastor of City Temple, London, is the author of many books. This, his latest, is an unusual and very effective book of devotions. The book is described by publishers as "An invitation by Dr. Weatherhead to visit, in his private house of prayer for 31 days." After this, you can build your own house of prayer.

Each day's "house" contains seven rooms, each having a particular purpose. Room one is affirmation of the presence of God. Room two is adoration. Then comes confession, forgiveness and unloading in room three. Room four is set aside for the reception of God's love and peace. The fifth room is for the purification of desire and the offering of petitions. In room six we offer intercessory prayer for others. The last room is for meditation.

This may sound involved and artificial. It is not. The various rooms symbolize the different steps in private worship and each is furnished with poems, prayers, meditations and scripture readings. There is an appendix containing various prayers for all sorts of occasions.

— R.P.M.

**Chapel in the Sky.** By Charles Ray Goff. (Abingdon, \$2).

It is fitting that this book of sermons by the famous pastor of Chicago Temple (First Methodist Church) should bear the title it does, for Charles Ray Goff presides over the services in what is undoubtedly the highest place of worship in America. The chapel in the sky is literally that, for it is located in the steeple of this skyscraper building in the Loop. These sermons, however, were not preached in the small but exquisite chapel in the tower but in the huge sanctuary on the second floor of the building, which, in addition to its functions as a church, provides office space for something like 1,000 lawyers and other professional men.

Some years ago I sat with Dr. Goff in his apartment located on the 22nd floor of the building and talked with him about his plans for the construction of the chapel in the sky. I had been with him when he first came to Chicago in 1941 and had watched his progress since that time as he brought the small congregation, staggering under an impossible load of debt, out of the slough of despond and into financial security, by his preaching of the Gospel, coupled with the aid of some good laymen and their ideas.

"Chapel in the Sky" is plain, simple preaching on Biblical texts. I have an idea that such preaching would build up almost any congregation. Couched in simple language, colloquial and informal, these sermons have little of the odor of midnight oil but much of the unction of the Spirit. — R.P.M.

**Creative Imagination in Preaching.** By Webb Garrison. (Abingdon, \$3).

This is an unusual book by an unusual writer. Webb Garrison has been on the staff of the Methodist Board of Education, served as president of McKendree College, and is now pastor of the historic Roberts Park Methodist Church, Indianapolis. Other books from his pen have dealt with the meaning of words, and the practice of preaching. This one is an attempt to induce ministers to think creatively by means of imagination.

It is a very readable book — perhaps too much so. Studded with sparkling illustrations and written in short sentences, it leads the reader on and on until he is in danger of enjoying it so much that he will skim through to get the cream without stopping to wait for the butter.

But there is more than mere entertainment here. For one thing, the reader will not find a

hackneyed illustration or a single pious platitude. He may be disappointed by the seeming lightness of touch and the lack of heavy paragraphs of homiletical hamburger, but the meat is there, all the same. — R.P.M.

**Major Religions of the World.** By Marcus Bach. (Abingdon, \$1).

Here in small compass is a succinct treatment of the religions which are now contending for the soul of man. Dr. Bach, who is an authority in the field, does not attempt to do more than give a short outline of the history and teachings of each faith, but this fact makes the book all the more valuable. Here are the essential facts about Hinduism, Zoroastrianism, Islam and Christianity.

This book would provide good material for a course in comparative religions for a local church, or as a ready-reference source for busy pastors and laymen.

**What Shall We Say About Alcohol?** By Caradine Hooton. (Abingdon, \$2).

There is a new approach to the alcohol problem in Methodism. Forty years ago our church enlisted in a crusade to ban the sale of alcoholic beverages. For a time it seemed that Methodism had only one article of faith: "I believe in the Eighteenth Amendment." But the "noble experiment" which was, in deed, noble in some respects, and undoubtedly an experiment, fell victim to corruption and apathy and the thirst of a new generation who had learned to drink as a grand gesture of defiance. For a time, Temperance teaching was abandoned, as church people pinned their faith to law enforcement, and, when that failed, gave up entirely.

During the Forties the church fumbled the ball by using outmoded methods and emphases. It took quite a while for the old clichés and propaganda mistakes to be forgotten, but recently the Board of Temperance has taken on new life, and this book by its general secretary is proof that we are pursuing a new line which is morally, scientifically and psychologically defensible — not to mention Biblical.

Laymen, as well as ministers, should read this book — for inspiration and sheer enjoyment, as well as teaching. It is not an old-fashioned "temperance tract." It is calm, cool and courageous, with reasoning which cannot be refuted and positive suggestions for the fight against alcoholism. — R.P.M.

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## In Memoriam

**BROWN.** — We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Robinsville Methodist Church, wish to pay tribute to the memory of our beloved member, Mrs. Myrtle Tripp Brown. In her death our Society, our Church and our entire community has suffered a great loss. She was faithful to her church, and was in her place at her husband's side at every service until her health forced her to remain at home. She was an active and valued member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Graham County Woman's Club, and the Order of the Eastern Star. Because of her cheery personality and her willingness to serve, she will be sorely missed in each of these organizations.

Mrs. Brown was born and reared in Jackson County. She married W. Mike Brown on October 27, 1912. They reared three fine sons, each of whom is married and has established a Christian home patterned after the one in which he was reared.

Mrs. Brown was ill for several months, but she bore her suffering with patience and fortitude, and often expressed deep appreciation for the loving care given by her family and friends.

Our deepest sympathy goes to her bereaved husband, to her brothers and sisters, and to the children and grandchildren she loved so well.

May our heavenly Father comfort and sustain them in this dark hour, in the knowledge that she has received the inheritance promised the followers of our Lord, and enjoy eternal fellowship with Him.

Signed, Sura S. Bales  
Nettie C. Darrette, M.D.  
Belle C. Martin

**HYATT.**—We, the members of the Official Board of the First Methodist Church of Murphy, North Carolina, wish to express our deep sorrow at the passing of Mr. Paul C. Hyatt, who died on February 15, 1960. Mr. Hyatt had served for many years as church school superintendent, as secretary and treasurer of the church school and as a member of the official board. He will be remembered for his sincere Christian life, his loyalty to his church, and his willingness to render Christian service in any worthwhile cause.

It is resolved, therefore, that a copy of this resolution be recorded in the minutes of the official board of the First Methodist Church of Murphy, North Carolina, and that a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

**BATTS.**—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Rocky Point Methodist Church, wish to express our love and esteem for Mrs. Nettie Sidbury Batts whose recent death caused the bereavement of our entire church and community.

She was a faithful, loyal and active member of her church as long as health permitted. For many years she was secretary of the WSCS. Her beautifully written minutes will always be cherished.

The home of Miss Nettie, as she was affectionately known, was a model of neighborly love and friendship. She will ever be an inspiration to all who knew her. To know her was to love her.

Be it resolved that a copy of this tribute be sent to the family, to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, the Pender Chronicle and be recorded in the minutes of the WSCS.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rocky Point WSCS

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## BENJAMIN McINNIS WILLIAMS

The Rev. Benjamin McInnis Williams, son of the late P. A. Williams and Fruzia J. Williams, was born in Randolph County, N. C., May 20, 1881. It has been my privilege to know Brother Williams and his good parents, also his sisters, Fannie and Mary, as far back as the turn of the century. They, and other good families, came with the Asheboro Lumber Company into my home community of Elise, now Robbins, in Moore County.

On March 31, 1907, he was happily united in marriage with Miss Nila Currie, of Moore County. But the call to preach did not leave him. Finally, in 1912, having received his elementary training in schools in Randolph County, he took his wife and baby and his widowed mother and moved to Elon College. There he entered college, working his way through, and graduated with honor as president of his class, in 1917.

It was not the good fortune of Brother Williams to have a long active ministry, only eighteen years. He served faithfully the following charges: Haw River Circuit, Denton, Weaverville, Orange and Pleasant Hill Circuits.

Because of ill health he retired in 1938, and was never able to take work again. His years of retirement were spent at Efland, where he had served twelve years on the Orange Circuit.

Brother Williams was seriously ill only a few weeks, and was hospitalized at Butner and Duke. His death came November 22, 1959, at the age of seventy-eight years.

To know Brother Williams intimately, as I did, was to love him. We'll miss him, but we know where to find him, for he was a good man.

W. L. MANESS





# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## The Pelican Watchman

By ANNA KING DAVIS

Dr. Albert Schweitzer, a great missionary to Africa, built a hospital in the jungles to care for the sick natives. Many sick Africans who came to him, or were brought to him, were cared for and healed.

Soon the natives learned that the good doctor had a great love for animals also, so they brought to his hospital any sick or wounded animal they found in the jungle. Patiently, the doctor cared for them all.

One day a native brought three baby pelicans to Dr. Schweitzer. At first they were so small and weak that the fish, which was their food, had to be put into their mouths. One was smaller and weaker than the other two. But they grew fast, and soon all three were catching their own fish in the river in front of the hospital. They would stand quietly in the shallow water at the edge of the river until a school of little fish came along. Then three long pelican beaks were thrust into the water, and fish and water were scooped up together. The pelicans would hold their beaks high in the air until the water drained out, then swallow the fish.

When the dry season came, pelicans from the dried-up inland country flew in great circles above the river in front of Dr. Schweitzer's hospital. Finally they joined the three tame pelicans and fished with them in the river.

When the rainy season brought water again to the inland country, the visitors returned to their homes. With them went two of the doctor's tame pelicans, but the one that had been the smallest and weakest of the three remained at the hospital, and became a great pet. He liked the African sheep that lived in the courtyard of the hospital. The big ram was his special friend, and he often rode on the ram's back.

Best of all, the pelican loved Dr. Schweitzer. He appointed himself the doctor's night watchman. Every evening when the mission bells tolled at six o'clock, the pelican would leave his fishing, fly up to his perch above the doctor's door, and guard it through the night. Every morning when the mission bells rang six o'clock, he would spread

his huge wings and fly back to the river to fish. While he was on guard during the night, he permitted no one to disturb the doctor. Anyone who tried got a hard rap on the head.

Season after season the pelican guarded the doctor's door. Once when he was hurt so badly that he could neither fly nor walk, for weeks he was carried back and forth each day, down to the river each morning and back to his perch above the doctor's door each night.

The pelican's devotion and faithfulness earned him the respect of everyone at the hospital. They called him Mister Pelican, Faithful Guardian of Dr. Albert Schweitzer.

— From the *Arkansas Methodist*



## DURING LENT

*I'll think more thoughts of Jesus,  
And live more kindly, too;  
I'll keep my words all pure and clean,  
And speak just what is true.  
And then when Lent is over,  
My happy heart will say,  
"Let's live this way the whole year through,  
Each happy, shining day."*

—E. W.



## IF I WERE A BOY

It is very easy for grown men to tell what they would do if they were boys again. The experiences of life ought to teach them something. But boys would rather learn by experience than by instruction. At least, that was the way when the men of today were boys.

Under the title, "If I Were You, My Boy," someone wrote the following:

"I wouldn't be ashamed to do right anywhere. I would not do anything that I would not be willing for everybody to know.

"I wouldn't go into the company of boys who use bad language.

"I wouldn't conclude that I knew more than my father before I had been fifty miles away from home.

"I wouldn't get into the sulks and pout whenever I couldn't have my own way about everything.

"I wouldn't abuse little boys who have no big brothers for me to be afraid of.

"I would learn to be courteous and polite to everybody." — *Selected*

## ALMOST SPRING

*The crocuses are blooming again,  
We thrill to the song the cardinals sing.  
The grass is green, the jasmine so yellow,  
The lamb is a frisky little fellow.  
We are glad that winter is almost past  
And spring is nearly here at last.  
The warm rains fall from the laden sky  
To water the sleeping flowers that lie  
Deep in the earth, and that very soon  
Will fill the air with their fragrant bloom.  
We are glad for the thoughts of coming  
spring.  
And as the birds, we rejoice and sing;  
For God's in His heaven, and heaven is  
near;  
We're truly grateful that spring is 'most  
here.*

— NELLIE JUNE REID



## A CREED

I believe in boys and girls, who are the men and women of the great tomorrow.

I believe that whatsoever the boy or girl soweth, that shall the man or woman reap. — *Clipped*



## CHUCKLES

Teacher: Name three collective nouns, Henry.

Henry: Flypaper, wastebasket, vacuum cleaner.

—O—

The elderly visitor was quizzing the preacher's small son. "Does your father ever preach the same sermon twice?" he asked.

"Oh, sure he does," the boy answered, "but he hollers in different places."

—*Exchange*



## BIBLE RHYMES

### Who Are These Men?

1. He stood alone in the lion's cave,  
And praised Jehovah, strong to save.  
.....
2. He stilled a storm on Galilee,  
And said to Matthew, "Follow me."  
.....
3. He dipped in the river—one—two—  
three—  
And found it a cure for his leprosy.  
.....
4. By the river Jordan his voice rang clear,  
"Repent, for the Kingdom now is here."  
.....
5. He set out for Damascus the Christians  
to slay,  
But his life was changed by a light on  
the way. ....

### Answers to Last Week's Rhymes

1. Mary and Martha
2. The Queen of Sheba
3. Claudia, wife of Pilate
4. Lydia
5. Lot's wife



# International Sunday School Lesson

By RAYMOND A. SMITH

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FOR APRIL 3, 1960

## TEACHING THROUGH PRECEPT AND PARABLE

**Background Scripture:** Matthew 4:23 through 7:29; 9:14-17; Mark 4:1-2; 10-13; 33-34

**Lesson Scripture:** Matthew 5:1-2; 17-20; 9:14-17

All of our material for this quarter comes from the Gospel of Matthew. The general title of this study is "Marks of Citizenship in the Kingdom of God." All Christians are, of course, citizens of two communities; one is our country, the other is that invisible country, not bounded by time and space, which we know as the Kingdom of God. We are forced to think of our earthly citizenship, because demands are being made on us in its behalf every day. We have to pay taxes, obey laws and concern ourselves with political matters. But how often do we think of our obligations to the other Kingdom, of which we are also citizens? This lesson, and all the others that follow for the next three months, will be trying to show us what our duties and privileges are regarding this higher citizenship. St. Paul, in the letter to the Philippians, tells us "our citizenship is in heaven." Moffat translates it thus: "We are a colony of heaven." This tremendous fact, with all its implications, is what we are now to examine.

Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount has sometimes been compared to Moses giving the Law to the Hebrews on Mount Sinai. Moses' law had to do with the particular obligations imposed on the Hebrew people whom God had chosen to be the channel of the Divine revelation. Jesus was giving a law for "the new Israel," the people of the Kingdom — only it was a very different law in many ways from the old.

It was natural for Jesus to deal first with his own attitude toward the law that had already been given. This he does in verses 17-20. Notice that Jesus does not abolish the law. He was talking to people who had been brought up to revere it. He himself had been reared in the traditions of Israel. He knew their importance. Perhaps he was emphasizing the fact that men cannot cancel out God's will for the world. What he did and taught showed men new dimensions of God's relationships with men. "I came not to destroy, but to fulfil" must mean something like that.

When he told his followers their righteousness must exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees if they were to enter the Kingdom of God, he was giving a large order. For all the criticism of the Pharisees in the New Testament, we yet have to concede that they tried very hard to keep the law in every detail. It must be recorded that they were serious and devout men according to their understanding of what men's religious obligations were.

In Matthew 9:14-17, we are made aware of the fact that John, as well as Jesus, had a group of devoted followers. It was these who asked of Jesus why his disciples did not fast. "Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them?" was his answer. There would be plenty of time for fasting after they were bereft of their leader. There is not space to discuss the whole subject of fasting. We can say, however, that the religion of Jesus has no place for the perpetually sad and gloomy person. Was it not John Wesley who said such is "the devil's religion?" Remember also that Jesus' last bequest to his followers was: "My joy I leave with you." How many of us have really claimed our inheritance?

In the concluding verses Jesus calls attention to the revolutionary nature of the new religion. It is to be radically different from the old — so much so that the old worn-out formulas cannot contain it. To attempt to make it a part of the old is like sewing new cloth to an old, frizzled garment. He used another figure to accent the same thought. New wine cannot be contained in old wine-skins. Because it is in a state of fermentation (that is, dynamic) it will burst them asunder. Is this not saying that the new religion will have to have a new setting? This meant new ways of worship, new standards of ethics, new people. Jesus did not seem to be afraid of the new. Are we afraid of it?

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People who fall for everything seldom stand for anything.

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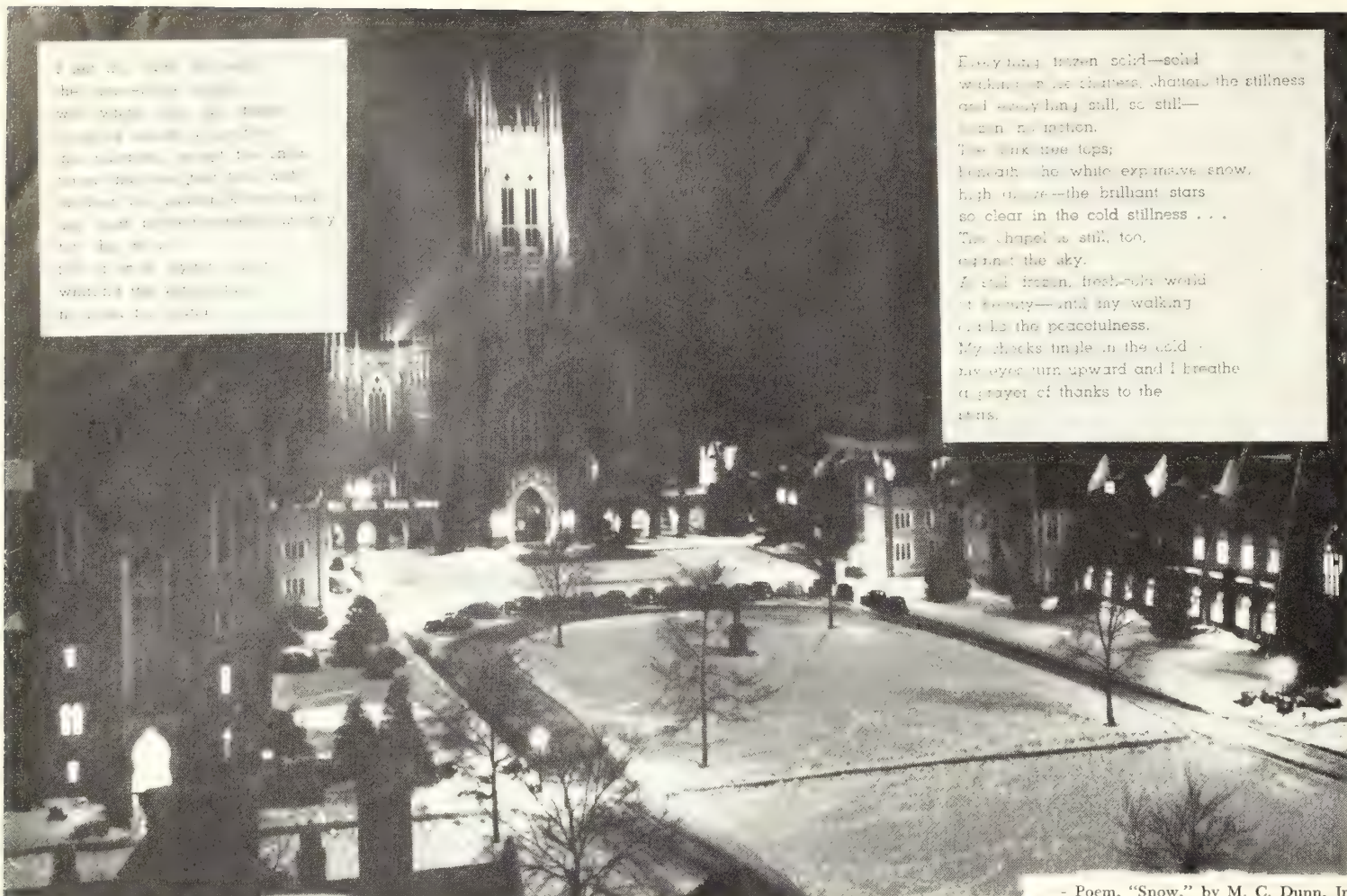
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 a writer of words.  
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Everything frozen solid—solid  
 waiting in its thickness, shrouded the stillness  
 and everything still, so still—  
 in a motion.  
 The dark tree tops;  
 beneath the white expansive snow,  
 high above—the brilliant stars  
 so clear in the cold stillness . . .  
 The chapel is still, too,  
 against the sky.  
 I feel frozen, flesh-sole world  
 at empty—until my walking  
 enters the peacefulness.  
 My cheeks tingle in the cold  
 my eyes turn upward and I breathe  
 a prayer of thanks to the  
 stars.

- Poem, "Snow," by M. C. Dunn, Jr.

## IN PASSING

### Words, Words, Words

Long years ago I fell in love with words. As a small boy, I went around repeating silently and out loud (sometimes with startling results) the latest juicy combination of syllables which had intrigued me. I remember, when I was only ten, walking home from church under an umbrella with an amused high-school girl, and all the conversation she could get out of me was couched in multi-syllabic words which I had dug up or invented.

Grammar school found me tagged as the "kid who swallowed the dictionary." I hadn't swallowed it, but I certainly gnawed on the bone.

I lost my best girl at the age of fifteen by winning a Friday afternoon variation of the old-fashioned spelling bee in which the contestants had to think up and spell correctly a word beginning with the letter which had ended the previous word. After an hour of furious cogitation and equally furious spelling, we two were the only ones left on our feet.

Excited with the scent of victory, Lucille was sure that she had me when she came up with a word ending in a "t," for we had, by that time, used up all the "t" words in common use. I thought I was lost, but then I remembered a new one I had read the day before in an account of Teddy Roosevelt's travels in Africa. Triumphantlly

I spelled out "T-r-e-k, trek," and won the match. Talk about excitement! That eighth-grade room practically went up in smoke as the boys cheered and the girls wept in anger. The school bell rang for dismissal before we had finished arguing about the matter, for the girls insisted that there was no such word, an opinion in which the teacher (a young lady) concurred until she looked it up in the big unabridged dictionary.

When Lucille had to concede the victory she dissolved in tears, and departed, howling, down the street. She wasn't a good sport at all, no doubt because of the fact that it was the first time I had ever beaten her at anything. She, being a well-grown and healthy tomboy and I a weakly runt, had always taken delight in beating me at baseball, basketball, and even marbles and mumbly-peg, and it was too much for her to admit that I had, at last, turned the tables.

That one word, "trek," caused an upheaval which shook the school to its foundations. Lucille accused the teacher of partiality, me of dishonesty, and her parents took my darling Amazon out of the school and had her tutored by her aunt. And that was the end, for a year, at least, of our former romance. I was terribly hurt, but managed to crow triumphantly and assert that girls were a lot of trouble, anyway.

I hardly saw Lucille, after that, until the time for county examinations in June. Those were the days when children finished the eighth grade and then went up to the

county seat to take a special quiz which would tell whether or not they were prepared for the rigors of higher education. Higher, in this sense, being four years of high school, for few indeed were those who managed to get to college. I well remember the fateful day when, clad in my best coat and my brother's cut-down trousers, and suffering from the sniffles, I sat across the long table in the jury room and tried to concentrate on questions while enduring the agony of seeing before me, across the table, a pair of brown eyes which I once had loved. That girl did her best to infuriate me into missing the exam, but I passed somehow and so did she.

No, I didn't grow up and marry the charmer. (In fact, I never did grow up; I waited about twenty years and grew out.) And Lucille? I must admit that she grew more and more charming and also more and more sophisticated. She married a German and went to live in California, while I, in time, forgot what she looked like. But I never forgot that word.

All this was brought on by seeing in a newspaper today a seemingly made-up word which a columnist had used with an air of prestidigitation. He was referring to the letters that TV networks and performers get from the audience. He described some of them as coming from "psychoceramics" and defined the term as "crackpot." It's a good word, but I have a better.

I'd call them "schizoceramics," and I may be one of them.

But, no doubt, my readers call me by a shorter name.



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## *The Steadfastness of the Master*

BY DERMONT J. REID

PALM SUNDAY! What a day in Christendom! Our Bible states simply, but forcefully, that Jesus "steadfastly set His face toward Jerusalem." It was not easy for our Lord to do this. He knew what was awaiting Him in the narrow confines of that religious capital. He knew it meant:

Spite and false accusation,  
Rejection and multiplied hatred,  
Loneliness and heartache,  
And, alas, Calvary.

Yet, He unflinchingly "set His face to go to Jerusalem!" Here is the personification of Consecration, Commitment, and Challenge. Isn't there a lesson in this for every Christ-claimed, love-mastered Christian? I think there is.

First of all, we learn that consecration, commitment, etc., never offer a glittering guarantee of emancipation from difficulty and heartache. Indeed, this very element in our life may lead us straight into this difficulty. Because, you see, the fully committed Christian is traveling in one direction while the Christless are traveling in quite another direction and it is only natural that a friction will be generated between these two forces. It is to the Christian's glory that this friction is present and he should know that "greater is he that is within you than he that is in the world."

Another lesson is that only the dedicated heart can withstand the tortuous pressure of present day living. "Let this cup pass from me," said Jesus, but "not my will, Thine be done." This is the steadfastness we need in our life.

During the Holy Week between Palm Sunday and Easter let each of us re-examine our spiritual life — and see this steadfastness in our life.



# LETTERS

## Tangible Evidence of Interest

Dear Editor:

Enclosed is my check for renewal of my subscription to the *ADVOCATE*. I don't want to miss a copy. The Sunday School lessons alone are worth the price of the paper. I have enjoyed "In Passing" very much. Thanks for the good work you have done.

Sincerely,

MRS. RUBY HUFFMAN

## Tribute to a Former Pastor

Dear Editor:

It has been suggested that I send you the following which appeared in our local paper this week:

To honor his birthday this month and the anniversary of his death I feel inspired to pay tribute to a former pastor and personal friend, the Rev. Ben F. Boone. He served forty years in the ministry, five of which were spent with us at Trinity Methodist Church in Fairmont.

It was during my young adult years that he came to us; so he did much to challenge the strength and ability of my youth. I was taking a brisk walk with my Seeing Eye dog one cold November Sunday afternoon, when his car pulled up to the curb beside me, and he cheerily announced that he was my new minister and was looking forward to knowing me and my family in the days ahead.

After that we shared many eventful services and programs in our church, shared meals in each other's home, made trips together, teased and played games together, and felt sorrow together over the loss of loved ones and friends. He saw to it that I attended the youth assembly at Louisville, and his wife, affectionately known to us as Aunt Laura, played a major role in all of these activities. They even introduced me to the Braille edition of the "Upper Room" when they presented it to me as a Christmas gift festively wrapped with a gay bow of red ribbon.

My sentiment is best expressed in the following lines:

### IN MEMORY OF A FORMER PASTOR THE REV. BEN F. BOONE

He slipped away so quietly

We scarcely can believe

He meant to leave us at the time

For fear someone might grieve.

This man of God will never die.

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In spirit he lives on;  
He leads the way for us to come  
To God's eternal throne.

He slipped away and left us joy,  
A happiness profound;  
His jolly and contagious laugh  
Spread cheer to all around.  
His soul was filled with gentle peace  
That we, too, sought to find;  
For, even now we feel the strength  
Which that soul left behind.

He slipped away and left us love,  
A love that we must share  
With those who need our comfort now  
To lift them from despair;  
He slipped away but left us light  
A path we must pursue,  
If we would ever meet again  
This man of God we knew.

Sincerely,

NETTIE RUTH FLOYD

## A Journal of Christian Faith

Dear Dr. Marshall:

In reply to your request for suggestions, I would suggest that the N. C. *CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE* become more a journal of Christian faith and conviction and less a promotional organ of the conferences. We preachers get all the promotional material we need from other sources, and it is evident that our laymen are not much moved by the promotion which they read. What we all need is a clearer understanding of basic Christian truth applied to real-life situations. If we had more deep convictions, we would carry out Christian programs without so much promotion. I am not interested in reading any more promotion. I am very much interested in reading any discussion of Christian principles applied to current problems.

(REV.) F. D. BEATY

Mount Mourne, N. C.

## What Kind of Church Paper?

Dear Editor:

Please, PLEASE, don't turn our N. C. *ADVOCATE* into a promotional medium. Heads of all departments get ample information pertaining to their respective jobs. Oldsters need more heart-warming stories of personal experiences from dedicated, deeply spiritual individuals. (And I believe the same would help youngsters too). I don't say we get too much promotional literature, but we receive more than we use to advantage. There must be a yearning in all true Christians for a greater development of Christian values, that which calls for greater love for human beings, and makes more vivid our obligations and responsibilities to all, and especially those less fortunate than we.

As editors, you have unlimited opportunities in helping steer your readers away from extremes. For example; NAACP on the one hand, and the Only for Whites on the other. You can impress on us the fact that Christ died for all. That we must love, not hate. Encourage the good, help eliminate the bad. Be slow in taking sides on highly controversial issues.

In other words, help us to become more interested in spiritual acts and attitudes and probably less in material things.

I like the *ADVOCATE* as it is. Continue to stress spiritual values, please.

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**BISHOP HARMON REPORTS**—Vital issues facing *The Methodist Church* as it prepares to enter the 1960-64 quadrennium are discussed in this scene from the latest Methodist Television, Radio and Film Commission film production, "The Changing Church." The film, produced in conjunction with the sixth General Conference of The Methodist Church, in Denver, Colorado, April 27-May 7, also includes reports on progress made by the 175-year-old denomination during the past four years. In this scene, left to right, are: Frank Starr, of television station WLAC, Nashville, Tenn.; Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, of Charlotte, N. C.; T. Jeff Whatley, of TRAFCO, Nashville; and Mrs. Ruth Talley, director of public affairs for television station WLAC, Nashville. The film, produced in TRAFCO's Nashville studios, will be released on television stations throughout the nation.

## District Conferences on Christian Education

District Conferences on Christian Education, sponsored by the Conference Board of Education, are scheduled as follows:

**Charlotte District** — Central, Monroe, Tuesday, April 19, 7:30 p.m.

**Marion** — First Church, Morganton, Wednesday, April 20, 7:30 p.m.

**Waynesville** — First Church, Waynesville, Thursday, April 21, 7:30 p.m.

**Asheville** — Central Church, Asheville, Friday, April 22, 7:30 p.m.

**North Wilkesboro** — First Church, North Wilkesboro, Sunday, April 24, 3:00 p.m.

The purpose of these meetings is to help the people who will direct and teach in vacation church schools and to assist counselors who are planning youth activities for

the summer. Texts will be available in each group.

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Leaders are Walter J. Miller, Kate Crowell, Mrs. J. B. Hough, Louise Robinson, Mrs. W. P. Moore, Mrs. J. E. Carroll, Mrs. Carl King, Paul Duckwall, Mrs. J. R. Bogle, Mrs. J. R. Poteet, Mattie Lou Summey, Mrs. J. M. Lookabill, Mrs. H. B. Simpson, J. E. Yountz, Frank Smathers, Robert G. Tuttle and Garland Stafford. Pastors of the host churches are Lee Spencer, Walter Lanier, Herman Nicholson, Embree H. Blackard and Roy Bell. District directors of the respective age groups involved will also assist with the promotion and leadership in these meetings.

### Adult Workers With Youth

Paul Duckwall will present summer activities for youth. Superintendents of youth divisions, adult counselors and others directly responsible for selecting delegates to Camp Tekoa, the Youth Workshop and the Christian Action Assembly at Lake Junaluska are invited. Youth Activities Week for junior high and senior high groups in the local church during the summer months will be considered.

### Ministers and Directors Invited to Attend

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# EDITORIALS

## Ordination in the Home Church

Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, in this issue, points up several problems which should be considered at the coming General Conference. One of these, in particular, merits comment and endorsement because of its uniqueness.

It is a good sign that Methodists are coming to a greater appreciation of the ordination ceremony. We remember that twenty years ago many bishops treated ordination as something to be done when waiting for a new ballot, or when things got dull.

Oddly enough, Dr. Weldon is the first to propose that Methodist ministers should be ordained in their own home church. His proposal should be taken seriously.

A few days ago it was our privilege to attend the ordination of a young man to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church. The ceremony was held in the church where he had been serving as assistant to the rector. Although held on Saturday morning, the service attracted a congregation of more than 600 persons, most of them friends of the young man or of his family.

No one present will forget the solemnity of that occasion.

Note that 600 persons saw their friend take the sacred vows of the ministry. It is probable that fewer than 600 Methodists in all of North Carolina ever saw an ordination.

Perhaps it will not be possible to arrange all ordinations in the home church or the church which a young man serves, but it would be feasible to arrange the ordinations by districts or communities and thus make possible the attendance of laymen at such a great occasion of spiritual significance.

## What Do You Call Him?

When General Conference meets this month those present will hear references to ministers in several different ways. Some speakers will say, "Rev. Jones" others, "Dr. Jones" (regardless of his academic status), and still others will be old-fashioned enough to use the term, "Brother."

We never expect to see the day when it will become popular in our church, but we would put in a plug for "Pastor Jones." "Reverend" is incorrect because it is an adjective and must be followed by Mister, Doctor or some other designa-

## A PRAYER FOR HOLY WEEK

*Search us, O Lord, and prove us. Look well if there be any wickedness in us, and lead us in the way everlasting. Let thy favor be better to us than life itself, that so in all things we may approve our hearts before thee and feel the sense of thy acceptance of us, giving us a joy which the world cannot give. Amen.*

—JOHN WESLEY

nation. "Doctor" causes confusion, for some have not been *doctored*. And "Brother," despite its Christian spirit, seems on the way out.

But "Pastor" covers the ground nicely, for the word means "shepherd" and thus is in line with New Testament doctrine.

## A Voice from the Stars

Gathered about the intricate electronic equipment set up in a small auditorium in Washington, a group of scientists and government officials waited for the sound from outer space. Suddenly there was a voice like a rushing waterfall, "the sound of space," as one reporter described it, "the radio signals of the stars."

Above that sound came the clear voice of the satellite, a moaning sound which bore little resemblance to ordinary radio transmission, but which brought to the recording equipment a message which was easily readable.

That message came from a million miles away.

What did it say? There was no startling information, only figures which would be translated from the code to tell the temperature, the count of cosmic rays, the number of impacts from tiny meteorites, the condition of the equipment. But this information, strange as it sounds to us, was the goal of all the effort which had been expended.

## Protestants Warn Against False Propaganda

The organization with the most impossible name in the country struggles along under the mysterious letters, POAU, which, upon examination, are found to stand for "Protestants And Other Americans United For Separation of Church and State." However unfor-

tunate the title, the group is headed by some very wise and brotherly men, who have both sense enough, and Christian charity enough, to refuse to stoop to slander in an effort to promote their cause.

POAU consistently fights against all efforts to link up Church and State; it delivers pronouncements which are often aimed at the Roman Catholic Church, but very frequently its barbs enter the skin of some non-Catholics who have allowed themselves to stray from what POAU thinks is the path of rectitude—notably those Methodist and Baptist institutions which have accepted Government money.

Today we salute POAU for proving in unmistakable fashion that they are determined to be fair and Christian. On our desk is a release which is already appearing in daily newspapers over the country. It contains a statement by Dr. Glenn L. Archer, POAU's executive director, denouncing as "fallacious and hysterical" three pieces of anti-Catholic literature (?) now being circulated in the Wisconsin primary and elsewhere.

Dr. Archer says: "American voters should be warned against these three samples of extremist literature." He goes on to state what most of us already know, that the hoary old fraud about the Knights of Columbus oath has been exposed as false on many occasions. He notes that the so-called auto-biographical book by ex-nun Maria Monk is "largely mythical."

As to the talk about Roman Catholics and the assassination of Lincoln, Dr. Archer has this to say: "It is true that several Catholics conspired with others to assassinate Lincoln, but if all the assassins had been Methodists, we could not blame the Methodist Church for it."

The frank statement of POAU officials should have a good effect. Certainly they cannot be accused of being "tools of the Pope."

Add to this statement the recent words of Cardinal Spellman in which he denounces the attempts of some to smear the leaders of the Protestant churches as "fellow travelers," and you have a good illustration as to how Protestants and Catholics can argue about matters on which they disagree and yet present a united front against malicious lies which do harm to the whole Christian Church.

Blessings on Dr. Archer and Cardinal Spellman. May they continue to wage intellectual warfare but link arms against sin.



# DEVOTIONAL

## The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

By VERGIL E. QUEEN

Protestant Christianity maintains two major Sacraments. They are: (1) Holy Baptism, and (2) the Holy Communion. A sacrament is an "outward and visible sign of an inward and invisible grace."

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is an affirmation of the solidarity of the Christian Family. The first crisis of life is physical birth; so, the solemn rite of Holy Baptism dramatizes for the spiritual life what has already happened in the physical life. Thus, Holy Baptism suggests certain significant facts about the Christian life: (1) Baptism makes the child a member of the Beloved Community — the Church; (2) Through the common faith of the Church, Christ's love is brought into the child's life; and (3) the baptized child stands in a radically new and a fundamentally unique relationship to Christ and the Christian community.

For Methodists this is crucial and consequential. Indeed, historic Methodism claims that, in Christ's death upon Calvary's Cross, he included every person, even the millions yet unborn. Thus, for Methodists who fiercely believe that Christ's saving Grace is universal (for all freely given), every child is entitled to this love (even though he is too young to consciously accept or reject it); therefore, when an infant is baptized, it is the whole church of Christ openly declaring to the whole world that Christ died even for this child, that the devil shall not have him, and that therefore, the whole fellowship of Believers is hereby (through Holy Baptism) admitting him into the goodly company of the redeemed. Just so, the entire church plights itself anew to this new-born soul and pledges to it all the means of Grace within its ministry. So, the love of Christ is brought nearer, indeed into the very life of the growing child. There is nothing magical or superstitious about this; whatever saving effect that takes place here, takes place because the whole church exercises a mighty faith in the saving power of Christ's eternal love. The Sacrament of Holy Baptism rests on Faith — the faith of the whole church of which the parents are a part. To deny that Christ's saving Grace is available to infants (through Holy Baptism) is to limit His love to adults only, and Methodism declares boldly that Christ's love was for all freely given. It will be seen that every celebration of Holy Baptism



## CRUCIFIXION

*'Twas evening time on Calvary's brow,  
And shadows crept like lurking thieves  
About the cross, and wrapped their  
Ghostly shades about the Saviour's face.  
The last of the tormenting rabble, like  
Hungry wolves filled with their prey,  
Wondering, denying, cursing, but  
Wondering still, and silenced by that  
"Father, forgive them," stole away.*

*Was it the thorns close pressed  
Upon the tender brow that caused  
Most anguish? Or was it the nails  
That tore the flesh of each dear hand  
Reached out in love to heal a broken world?  
Or did the spear thrust, cruel, sharp  
And agonizing, wring from his lips  
The moan of deepest pain?  
It was not so, for in his heart  
Was agony supreme, the  
Crucifixion of his mighty soul —  
That those he loved, that  
Those to whom he said, "Come unto me,"  
Should set the thorns upon his brow,  
Should send the nails with cruel hate  
Into hands reached out to help and save  
and heal.*

*For most we suffer at the hands of those  
we love.*

*Who, Judas like, keep Calvary's cross supplied,*

*And crucify afresh the Son of God.*

— MARGARET GOODE CHANDLER



ought to take place in the church. Therefore, the service of Holy Baptism is not significant as a mere "dedication" or as a "christening" of the child (these are purely incidental); Holy Baptism is significant because, through it, something happens to the total life of the whole church, because the whole church has given spiritual birth to a new heir and has once again proclaimed that child as another of the many begotten children of the Heavenly Father.

## Of Time and the Church and You

By JAMES C. STOKES

More and more activities seem to be bidding for our time and interest. While the number of hours per week remains at 168 the meetings multiply. There are more clubs and committees and conventions than ever.

Have you ever caught yourself saying, "I'd certainly like to take in that program, but I don't see how I can make it and do all the other things I've planned." Then, added to the pressure is the big unblinking eye of television by

means of which we sit in our dens and are whisked in a flickering moment to distant scenes and amazing adventures.

The harrassed individual, pulled this way and pushed that way, pummelled and pecked, heckled and pleaded with, can hardly even grasp his heartfelt wish, "if only they'd leave me alone."

The church is involved in all of this. For it also is in the market for your time and interest. Often the church gets less of you than it once did. Many people find it easier to say no to the church than to something else, especially on Sunday night and Wednesday evening.

How should the church respond to that person who says to it "I would like to attend your Sunday evening service, but it comes right at the time for Ed Sullivan's program?" or, "I'll not be able to attend the Commission meeting because my civic club meets at the same time," or "I cannot attend the workshop on Family Life because there's a big basketball game which I don't want to miss."

If actions speak louder than words, then what do our church-going practices say about us? Perhaps every one of us should personalize this question: What do my church relationships — or lack of them — say about me? Let's face it. A certain church has about 1200 members. About 1,000 of these are residing in or near town. About 800 of these COULD attend church any given Sunday. Sunday after Sunday the attendance at 11 o'clock ranges from about 300 to 500. What do the facts say about us church members, and the kind of religion we practice? What do the facts say about you?

## THE REWARD

*Judas Iscariot betrayed  
His Master, just for pelf  
Then when he saw his Lord condemned,  
He went and hanged himself.*

*He had returned the "price of blood"  
Which caused so great a sin.  
They bought with it the potter's field  
To bury strangers in.*

*Jesus, the Christ whom he betrayed,  
Upon the cross did die.  
They buried Him in Joseph's tomb.  
An angel from on high  
Rolled from the door the stone away  
And set the "Captive" free.  
And He the Way, the Truth, the Life  
Lives on eternally.*

*Ignoble death or life sublime,  
Beyond the grave, we find.  
So MUCH depends on whether we  
BETRAY or SAVE mankind.*

—MALLIE THOMASSON WHITE



# Our Immortal Hope

By RICHARD BRAUNSTEIN



An editorial in the February 29, 1960 issue of the *Raleigh News and Observer* gives us a not too pleasant picture of our times. It is titled "One World." It reads, "Perhaps this is getting to be one world after all. In the middle east the Arabs and Jews are at dagger points. In Africa bitterness smolders from Algeria to a cape bearing the name Good Hope. In Free Europe even the allies are edgy toward each other. Two nations, each calling themselves China, are still engaged in recurrent hostilities along the shore of Asia. In Latin-America President Eisenhower's good-will tour has been plagued by the supporters of old dictators and the advocates of radicalism. In America race antagonism seems sharper in southern town after southern town. Also in the United States the head of the Federal Mediation Service says labor and management are finding more things to fight about than ever before. We are members of the generation which split the atom but we seemingly have made one blustering world."

There comes to us the story of a sailor who was shipwrecked. The officer in charge of the lifeboat handed him a bundle of newspapers and said, "The captain's compliments sir, read these papers and then let us know if you want to be rescued." This recalls to mind George Bernard Shaw's caustic comment that "this planet is where the other planets send their insane." Akin to this is the request of a man that the world be stopped so that he could get off. A switch on this is the man who wanted his dues back from the human race. We much prefer Elbert Hubbard's statement: "Do not lose faith in humanity, there are 90,000,000 people who have not done you a single mean trick."

As the blessed Eastertide comes to us in the course of calendared events we become dogmatic and reassert that it is Easter with all its implications and suggestiveness of a Risen Christ that shall dispel current pessimism. We are prone to look at the wrong side of the tapestry where the threads are twisted and the pattern is not clear. The right side shows us a clear picture of religion at work, Christianity in action, humanity at its highest in thought and endeavor. It is a picture of righteous men and women holding old precepts and accepted practices which put the world on God's side of the road. This is our immortal hope.

Surely Easter with its rituals and programs will establish a better and finer world. So we shall continue to fling our church steeples against the sky. We shall continue to do this at a great cost of money and lives. Our floral displays symbolic of God's creation and the resurrection, our hymnody and ritual, our emphasis on an empty tomb and the call to repentance and abundant life have proved their strength and power in a time of chaos and confusion. A new breath is given to peoples and institutions. Something always happens when people fall on their knees and engage in prayer, worship and adoration. It was said of Oliver Goldsmith: "He touched nothing that he did not adorn." We have proven through history and experience that a Risen Christ does nothing but adorn that which He touches, whether it is a person, an idea, a cause or a program. A maker of miracles, He is the supreme miracle, having given to mankind the supreme precedent of sacrifice and service.

We are hearing many words these days, pro and con about this and that. Some of them are good. Many others are not so good. The verbal (and written) emanations that flood our minds and assail our ears should be heard with thoughtful discrimination. "Not every one that sayeth unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom." In our modern Babel we are often led to query, "Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." "On the day of judgment men will render account for every careless word they utter for by our words we will be justified and by our words we will be condemned." "Let the words of my mouth be acceptable," is a meaningful prayer.

There are many words that have divinity in them. They are the poultices for life's aches and fevers. They are good for that which frets and galls. They have opened doors and windows for countless creators and artisans. Some of them are *overcome, peace, comfort, many mansions, Father's house, eternity*. You will find these and many more as changes are wrung on the good life from pulpits and rostrums. This is not a funeral discourse. No bell makes a solemn toll. No minor chant is breathed. No dirge or requiem added to an already

melancholy day. This is a homily on the abundant life, rich, lush, productive. A young man, just having come into the ministry, was asked to conduct the last rites for a parishioner. He consulted his New Testament to learn what Jesus would do in such a circumstance. He learned, as we all shall, if not immediately then eventually, that where Jesus went there was no death, but life — and that everlasting. Is it any wonder that we sing "Wonderful Words of Life?" "Take with you words" we are admonished by Proverbs. But let us be certain that they are the right words.

Because it is again Easter we are reminded that all of us dwell, like Abraham, in a foreign land, looking forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. "For we know that if the earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, not made with hands eternal in the heavens." We are not gypsy nomads. We are not desert wanderers. We are Pilgrims of the Infinite. We are migrants to some Beulah Land, going "not like the quarry-slave, at night, scourged to his dungeon" but "like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams."

Richard Roberts in his book, "The Preacher as a Man of Letters," informs us that the best in the world's poetry and fiction has been the burden of the Celestial theme. "Men have never been quite sure about the nature of the things he wants. Whether it be a Father or a friend or some mystical elixir of life. On the intellectual side men have called it the Absolute, the Logos, Reality, while, to the poetic imagination, it has been the Holy Grail, the Crock of Gold, the Pearl of Great Price. You know the names of some of the places in which this treasure has been reported." The dream of a better world always motivated humanity, whether it be here or there, now and then, this side, the other side, something perhaps beyond the horizon, something behind the stars. This is endemic to the human race. It is something in our blood stream. We did not put it there; it is something we have inherited. The church does not put it there; the church brings it out, like the music some Beethoven invokes as he touches the keys.

William Blake speaks plaintively: "In



this home with starry dome, floored with gentle lakes and seas, shall I never be at home, never be at ease?" But it is Emily Dickenson who confesses: "God preaches — noted clergymen — and the sermon is never long: so instead of going to heaven at last, I'm going all along." William Valentine Kelly adds to this inescapable urge: "This short and perpendicular midget not only sees the skies but mounts them. Finding himself alive on such a small globule which he names the earth, he plants his feet on a few inches of surface-dust and thence takes a great leap into immensity." Albert Camus, the French author, died tragically. One of his sentences is

brought to us; "In the midst of winter I finally learned that there was in me an invincible summer."

The weather reports in England differ slightly from our own. They always conclude with the same line. Should it be rain or snow, heat or cold, wind or sleet, the predictions end with the words, "Followed by a pleasant interlude." So we view the world's weather, its many storms, but find solace as we sing, "From every stormy wind that blows, from every swelling tide of woes, there is a calm, a sure retreat, 'tis found beneath the mercy seat."

Easter, — a pleasant interlude.

## Problems of a Church College

By CONRAD PAYSOUR

The Methodist Church is becoming more aware of its responsibilities to its colleges and universities.

But at the same time, its colleges and universities are being asked to educate more and more students. And within the next ten years, the number of students knocking on the doors of colleges is expected to double.

Business records at Greensboro College show that parents made contributions of potatoes and firewood to the college in the mid-1800's.

But times have now changed. It is impossible to educate students on potatoes. It takes money, much of which must come from sources other than the church.

How does Greensboro College now raise its operating funds?

The college is typical of 26 other small church related colleges in the state which operate without benefit of the tax dollar.

Dr. Harold Hutson, president of Greensboro College, recently explained the college's budget.

For the 1959-60 school year, Dr. Hutson said, Greensboro College will spend \$441,844 for items directly related to education. The total budget is \$685,000.

In other words, Dr. Hutson's figure of \$441,844 includes only the amount it would cost to educate the school's approximately 475 students if they all lived at home and came to campus only to attend classes.

The Methodist Church furnishes \$97,500 of this amount. So you can see that the college has to find other money sources.

What are these sources?

Student fees is one source. Students contribute a total of \$260,444.

Dr. Hutson cautions that this figure can be misleading.

If you asked most students if their tuition costs paid for their education, he observed, most would answer with a big "yes." They might even add that the college makes a profit.

Such is not the case, Dr. Hutson quickly points out. In reality, it costs the college about \$381 to educate each student over and above tuition payments.

Dr. Hutson gives this breakdown of income from other sources:

North Carolina Foundation of Church-Related Colleges, \$14,000; alumni contributions, \$6,000; donations to the library, \$500; foundations, \$12,000; endowment income, \$45,000; and individuals and businesses, \$4,000.

All 27 of the state's smaller church-

related colleges are in the North Carolina Foundation of Church-Related Colleges. They conduct a United Fund type of drive and all share in the funds received in the drive.

Dr. Hutson said the \$6,000 alumni contributions is smaller than for most colleges the size of Greensboro College. There are two reasons for this.

First, until 1955, Greensboro College was for girls only. Women alumni tend to give less to their colleges than their male counterparts. This figure is expected to increase in the future as more and more men graduate from the college, now a co-educational institution.

Second, Greensboro College has not in the past concentrated on urging alumni to contribute to the college. It has only been recently that the college has started to tap this source of income in earnest.

The \$12,000 from foundations includes gifts from the Esso Foundation, the Gulf Foundation, Burlington Industries Aid to Education Program, and the Babcock Foundation's grant for work in special education.

The remainder of the college's income is \$4,000 given for student aid.

You may have noticed the absence of tax money in Dr. Hutson's figures. All state institutions, of course, are supported largely through tax money. But church schools must find other sources.

Dr. Hutson said he is quick to advise students who want highly-specialized educations to go to larger schools or to universities.

But he adds that Greensboro College can give students what larger schools can not: A liberal education with a great amount of individual attention in a religious atmosphere.

And thanks to funds from churches and private sources, they can do it without having to depend on the state.

Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Wilmington, N. C., has its first God and Country Awards. Shown in the picture; Back row Their minister and counselor, Pastor Rev. A. P. Hill, Jr. Second in the back row is Scout Master Thomas White. The Scouts left to right are Mike Merrill, Charles Myers and David White.





# What General Conference Could Do

By DR. WILSON O. WELDON  
Myers Park Methodist Church  
Charlotte, N. C.

Our Methodism is looking towards the meeting of General Conference in Denver, Colorado, on April 27, the first since 1956. At the request of the Editor of the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE here are some opinions which one delegate considers significant and vital. Some of these may appear to be of small import, but one delegate considers them to be of far-reaching importance.

1. Essentially, the most crucial issue is that of the dying fervor of our people, the slackening interest in personal witnessing, which is producing a small rate of growth. For the first time since American Methodism was organized in 1784, it is reported, the Methodist Church is growing at a lesser rate than the growth of population. These facts are not merely disturbing; they are *alarming*! The General Conference should devote much of its energy, thought and statesmanship to a revitalized evangelism. And much time of the delegates could well be spent in earnest and ardent prayer for the knowledge and understanding of this crisis.

2. Next, I consider the report of the Study Commission on the Jurisdictional System to be of importance. From the report already distributed it is pointedly clear that the vast majority of our members not only believe in the Jurisdictional System but want it continued. As the years march on there must be some adjustments. We had best be most careful before voting to increase the size of the General Conference, lest it become so large and unwieldy that the interests of the *individual* member and the *local* Church be overlooked. The meeting-places of the Jurisdictions and the time of such conferences should be placed upon an elective basis by each Jurisdiction. There ought not to be hard-and-fast, dictatorial legislation. If one Jurisdiction wants to meet after the General Conference, let it be done that way; however, if another prefers to meet immediately prior to the General Conference I see no valid reasons for objecting to the choice by that particular Jurisdiction.

3. There is an urgent need for added emphasis upon Stewardship. Too many Methodists are giving of the "left-overs" instead of the principle of "methodical," regular and sacrificial sharing. No so-

called "program" will solve this vast need, but a fresh and continuing heart-searching on the subject could go a long way in overcoming the many silent pulpits and quiet classrooms on this subject. Let the General Conference issue a clarion call to her ministers to practice tithing as an example and encouragement to our millions of members.

4. Ministerial Training requirements need to be analyzed with careful scrutiny. The requirements and the standards are so involved, so fraught with misunderstanding and misinterpretation, that many a would-be candidate becomes bogged down in the statements of the *Discipline*.

5. An eloquent case can be made for the ordination of a Traveling Minister, either as a deacon or as an elder, within his home church or within his home district. Often only a few persons who have been intimately acquainted with the young preacher or who have helped him to become a minister are present when he comes to the high moments of his ordination. Such a change would heighten interest on the part of other young persons (and surely we need to ponder the need of more ministerial candidates). Also, it would relate the local church more definitely to the Annual Conference in the whole area of ministerial leadership, both in numbers and in the spirit of acceptance of those appointed to serve the local church.

6. A denomination as large as our Methodism, with as many colleges and universities as we have, and with our highly-praised system of organization certainly should be able to devise a better system of granting honorary Doctor of Divinity Degrees to pastors who have served faithfully and effectively. I have such a degree and am grateful to High Point College for its bestowal. But there are scores of other ministers in my Conference who deserve the honor as much as I do. Why couldn't there be a Church-wide policy of granting some kind of honorary title based upon years of service, outstanding effectiveness, and evidence of spiritual, intellectual growth. It could be done on an Annual Conference level, possibly, best of all.

7. The General Conference needs to take steps looking towards a definite increase in number of foreign students coming through the Medical Schools re-

Committee from the Council of Bishops, Board of Missions and Board of Education could set up a plan of linking our world-wide program of missions into a specific training of carefully-chosen students from other lands in Methodist-related Medical Schools for service as native medical doctors.

8. It is my desire that General Conference affirm a belief in *more balance in our Church Music*, especially in the variety of hymns used in our Services of Worship. To anyone who observes, our people are no longer "singing Methodists." One reason is that we are not encouraging our people to sing simple hymns, those with feeling and fervor as well as ones with intellectual content. I am not advocating lower standards; I, lated to our Methodist Universities. A believe in high grade sacred music; but that should not mean omitting depth of feeling and contagion of spirit. This talk which is going around in some circles of our Church about there being no valid place for a hymn like "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine," should be met, at least by a resolution of General Conference. If we expect to reach all classes and levels of people in America we shall need a wide variety of types of hymns and anthems.

The above items are being presented through specific memorials. Other significant topics will be up for action, but I have listed these because of their basic importance. Surely, a frank dealing with these areas of Church life will help us meet the "unfinished tasks of the Methodists!"

## 'Lamp Unto My Feet' Program To Feature Methodism April 3

"Is The Methodist Church Becoming Strictly an Upper Middle Class Church?"

This question and others currently probing the conscience of Methodism will be discussed on the CBS-TV network program, "Lamp Unto My Feet," at 10 a.m. (EST) Sunday, April 3.

The program will follow the familiar TALK BACK format, using a drama to state problems and a spontaneous discussion to provide deeper insight.

The original TV drama, "The Seed Box" by Theodore W. Case, will illustrate some of the church's problems as emphasized in recent research done by Boston University upon assignment from the Methodist Board of Social and Economic Relations. Following the drama, "Lamp Unto My Feet," host Dr. George Crothers will interview Dr. Robert S. Clemmons, director of the Department of Christian Education of Adults for the Methodist Board of Education, concerning the problems.

The program will be produced in cooperation with the Television, Radio and Film Commission (TRAFICO) of The Methodist Church.



# Woman's Society News



## Clothing Needed for Cherokee Center

A part of the total ministry of the church at Cherokee is helping to provide clothing for the Indians at a nominal price. Often a whole family can be clothed for less than the cost of outfitting one member of the family with new clothing.

Mr. Harding of the Service Center at Cherokee advises that at this particular time there is a great need for children's and babies' clothing, especially children's shoes.

There is also a market there for old used bedspreads, curtains, towels, quilt scraps, and piece goods.

It is through this particular ministry that so little does so much for so many.

For mailing clothing and other materials to Cherokee, use the following instructions:

Via parcel post, motor express, or motor freight, ship to: Cherokee Methodist Center, Cherokee, North Carolina.

Via railway freight, ship to: Cherokee Methodist Center, Whittier, North Carolina.

## Charlotte District Plans Day-Apart Services

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Charlotte District will have a special Lenten Day Apart service in each of the sub-districts in the area on April 8.

Each service will be held from 10 a.m. until noon.

The women of Anson County will have their service at the Wightman Church, with Mrs. Paul Hamilton as leader.

Those in Union County will meet at Central Church in Monroe, with Mrs. H. F. Anderson, conference secretary of Spiritual Life, as leader.

Those in Mecklenburg County will have their service at Harrison Church, with Miss Florence Dixon, district secretary of Spiritual Life, as leader.

Mrs. Lyle Beman, president of the Charlotte District, says that an error had been made in previous publicity in the district and that the correct date of the Lenten services is April 8th, not April 18th, as previously announced in Charlotte.

## Methodist Woman of 1960

What does the average Methodist Woman of the year of 1960 look like? Is she young, middle-aged, or old?

Is she pretty, plain or just attractive?

Mrs. C. A. Meeker, editor of *The Methodist Woman* magazine is seeking a picture of a Methodist woman to be used on the cover of the anniversary issue to go to press about July. She will be known as "The Methodist Woman of 1960," the typical Methodist woman on the 20th anniversary of the unification of the three branches of Methodism and the formation of the Woman's Society of Christian Service as we have it today.

Mrs. Meeker stresses the fact pictures should be of attractive women — that *looks*

do count in the eyes of the judges. Any person may send in a picture, with a sketch of the person nominated. These should be sent to Mrs. C. A. Meeker, Editor, *The Methodist Woman*, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.

Letters were received last week by officers in the Woman's Society of Christian Service, asking for nominees.

This same plan was followed in 1950, when a picture of a typical Methodist woman was used on the cover of the 10th anniversary issue.

Mrs. Meeker adds this thought, that this is not a plan to honor someone for her many years of faithful service — there are other ways of doing that — this is a plan to find the TYPICAL Methodist woman.

## Christian Worker's Conference In Mt. Airy Parish

A Christian Worker's Conference for the people of the Greater Mount Airy Parish will be held at the Oak Grove Methodist Church on April 24th to 27th from 7:30 to 8:45 o'clock each evening.

The Rural Workers of the Western North Carolina Conference will serve as teachers in each division of the conference. Miss Anita Benoy of the Greater Mount Airy Parish will conduct the class in Workers with Children. Miss Laura Wells, of Clay County, will lead the group of Workers with Youth. Miss Virginia Miller of Avery County will conduct the class for young people. Miss Vera Falls, deaconess at Cherokee, will have charge of the group of workers in the Woman's Society and other offices in the church.

Mr. William Blanton, secretary of Town and Country Work, will conduct the class for adults in a study of "Understanding the Methodist Church."

Miss Benoy voices her great joy in the number of Mission Study classes held in her Parish during recent months. She says, "I am pleased with our Mission Studies this year. Thank you, teachers, who spent a great deal of time in preparing for the study. I feel much was accomplished . . . in spite of the bad weather. I know we learned the most important thing — our church has a big task and that each of us has a part in it."

## Methodist Students Hear Japanese Christian

By MARY GARDNER

A young Japanese student at Louisburg College was guest speaker at vesper service at the Methodist Student Center, East Carolina College, Greenville, March 21. She is Masaka Yamada.

Calling herself a "young Christian," Masaka was graduated from Hiroshima Girls' School, a project of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, in March, 1959. She arrived in the United States last summer, entering Louisburg College in September to continue her study in Eng-

lish. Masaka's plans include further study in linguistics in one of the universities in this country next year before returning to her native country.

## WSCS Members Minister to Shut-Ins

One of the more needful and, in some instances, possibly one of the more neglected areas of the church's ministry is its service to shut-ins. In every church there are men, women and children confined to the four walls of their rooms or in wheel chairs — some temporarily, others permanently, all in need of the spiritual ministry of the church.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service, through its committee on spiritual life can become a channel through which may flow joy, cheer and "heavenly sunshine" into the homes, hospitals, and nursing homes of the shut-ins. At least five WSCS in the Durham District are ministering to the shut-ins of their respective churches and communities.

At Hebron Methodist Church sermons are recorded and played back for shut-ins, and the magazine "Mature Years" is distributed to them. The women of Oxford Methodist Church are assisting their pastor in taking the Sacrament of Holy Communion to shut-ins. Spiritual publications are distributed to shut-ins by members of the Lakewood WSCS. Each shut-in member of the McManen's Methodist Church is assigned to a circle and is visited regularly. The WSCS of Calvary Methodist Church, Durham, sends prayer group messages and provides transportation to church services for its shut-in members.

## Bishop Dawson to Retire

Topeka, Kansas — Bishop Dana Dawson, episcopal leader of The Methodist Church's Kansas Area, has announced that he will retire this summer.

Under church law, the 67-year-old bishop could serve for another four years before compulsory retirement, but he said that he had decided to retire in June for health reasons upon the advice of physicians.

(A Methodist bishop must retire at his jurisdictional conference which immediately follows his 70th birthday, but he may retire at 65 if he so elects and gives written notice to the other bishops of the jurisdiction.)

Bishop Dawson's plan to retire brings to four the number of bishops taking early retirement at this time. Bishop William T. Watkins of the Louisville Area retired last October, and Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington, D. C., and Bishop H. Clifford Northcott of Madison, Wis., have served notice that they will retire at their respective jurisdictional conferences this summer.

His announcement also means that The Methodist Church may set a record in the number of bishops to be elected this summer. Church leaders point out that at least 15 bishops will be chosen at the 1960 jurisdictional conferences. Largest number of bishops ever elected in one year before was in 1920 when 14 were elected at Des Moines, Ia., by the General Conference of the former Methodist Episcopal Church.

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Prayer purifies; it is a self-preached sermon.—*Richter*.



# NC Conf. MYF Plans for Summer

By CLAUDE PITTMAN

Leaders of the North Carolina Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship completed plans for summer assemblies in Durham on Friday and Saturday, March 18 and 19.

President Jack Edwards of Goldsboro and the Rev. Robert McKenzie, Jr., of Durham, directed the two-day conference.

Headed by Susan Hill Blount, secretary of the council, Harold Goodyear, Outreach chairman, and Bill Graham, treasurer, chairmen of the three committees for the Louisburg assemblies, the Louisburg Workshop, and the Ninth Annual Conference Session, respectively, made the final plans.

The two assemblies will be held the weeks of June 6-11 and June 13-18. "Basic Christian Beliefs" is the theme for the first week. Dr. Boyd Daniels, professor of religion at Duke University, will be the Bible Forum leader and the Rev. C. S. Hubbard, pastor of the University Methodist Church in Chapel Hill, is slated to be the featured speaker. Deans for the first week will be Harold Leatherman and Ethelynde Balance. The theme for the second week is "The Gospel of Mark," and Dr. Harold Hutson, president of Greensboro College, will be the Bible Forum leader. Second-phase featured speaker is the Rev. Harmon L. Smith, of Duke University Divinity School, and deans are the Rev. Al Fisher, pastor of the Highland Methodist Church in Raleigh, and Mrs. H. R. Odom of Gibson.

Under the theme, "Laborers Together with God," the workshop will be held the week of June 20-25 for youth officers. W. A. Graham, of Chapel Hill, and Mrs. R. L. Jerome, of Elizabeth City, will serve as deans. Members of the conference youth council will also work with the delegates to the workshop.

Approximately five hundred youth are expected to be on hand for the Ninth Annual Conference Session at Duke University, August 15-19. "Choose Ye This Day" will be the theme of the week. Dr. Henry Ruark, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Laurinburg, will be the featured speaker. Representatives from more than 800 churches in the North Carolina Conference will be at the session. Conference officers are to be elected at that time, and a new schedule for 1960-61 drawn up. The Rev. Harvey Johnson, of Apex, and Mrs. Sally Ingram, of Kenansville, will serve as deans, assisted by the Rev. Conrad Glass, of Raleigh, and Miss Eva McClamrock, of Wilson.

## New Bern District Methodist Youth Fellowship Rally

The New Bern District Methodist Youth Fellowship Annual Spring Rally was held on March 1, 1960, at Centenary Methodist Church in New Bern, N. C. The rally began at five o'clock with fellowship singing and greetings from Dr. A. J. Hobbs, New Bern district superintendent; Jack Edwards, North Carolina Conference MYF president; Rev. G. Robert McKenzie, North Carolina Conference director of youth work; and Rev. Ralph Fleming, district director of youth work.

During the worship program, Masako

Yamada, a graduate of Hiroshima School for Girls in Japan and presently a student at Louisburg College, spoke to the group. Supper and the election of officers followed.

After the election, the group of approximately 200 young people divided and each went to one of the seven discussion sessions.

Following these sessions, Dr. A. J. Hobbs installed the newly elected officers after which the assembly adjourned.

## Dates to Remember

Soon pastors and various workers with youth will be receiving information of summer assemblies and camps. Below is a list of these assemblies and camps and their dates. Check with your pastor or some youth leader in your church for more information and for registration blanks. Don't wait until later. Do it now while there is still room!

June 6-11 — Louisburg Assembly

June 13-17 — Louisburg Assembly

June 12-18 — Junior High Camp at Don Lee

June 19-25 — Junior High Camp at Don Lee

June 20-25 — Louisburg Workshop

June 26-July 2 — Junior High Camp at Don Lee

July 3-13 — 10-Day Junior High Camp at Don Lee

July 13-23 — 10-Day Junior High Camp at Don Lee

July 24-27 — Family Camp at Don Lee

July 27-30 — Family Camp at Don Lee

July 31-August 6 — Senior High Camp at Don Lee

August 17-20 — College Orientation (for rising college freshmen)

August 21-24 — Preparation for Marriage Conference (for high school Jr's. and Sr's.)

## Recreation Laboratory

In spite of the persisting snows, the Adult and Youth Divisions of the North Carolina Conference held their Recreation Laboratory as scheduled on March 11-13 at the Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church in Greenville.

Out of the approximately one hundred eighteen who sent in their registration, about one hundred attended. Working on a tight schedule and under excellent leadership, the group established the Christian philosophy of recreation and then turned their attention to mastering skills in planning and leading recreation.

General sessions were headed by John Meares. The delegates were divided into four groups led by Virginia Gregory, Dottie Dicks, Bob Buckner, and Kirk McNeill, assisted by Jack Edwards, Betsy Burnette, and Glenda Pittman, of the Youth Council. In the general sessions, discussions were held on what recreation is, what the Christian philosophy of recreation is, and the place of recreation in the church. Delegates learned to lead ice-breakers, party games, folk dances, etc., and to plan for parties in the four small groups. In the evenings, the whole group enjoyed folk games together.

Bob McKenzie, conference director of youth work, directed a general session on informal drama, after which the group tried their hand at putting what they learned into practice. Saturday night, a party was held, co-ordinated by Bob Buckner with various delegates assisting in leading the games.

The results of the Lab were extremely pleasing. It is hoped that by the delegates taking back to their local groups what they learned, recreation will become an established and accepted part of the church life.



Shown above are some of the MYF leaders who mapped out plans for the summer assemblies. They are (from left to right) the Rev. Bob McKenzie, Conference Director of Youth Work; Jack Edwards, council president; Harold Goodyear, workshop chairman; Susan Hill Blount, assemblies chairman; and Bill Graham, Annual Conference Session Chairman.



# NC Conference Plans What Is Next in Evangelism

By DALLAS MALLISON

With reports coming into N. C. Conference Evangelism headquarters indicating the greatest victories in history in the simultaneous, conference-wide Evangelistic Missions just now completed, Evangelism leaders are asking each church and every pastor and layman to consider most seriously this all-important question: "What's next in Evangelism in the N. C. Conference?"

In a letter recently sent to every local pastor, Conference Evangelism headquarters said that it believes at least two things should be considered as "Musts" in the future of Evangelism in the N. C. Conference — one an immediate step, the other a continuing program. These two were listed as membership training classes and a continuing ministry of Evangelism.

## Membership Training Classes

What is a Christian? What does it mean to be a member of our Lord's Church?

"Let us not fail to instruct and train those whom we receive into the Church," Evangelism headquarters urges. With Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday both in the offing, each church or charge is being urged to conduct special membership training classes for the reception of new members at these particular times. These classes should be organized for each major age group — children, youth, and adults.

During the month of May, Visitation Evangelism should continue to be stressed and the assimilation of new members through the classes and other means should be continued, Evangelism headquarters suggests.

## A Continuing Evangelism Program

Is the Christian Gospel a passing or permanent matter? Shall we think of Evangelism victories of recent, or any days, as only a passing phase of the year's work of the local church? Or, shall we look upon them as the basis for an earnest, intelligent, year-round program of Evangelism for a church that is alive and continually growing? All these pertinent questions are put to each local pastor and layman.

"Whatever form it may take with different pastors, let us not be content until each pastor has some permanent

program he feels suited to his own church," asserts Evangelism headquarters. Occupying a "central" point in any such program should be Visitation Evangelism, it declares.

## Visitation Evangelism is Effective

Does Visitation Evangelism work? Is it effective? Yes, say large churches. Medium-sized churches agree. Small churches believe it does.

"We try to make it a year-round program," says the Rev. Leon Russell, pastor of First Church in Rocky Mount, one of the very largest churches in the N. C. Conference and scene of its 1960 annual session. "Our Fisherman's Club meets each month and works at the task continually."

"We have a group who visits all through the year," writes the Rev. R. Grady Dawson, pastor of First Church in Wilson. "In addition, we have two periods of 3 or 4 nights of intensive visitation each year."

"On the last Sunday in February we awarded Fishermen's Club certificates to John Hood for having won 6 members, to Dan Wise for 8 members, to Fred Jones for 6, Fred Hart for 16, Bud Skinner for 15, Jim Hardison for 20, Ken Fescue for 25, and Fred Tyndall for 39 — all two-year records," reports H. Langill Watson, pastor of Westminster Church in Kinston, perhaps the largest and fastest-growing of our new churches.

"We plan to organize the Order of St. Andrew as a permanent means of winning people to Christ," reports the Rev. Lewis H. Morgan, pastor of the Coats Church, also one of the fast-growing new churches.

## Special Groups or Orders

Each local pastor is strongly urged, if he has not already done so, to develop such effective agencies for promoting Evangelism as new Fishermen's Clubs, St. Andrew's Orders, Couples' Clubs, or Win-One Fellowships. This period affords a golden opportunity to establish such agencies and in fact any elements making for a permanent, year-round program of Evangelism, says Evangelism headquarters.

## "A Year of Evangelism"

A new book from *Tidings*, (General

Board of Evangelism, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 3, Tenn., 1960, \$1.50), can be used most effectively by each minister and layman in planning and conducting their ministries of Evangelism. Just off the press, it is recommended as one of the most valuable aids available in developing continuing programs of Evangelism.

"A Year of Evangelism in the Local Church" contains 26 chapters, each written by a person who knows what he is talking about. The 224-page book also has a very helpful and unusual appendix, containing suggestions for a year's program of Evangelism, an agenda for monthly meetings of the local planning committee, a description of the Spiritual Life Fellowship Plan, and an index.

"This book is designed as a practical manual to assist local churches in their continuing program of Evangelism," the preface says. "It seeks to present plans and procedures which local churches may carry out within their own familiar framework."

## National Council Protests Bp. Walsh's Sentence

New York, N. Y., — The imprisonment of Bishop James Edward Walsh, of the Roman Catholic Church, by the Chinese Communist government was assailed today by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. Signed by the Rev. Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, president of the National Council of Churches and pastor of the Delmar Baptist Church of St. Louis, the full text of the statement follows:

"The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. protest in strongest terms the 20 year prison sentence imposed upon Bishop James Edward Walsh of the Roman Catholic church, by the government of the People's Republic of China.

"This action on the part of the Red China authorities is renewed evidence of the fact that Communism stands in fear of intellectual and religious freedoms, and is therefore determined to stamp out the last vestige of religious liberty in the earth.

"We would express our deepest love and concern for Bishop Walsh in his present distress. We commend him for his bold stand in defense of the good news of God in Jesus Christ. We would call upon all the member communions of the National Council of Churches to pray for him as a brother in Christ, in order that the comforting power of the Cross might be with him in his time of sore trial.

"As we communicate this sense of concern for our fellow laborer in the work of the Christian church in China, we would urge men and women everywhere to be on guard against the subtle powers of totalitarianism, under whatever name, that would rob us of our religious heritage and return us again to the yoke of bondage from which our fathers set us free. — EDWIN T. DAHLBERG, President, National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.



## Board Makes Statement On Air Force Manual

Chicago. — The Methodist Church's Board of Social and Economic Relations has gone on record, reaffirming its confidence in the National Council of Churches and deploring the "unproved allegations" published in an Air Force Reserve training manual concerning the churches of America.

The 46-member general board of the denomination took this action at the close of its semi-annual meeting in Chicago March 15-16.

Full text of the board's statement follows:

"The church must be constantly concerned with the social and political climate of a nation's life. Our concern is not only for the church but for every basic institution of our society when it is threatened.

"Statements recently made in an Air Force Reserve training manual concerning the churches of America recall to mind the recent period of suspicion, innuendo, and hysteria when similar untrue charges were leveled against the churches and church leadership. We have been reminded again that the church must be vigilant to every attempted curtailment or threatened infringement of historic liberties.

"We are shocked by the libelous and untrue accusations in the Air Force Manual Text N. R. 45-0500 against the churches of our country, of the National Council of Churches, and of outstanding scholars who participated in the preparation of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. We are gravely disturbed by the violation of the principle of separation of church and state by a respected arm of our government.

"We call upon the Secretary of the Air Force publicly to reassure the nation that the charges relative to the clergy, the church, and the National Council of Churches are unproved allegations and that future Air Force manuals will be based upon information from creditable sources.

"We call upon the appropriate committee of Congress to determine how so irresponsible a pamphlet was authorized and distributed.

"We reaffirm our confidence in the National Council of Churches, its constituent members and its leadership which has always recognized that the best bulwark against communism is a 'free ministry in a free pulpit preaching to a free people.'"

## COMMENTS IN AFRICA

Just back from nearly two months in Africa, Bishop W. Earl Ledden of Syracuse, N. Y., had this to say: "Whatever hope there is in the present tense situation is related to the work of Christian missions. They are making a great and definite contribution in fields of education, culture, and in the realm of the spirit . . . affecting the attitudes of many leaders of the African people. They are the most hopeful element in the whole confused situation."

Boston University, largest of all Methodist-related schools, has about 25,000 students and ranks tenth in total enrollment among all American universities. It is the only church-related school in the top 10.

## He Sends a Song

When darkness is a canopy around and overhead,  
God does not take away the night — He lights the stars instead.

When all the earth seems overcast above and round about,  
God does not scatter every cloud — He hangs a rainbow out.

His bow of promise spans the sky that is no longer blue;  
He penetrates the deepest gloom to let His light shine through.

Then shall He fail to understand the road is sometimes long?  
God does not cancel weariness — but He will send a song.

— HELEN FRAZEE-BOWER, *The War Cry*

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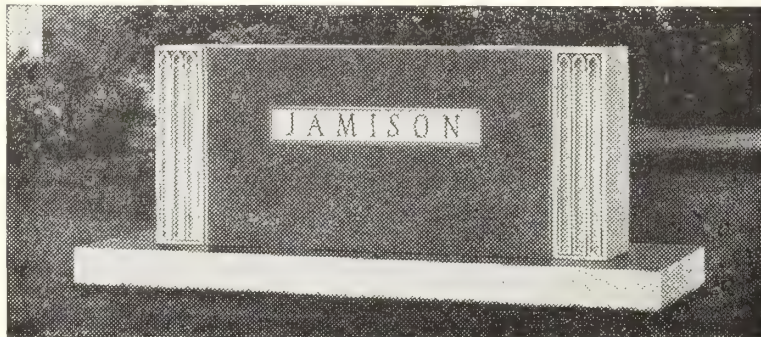
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# Brief News of Methodism

## Editorial Refutes Walter On Air Force Manual

Representative Francis E. Walter (D.-Pa.) is "clearly nostalgic for the good old days of McCarthyism," *World Outlook*, national Methodist missions magazine, says in its April issue.

The magazine (circulation 140,000) made the statement in an editorial commenting on the controversial Air Force manual, in which the scholars who produced the Revised Standard Version of the Bible (sponsored by the National Council of Churches) are accused of having been infiltrated by communism. In hearings into the question, Representative Walter was quoted as having said the allegations in the manual were true.

*World Outlook* says in its editorial entitled "Here We Go Again" that the charges "would seem to deserve nothing but mocking laughter were it not for the attitude of Representative Walter." But the editorial draws this conclusion: "Oh well, the republic survived (Senator Joseph) McCarthy and will survive Walter unless he succeeds in boring us all to death."

*World Outlook* is published monthly by the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, 475 Riverside Drive, New York City. The brief editorial says in full: Speaking of the National Council, the U. S. Air Force (of all organizations) has revived in a training manual the stale and nonsensical charges that the Council and the scholars who produced the Revised Standard Version of the Bible are tools of the Kremlin. This would seem to deserve nothing but mocking laughter were it not for the attitude of Representative Francis E. Walter. Mr. Walter is clearly nostalgic for the good old days of McCarthyism. Oh well, the republic survived McCarthy and will survive Walter unless he succeeds in boring us all to death.

## A BISHOP TO A CONGRESSMAN

"As a churchman, American, and an implacable foe of Communism, I am concerned about your reported statement that members of the National Council of Churches are Communist or are affiliated with Communist-front organizations. No useful purpose is served by such a sweeping statement, which reflects on the loyalty and integrity of valuable Protestant constituent bodies. If the charges are true, the facts and names should be made public so that we in the church may take appropriate action. If, however, these charges are false and are based on supposition and inadequate information, a public apology to the NCC would be in order. It is impossible for any group of individuals to defend integrity and honor unless faced with specific charges."—BISHOP RICHARD C. RAINES of the Indiana Area in a recent telegram to Rep. Francis E. Walter (D.-Pa.), chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

## Family Life Conference Scheduled

Fayetteville, March 15 — Greensboro has been chosen as the setting for the Annual Conference of the North Carolina Family Life Council according to an announcement by the Rev. Jesse H. Lanning of Fayetteville, president.

The three-day meeting will be held at the Market Street Methodist Church in the period October 30-November 1. Dr. Irwin Sperry of Woman's College is chairman of the Program Committee.

## MAY INCREASE NUMBER OF EPISCOPAL AREAS

The number of the episcopal areas in the United States could be increased from 37 to as many as 44 if certain memorials (resolutions) now being forwarded to the 1960 General Conference receive favorable action there. These memorials would amend Paragraph 439 of the *Discipline* to entitle each of the six jurisdictions to a minimum number of five bishops rather than four. Such a change could result in adding one more area to each of the jurisdictions except the North Central. Latest of several groups to adopt such a memorial was the South Central Jurisdictional Council on March 10. Two jurisdictions — the Northeastern and South Central — are each eligible for a new area under existing law.

## URGE POLICY STATEMENT ON MORAL STANDARDS

The Methodist Television, Radio and Film Commission (TRAFECO) has asked the National Council of Churches for a statement "as soon as possible" that will present Christian standards of morality in motion pictures, radio and television. This action was taken at TRAFECO's annual meeting in Nashville March 10. The resolution said, in part, that "the motion picture has a powerful opinion-molding impact on its audiences both in this country and around the world and, therefore, the producers should be mindful of their responsibility to see that the influence is a constructive one, especially on the characters of children and youth."

## TRAFECO TO START CHILDREN'S TV

The Television, Radio and Film Commission (TRAFECO) hopes to start production on a children's television series in 1961. This was announced at the annual meeting in Nashville March 10 by the Rev. Dr. Harry C. Spencer, general secretary. Production of the series is contingent on General Conference action that would make funds available for it. It was also reported that the Children's Television Endowment Fund, a memorial to three TRAFECO staff members killed in a plane crash last year, has reached a total of \$9,082.

## Dr. McCracken to Be 'Radio Pulpit' Speaker

Dr. Robert J. McCracken, minister of Riverside Church in New York City, will begin a 13-week stand as speaker in NBC's "National Radio Pulpit" Sunday, April 3 (10:05-10:30 a.m. EST). His first month's subjects will be "An Honest Man's the Noblest Work of God," April 3; "The Cross and the Forgiveness of Our Sins," April 10; "The Difference Easter Makes," April 17; "On Hating Things, Not People," April 24.

## SEVERAL GROUPS EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR LAWSON

Several Methodist groups have issued statements in support of the Rev. James M. Lawson, a Negro Methodist minister who was associated with the recent sit-in demonstrations in Nashville, and was expelled March 3 as a student in Vanderbilt University divinity school there. According to published reports, he was dismissed "because of his 'announced program of conducting a civil disobedience campaign' in sit-down strikes protesting segregated public eating facilities in downtown Nashville." Some divinity school faculty members and some of the university students protested the dismissal. Among the statements was one by 10 Methodist leaders declaring their faith in Lawson's "integrity, personal responsibility and Christian social concern." He is a former vice-president of the National Conference of Methodist Youth.

## LEADERS TAKE STEPS TOWARD FELLOWSHIP

Two bishops — one Negro and the other white — have agreed that "we need to create an atmosphere for fellowship and a mind of consent" to achieve a racially inclusive church. The leaders — Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., of the Central Jurisdiction's St. Louis Area and Bishop Hazen G. Werner of the Ohio Area — spoke at a meeting in Columbus March 2. Present were representatives of the Ohio, North-East Ohio and the Lexington Conferences. The interracial group agreed that the three conferences prepare to cooperate in programs of evangelism, youth, women's work, and pastors' schools.

## NEW LOAN FUND AIDS CHURCHES

The Methodist Investment Fund, Inc., has been organized as a new national agency for making loans to churches for building purposes. The fifteen directors of the fund, meeting recently in Philadelphia, elected officers and approved loans totalling \$369,000 to 17 churches in 14 states. The new fund has been set up by the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions, Philadelphia, to receive money for investment from institutions, organizations, and individuals. The money invested in the fund will be loaned to churches throughout the U. S.

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A covetous man does nothing he should till he dies.—*Proverb*.





# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## Good Ole Joe!

"Jeanie, dear, would you and Roger please take the baby out to play with you? It's such a lovely day, the sky is clear and the sun is so nice and warm and I know he'll enjoy it," Mrs. Erickson said.

Taking Bobbie's hand, Jeanie told him he could see their new hut and watch Roger sail his boat on the pond.

As the three children started happily down the walk, their mother called for Joe. She pointed toward the children and gave the command, "Go along, Joe, and watch!" and the big dog bounded off, his tail waving.

About an hour later when Mrs. Erickson looked up from her sewing she realized that she had not heard the children at play for some time and didn't know where they were. She went out on the porch and called, but there was no answer. She hunted up her police whistle and tried that, but still no answer. Then she began to worry. Knowing they often played by the pond, she decided to go there first.

When she reached the top of the hill and looked down at the pond, terror struck her, and her heart seemed to stop beating. The two older children were nowhere in sight, and there was her baby standing in the water up to his chin. Then suddenly she saw Joe on the far side of the baby, his great black head turned slightly toward the shore. "That blessed dog," she thought. "He is really a part of us. What would we ever do without him?"

When she reached the pond, she saw that Bobbie's small fist had a firm hold on Joe's strong fur. The dog was walking slowly, ready for any emergency, while allowing the baby to enjoy the water.

"Bring him in now, Joe," she said quietly so as not to frighten the baby.

"Bobbie swim! Bobbie swim!" he said, splashing excitedly.

As they got almost to the edge of the pond, Bobbie stumbled and fell down into the water. Joe was right on the job. Taking the baby's arm in his mouth, he pulled him to his feet and brought him safely to his mother's arms.

"You got all wet, didn't you, darling?" she said, still trembling from her fright. Turning to Joe, she took his wet black head in her two hands and kissed him.

"Good boy, Joe!" she said, and he answered her with a joyous bark as he broke away to shake the water out of his thick coat.

"Go now, Joe, and find Jeanie and Roger," she commanded. After sniffing around a bit to pick up the trail, the dog raced off down a wooded path.

It didn't take him long to find the two culprits. They came running, Joe in the rear, barking to keep them moving. They knew something was wrong. Roger looked worried. Jeanie began to cry when she saw her mother with the water-soaked baby.

"Oh, Mommy, I didn't mean to," she sobbed. "Roger called me to look at something, and I . . ." But their mother said nothing. She was waiting to hear their excuses, and busy removing Bobbie's wet shoes.

"I'm sorry, Mom," Roger said. "I told Jeanie to watch him. We didn't mean to leave him alone long."

"Who is the older? And who should be responsible?" she asked.

"I am," replied Roger, "but I . . ."

"There can be no buts about it. Suppose Bobbie had fallen and drowned. How would you have felt then?" his mother asked.

Jeanie was still sobbing. She knelt down beside Bobbie, brushed the wet hair back from his forehead and kissed his little hand. "If anything happened to Bobbie I'd simply die! Oh, Mommy, I feel terrible."

"Bobbie swim! Joe good boy!" the baby said, not understanding her tears.

"Come now, and let's go back to the house. When Dad comes home we'll have a talk with him about family responsibilities. This was a serious neglect of one of those responsibilities. We should be very thankful to Joe that it turned out all right."

"And to God, too," said Roger thoughtfully.

"Yes," replied his mother, "God and Joe worked together to save our baby."

— From *Our Dumb Animals*.



## Legend of the Dandelion

There is a pretty old story about the dandelion. It is said that long ago there were a great many baby stars in the sky. The moon was their mother, and she

wanted them to shine as soon as it was dark. The little stars were usually good, but one night they were cross, and didn't want to shine. When the mother moon called them, they hung their heads, and would not come to her. She called them again and again. At last she called some other stars to take their places.

Then the naughty stars began to fall, down and down, and after a while they hit the earth. They were sorry they had been naughty, and began to cry. Finally they cried themselves to sleep.

The next morning the sun woke them up early. They were homesick and began to cry again. The sun felt sorry for them, smiled on them, and said, "Never mind, my dears! After this you may shine on the earth."

This made the little stars very happy, and now you see them shining in the grass on your lawn.



## CHUCKLES

Billy: Pete, come on over to my house, I want to show you my daddy's den. Does you dad have a den?

Pete: Naw, my dad don't need a den. He growls all over the house.

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Alice for the first time saw a cat carrying her kitten by the nape of the neck. With indignation she cried, "You aren't fit to be a mother. You aren't hardly fit to be a father."



## Bible Rhymes

(Name the places referred to)

1. Moses climbed to its top alone, and brought down the Law on tables of stone. . . . .
2. Christians were slain to furnish thrills for this city set on seven hills. . . . .
3. A carpenter brought world renown to this humble Galilean town. . . . .
4. Famine was spreading everywhere, but this one land had corn to spare. . . . .
5. The deepest spot in the Holy Land, where nothing grows but salt and sand. . . . .

## Answers to Last Week's Rhymes

1. Daniel
2. Jesus
3. Naaman
4. John the Baptist
5. Saul of Tarsus, who became Paul the Apostle



# International Sunday School Lesson

FOR APRIL 10, 1960  
By RAYMOND A. SMITH  
Head, Department of Religious Education, Greensboro College  
THE STRENGTH OF HUMILITY

Background Scripture: Matthew 5:3-5; Luke 14:7-14; 16:19-31.

Lesson Scripture: Matthew 5:3-5; Luke 14:7-14.

"Humility is the most difficult of all virtues to achieve; nothing dies harder than the desire to think well of oneself." Thus wrote a modern poet, T. E. Eliot. But long before, it had been said better by Jesus: "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted" (Luke 14:11). The proud man is a fool. And, because he is a fool, he learns humility only the hard way; that is, by having it knocked into him by the hard facts of life. The great ones of earth know their greatness is not their own achievement. As General Dwight D. Eisenhower said, when given the Freedom of the City of London, July 12, 1945: "Humility must always be the portion of any man who receives acclaim earned in the blood of his followers and the sacrifice of his friends."

Our plan in this lesson will be to discuss, in turn, verses 3, 4 and 5 of the 5th chapter of Matthew, and then to close with a discussion of Luke 14:7-14.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Note that the present tense is used, meaning the Kingdom is already here for those who will enter it. Compare the form in which Luke quotes these words: "Blessed are ye poor." Some writers believe Jesus was talking about the masses of the Jewish people who, for reasons of their poverty, could not keep all the rules enjoined by the Pharisees, but trusted in God just the same. Others point out that Jesus was not talking about any class of people, but was speaking of a state of mind — or attitude. This is the quality of teachableness. It is not only the open door to education, but also to the highest reaches of the spiritual life. Even God can't do anything with a man who thinks he already knows everything and, therefore, has no need of God.

"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted." This is one of the paradoxes of Jesus' teaching; that is, it seems to be a contradiction. Actually it reveals a profound truth. In effect it says, "Those who feel a burden of the world's sin and woe are to be congratulated; they are not hard-hearted and unconcerned about others; they are the kind of people upon whom we must depend if the world is to be made better." Their comfort will be derived from the fact that they are fulfilling the words of Scripture which reads: "Rejoice with them that rejoice, and weep with them that weep." Dylan Thomas, the young Welsh poet who died a few years ago, has one of his characters remark (after a series of tragedies had struck her village): "Life is a terrible thing, isn't it? Thank God." There you have it! Gratitude for all of life — acceptance of it as it comes.

The next verse, "Blessed are the meek" has caused no end of difficulty in interpretation. Meekness, as it is understood by most of us, is no attractive trait. We are likely to think of Dickens' character, Uriah Heep, whose feigned humility was nauseating. Scholars tell us the word for "meek" (in the original) has a very different meaning from this. It was the term used for a horse that could "work in harness." So a meek person turns out to be one who is not contentious, but can work alongside others. The promise is that it is people like this who will inherit the

earth. Is there not a lesson for us Americans here? Will the hate groups who traffic in division of one class from another, one race from another and one religion from another—will these people destroy our nation? Not if we can retain this quality of meekness (willingness to work with people who may differ from others in certain respects, but are still Americans, too). It is an interesting thing that our government allows tax exemption for money spent to influence business by entertaining prospective customers! This is not the way of the teaching of Jesus, according to the story that is told here. His way involves inviting the people who can't possibly return the favor! Why? Because they, too are the children of God!

## ANNOUNCEMENT

A memorial service for the Rev. Dr. James Cannon III, formerly dean of the Duke Divinity School, will be held in the Divinity School Chapel, April 19, 10:10 a.m.

Harmon L. Smith  
Assistant to the Dean  
Duke Divinity School

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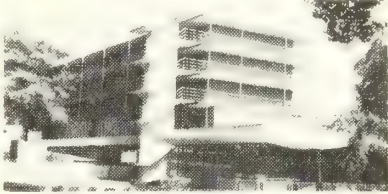
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# The Garden

By MILLARD C. DUNN, JR.

(The author, son of the Rev. M. C. Dunn, superintendent of the Fayetteville District, while a student at Duke University, made the following comment: "I spent an afternoon walking in the Duke Gardens. Impressions seemed to stick in my mind — little children wide-eyed with wonder, elderly couples walking arm in arm, youthful couples sharing their secrets. I sat beside a swiftly flowing brook and wrote . . . —")

*The garden is alive with  
singing birds, and the color  
of flowers beside a brook  
that bubbles with laughter (as  
brooks have been doing for ages).  
Only the sun dies; and that  
only until the morning.*

*We used to come here when I  
was much younger; it seemed  
so huge and easy to get lost in —  
then.*

*I remember how I would turn  
an unsuspecting corner to find  
two lovers drawn suddenly apart.  
And I—so young—would walk on,  
wondering.*

*I knew no passion then, except  
the music of the brook,  
the rainbow of the fountain,  
the spring-song of the birds.*

*I know the garden now; it's not  
so big as once it seemed.  
That was some time ago, but  
still the music of the brook  
haunts me with its loveliness.  
I know the corners not to turn.  
I know the love that hides  
there in a secret cave  
of foliage and sweet perfume.  
And I have tasted passion now—  
I can envy their kisses, and  
savor with sweetness my own.*

*I will return some day  
and walk down paths so well  
worn by my feet and those  
of countless others like me.  
The garden will be here, still  
as beautiful, still hiding  
lovers along its secret heart-paths.  
I will stop and listen, I think,  
to the song of the brook just as  
joyful.  
There will be others, old  
like me, and the young ones, wide-  
eyed and turning down wrong  
paths.  
And of my passion—  
I will remember.*

Photo from the filmstrip, "Next Steps in Religion."



## Carolina Briefs

THE REV. AND MRS. DON ROLLINS of Monroe announce the adoption of a son, Donald Edward Rollins, Jr., on March 15. Mr. Rollins is pastor of the North Monroe-Benton Heights Charge in the Charlotte District. The baby's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leo Leonard of Lexington and the Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Rollins of Lincoln-ton.

THE REV. DR. EMBREE H. BLACKARD, pastor of Central Church, Asheville, is among the newcomers to the latest edition of Who's Who in America. Dr. Blackard, a native of Trenton, Tenn., holds degrees from Emory and Yale universities. During recent years he has served as pastor of Myers Park Church, Charlotte, superintendent of the Charlotte District and pastor of First Methodist Church, Gastonia, before coming to his present pastorate in Asheville in 1949.

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### Subscription Report

Several nice lists of subscribers have been received since our last report. But only four charges have made the Honor Roll. These are Williston-Smyrna and Andrews, with 10% or more of the membership subscribing, and Union Church on the Union-Brite Meadows Charge and Rutherford College Church, each qualifying for club rate with 20% or over.

The last subscriptions to count on this year's business are coming in today, since our financial year ends March 31. However, if you haven't completed your campaign, it is hoped you will press right ahead and report as soon as possible.

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### LETTERS

#### Camping Program

Dear Editor:

I appreciate very much the excellent full page article, "Unparalleled Opportunities in Christian Camping," telling the story of this work in the North Carolina Conference.

This important phase of the ministry of the Church will be emphasized more and more in the future. Altogether, six districts of the Western North Carolina Conference, Greensboro, Thomasville, Salisbury, Statesville, Marion, and North Wilkesboro, of course, is in addition to our excellent camp at Tekoa and our program carried on at Lake Junaluska. In addition, many more Churches are planning camp programs for their young people.

Sincerely,

B. C. ADAMS, Chrm. of the Salisbury District Camp

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A short prayer from the heart is a diamond, little but precious. A large prayer of formalism is like a mass of clay, ponderous and valueless.—C. P. Krauth, D.D.



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## The Mystery of the Resurrection

By R. P. MARSHALL

Did you ever wonder why, in these days of scientific marvels, few people have taken time to seriously consider one of the greatest miracles of history — the resurrection of Jesus?

Listening to Easter sermons each year, we grow tired of the platitudes, the sentimental stories of death and bereavement, and we long for someone to attempt a serious discussion of just what did happen at the tomb in Joseph's garden. Would not such a sermon be worth more than all the pious talk about life after death?

Dr. Leslie Weatherhead of London has written a small book\* which attempts to answer the question which all of us are asking: What was the manner of the resurrection? How did Jesus rise from the dead?

The story is familiar to all. We remember how Jesus was buried in the cave-like tomb cut in the rock, how the women came early in the morning and found the stone rolled away and the body gone. There we usually stop and begin to moralize and spiritualize. We do not examine the tomb, as Peter did. We do not walk over, in our imagination to the stone slab on which the body of Christ was laid. We do not look for evidence; we turn quickly and go out in the sunshine, to talk feelingly about the need for immortality and to quote the poets' verse about the budding trees and the blooming flowers.

Suppose that we do enter that tomb, as Peter did, and John, who wrote the story later. What do we see?

Look carefully now. What is the clue that lies before us on the cold stone slab?

Only a heap of linen cloths which once had wrapped the Savior's body and the head-cloth that bound his brow.

Think for a moment what this means. Could it be that Jesus doffed those garments in the usual way and left them there as evidence that he had been there? No doubt he may have deliberately left them, but suppose that, instead of taking them off and folding them up, he merely vanished out of them.

Standing beside the place where Jesus had lain, Peter and John must have thought deeply about this possibility, for John, in his Gospel, notes that "Simon Peter therefore also cometh; and he beholdeth the linen cloths lying, and

the napkin, that was on His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but rolled up in a place by itself. Then entered the other disciple (John) and he saw and believed."

What did they see that made them believe? It was not merely the absence of Jesus' body that convinced them of the resurrection, but the *presence of the linen cloths*. If there had been no grave-cloths, they might have supposed, as did some, that the body had been removed.

And, to go a bit further, if those cloths had been neatly folded and laid in a pile, they might have supposed that Jesus had recovered from his deathly wounds and revived enough to change his garments and walk out, with the aid of some helper.

But the cloths were there, and they were not folded, nor were they left in disarray. They were, in fact, just as they were when wrapped about the body of the Lord!

Note carefully John's description of this thing which convinced him of the miracle. The linen cloths which had been wrapped around the body were *lying* there in the same position that they had occupied the night before, except that they no longer concealed the body; and the head-cloth, which had been about his brow like a turban was "rolled up in a place by itself."

Dr. Weatherhead asks, "What happened during that Saturday night?" And he answers, "Before ever the stone had been rolled back by the Temple Guard there can be little doubt, if we give full significance to the manner in which the grave-cloths were lying, that a process took place unknown as yet to modern science, by which the physical body of Christ completely evanesced or evaporated, or dematerialized, so that the grave-cloths, weighed down by their own weight and by the hundred pounds weight of spices in their folds just collapsed."

He continues, "The fact that the grave-cloths on the body only reached to the armpits, leaving the shoulders and neck bare, gives point to the fact, carefully noted, that the turban which was about his head was 'not lying with the linen cloths, but rolled up in a place by itself.'"

As we come to Easter, let us remember that the message of the resurrection was "the Message" of the Church. The early Christians were preaching the gospel of a Risen Christ, and it is this Gospel which brought hope to the world.

\*The Manner of the Resurrection, by Leslie D. Weatherhead. (Abingdon, \$1).



# LETTERS

## New Style is Eye-catching

Dear Editor:

We like very much the new style of cover page for the *ADVOCATE*. It catches the eye more readily than the former style and your pictures are always so good.

Thank you for the lovely "Indian Version of the 23rd Psalm." We are putting it on our family bulletin board for a few weeks, and it will remind each of us, when we look at it, of our Good Shepherd.

Sincerely,

REV. AND MRS. J. E. CARTER  
Charlotte, N. C.

## Suggestions and Praise

Dear Editor:

I appreciate the *ADVOCATE*. I urge more people to subscribe. For many years I have been exposed to it. Preaching and church work is good, (but) this can be made more effective by the use of this paper in the home. What is read may remain and sink deeper than what is heard.

As to the contents, I am not to say. I think news items are important; nor would I delete business items affecting the Methodist Church. I do not think the paper should enter politics as such, but there might be issues coming up that require a stand and defense. Church organizations should be given proper space. And please always include the Sunday School lesson.

The good this publication does is not to be reckoned in dollars and cents.

Yours for a continued and wider circulation of the *CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE*.

Sincerely,

HARVEY MCPHAIL  
Mt. Olive, N. C.

## Magazine Style Favored

Dear Editor:

I am another laywoman who favors the present magazine style, featuring good religious reading matter. I enjoy reading the editorials and the Sunday School lessons, but we need outlined programs for the promotion work, also.

Sincerely,

MRS. L. E. BROWN  
Charlotte, N. C.

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Seen above are the officers of the newly organized Methodist Men at St. James Church, Charlotte: Left to right, (front row) Jim Kimmons, vice-president; James Postell, president; Ralph Easterling, charge lay leader; Ralph Reed, pastor. (Back row) Nat Richardson, publicity director; Joe Bass, secretary; Ben Wilson, treasurer.

## Carolina Briefs

THE PARSONAGE at Dix Creek Chapel, Leicester, was dedicated recently when the Rev. Robert Tuttle conducted the service, assisted by two former pastors, the Revs. A. Wade Thompson and R. Dwight Ware. The Dix Creek church, which is under the leadership of the Rev. W. C. Clark, is located at Georgetown, and was completed in 1956. The indebtedness of over \$30,000 has been paid.

DR. E. C. FEW dedicated the parsonage at Lafayette Street Church, Shelby, on April 3. He was assisted by the pastor, the Rev. R. W. McCulley, and former pastor, the Rev. James Coleman of Winston-Salem, who was pastor when the parsonage was built.

FOUR VISITING MINISTERS spoke at the four-day revival at St. Timothy's Church, High Point, recently. The Rev. Robert Stamey began the series on Sunday night and was followed by the Rev. J. S. Higgins, D. W. Charlton, Jr., and the Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr. The Rev. R. W. Blanchard is the pastor.

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## Announcement

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon has appointed the Rev. Howard Vancannon (AS) to the Bethel-Julian-Shiloh Charge to serve until Annual Conference effective March 1, 1960.  
JOHN H. CARPER, D.S.

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## Carvers Creek Presenting Easter Pageant

Once again the Carvers Creek Methodist Church is busy preparing for the Annual Easter Pageant which is to be presented on Friday, April 15, 7:45 p.m., and Sunday, April 17, 10:00 a.m., at the Carvers Creek Methodist Church located on Highway 87 near Council, N. C.

With the exception of one year, the pageant has been an annual production for approximately twenty years. The pageant is an Easter dramatization with choral music, and was written, compiled, and is produced by Mrs. Hobson Sanderlin.

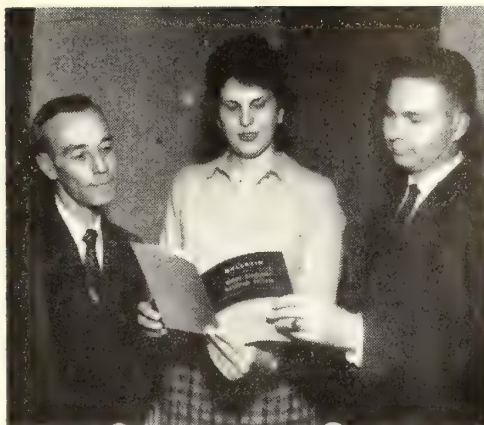
The choral music is provided by the twenty voice choir of the Carvers Creek M. E. Zion Church. The cast itself is composed of thirty people, and over twelve others are vitally involved in the production and presentation of the pageant in a non-acting role. Over all, the pageant requires the services of over sixty people.

It is noteworthy that at this busy farming season the people will take time from their work to practice and give their support to the success of this sacred pageant.

The lovely and realistic costumes, plus the special lighting, combine to help make this a most colorful and inspiring program.

The story moves from the experience of Peter denying Christ to the climactic day of the Resurrection.

A special invitation is being extended to the general public to attend this, the Annual Easter Pageant of the Carvers Creek Methodist Church on either Good Friday evening or Easter Sunday morning.



Gray Collins Gay

## Wesleyan College Adds Three to Staff

**Rocky Mount:** North Carolina Wesleyan College of Rocky Mount prepares to enroll its first freshman class in September 1960. In preparation for this event, President Thomas A. Collins announces the addition of three new staff members: Miss Lois Collins, the admissions counselor and acting registrar; Mr. Walter Gray, the first librarian for Wesleyan; Mr. Robert Gay, Jr., as an assistant to the comptroller.

Miss Lois Collins is a native of Nashville, N. C. After graduation from Nashville High School she attended Greensboro College for two years and was graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1954. She taught in the Goldsboro City School system, and Annapolis, Md., school system.

Mr. Walter Gray is a native of Lawrenceville, N. C. He was graduated from high school in Flemington, N. J., received his A.B. from the University of Denver, and is to be graduated with the Master of Library Science degree from the University of North Carolina in June of this year.

Mr. Robert Gay, Jr., is a native of Rocky Mount, N. C. After graduation from Rocky Mount Senior High, he attended Principia College. He transferred to the University of Richmond and was graduated with a B.S. degree in Business Administration last year.

## 'TALE OF TWO CITIES'

Two Chicago suburbs have exactly opposite traffic safety records and exactly opposite reactions concerning the use of liquor, reports the Rev. L. D. McGladrey of Chicago, a Methodist minister and national executive of Temperance Education, Inc. Of 689 U. S. cities of over 10,000 population, legally-dry Evanston has just set a national safety record of 781 days without a traffic death. Calumet City, nationally known as "wide open," has the worst record of the 689 cities with 8.4 deaths per 10,000 registered vehicles.

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## Pfeiffer Adds Two Faculty Members

Harold P. Stephenson, a North Carolina native, will join the staff in the Science Department at Pfeiffer College this fall as head of the Physics Department.

Mr. Stephenson was graduated from Reidsville, N. C., High School and Duke University with a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering; a Master's of Arts in Physics degree; and a Doctor of Philosophy in Physics.

His teaching experience includes serving as Head of the Physics Department, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois, 1952-57, and from 1957 to present, he has been Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Duke University. He has recently become a Registered Professional Engineer in the state of N. C.

Dr. Stephenson is married to the former Sarah M. Kincaid, a native of Paducah, Ky. They have one daughter.

At Duke, Dr. Stephenson was active in church work to the extent of teaching a class of young people at Duke Memorial and serving as board chairman at the Methodist Student Center at Duke University.

Miss Hazel Correll, a native of Inman, South Carolina, will join the staff in the Christian Education Department at Pfeiffer this fall.

Miss Correll attended Inman, S. C., public schools, Robinson Business College, Spartanburg, S. C.; Pfeiffer College; and Boston University School of Theology. She holds the A.B. degree in Christian Education, and the M.R.E. degree.

Miss Correll is a deaconess of the Methodist Church and holder of a John Q. Schisler Graduate Award in Christian Education for 1959-60.

Miss Correll was a member of the first graduating class after Pfeiffer became a four year liberal arts college in 1957. She graduated from Pfeiffer with the highest scholastic standing in her class, having received the scholarship trophy. Since that time Pfeiffer has been engaged in an extensive building program, enabling the school to accommodate 1,000 students. Pfeiffer was fully accredited as a four year liberal arts college in December of '59 by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and received full membership in the Methodist Senate of College and Universities in January of this year. The American Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools also admitted Pfeiffer into full membership early in the year.

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# EDITORIALS

## Exit or Entrance?

Is death the end or only the beginning?

The Christian believes that death is only a door to a new life. We step through the portal and for a moment perhaps pass into darkness, but then there is the light on the other side.

One afternoon, waiting for a train in Washington's Union Station, we watched the travelers passing to and fro, some with the bored look of experienced travelers, others wide-eyed and eager for a new adventure. Some were saddened at leaving their homes and some were full of anticipation as they said to themselves, "At last I'm going home."

Sitting just in front of the gate which led to the trains, we tried to picture the lives of those who passed by us, to imagine what sort of people they were and what life held for them. But all we could think of was our own eagerness for the train to come.

And then we noticed a curious thing. The sign above the door did not say "Entrance to Trains." It carried only one word, "EXIT."

It was an exit from the station, but it was more. It was, for many of us, an entrance to new life and opportunities.

Death seems to be the end when it is really the beginning. And so we wait, with baggage ready, for the call that sends us on our way to home.

## The Two Who Walked with Him

Who were the two who walked the Emmaus road with Jesus on that first Easter afternoon? We are not told the name of but one, Cleopas, and it has been suggested that perhaps the other might have been his wife.

Maybe so, but customs of the day do not make this theory seem very possible. The Jew of Jesus' time did not make a habit of strolling out with his wife on an Spring evening.

It is interesting to speculate on the matter, but it not important. Who the silent one was we do not know, and we are not certain whether the Cleopas mentioned was one of the disciples (otherwise called Alpheus) or one outside the inner circle.

What matters most to us is the fact that these two persons saw and conversed with the Risen Christ on the day of His resurrection.

## THE WATCH

By RUTH GIBBS ZWALL

*Soldiers, watch, and make the sealing sure;  
The One you guard is stranger to the tomb.*

*Watch through the night, nor yield to slumber's lure  
With eyes that pierce the deepest midnight gloom.*

*Watch while the enemy laughs out his scorn  
And Pharisees drink triumph to the fill.  
Watch while the little band of friends, forlorn,  
Huddles like sheep, remembering the Hill.*

*And yet, as well attempt to hold the dawn  
Back from the appointment of its scheduled hour.*

*The earthquake strikes! And Jesus treads upon*

*The last foe, Death, in resurrection power.*

*Henceforth no need to watch an empty grave.*

*The Lord is risen indeed, to die no more.  
With arms outstretched toward those He came to save,*

*He points the way through Heaven's open door.*

—THE WAR CRY

## Good Morning!

Someone has pointed out that the word "Hail," as translated in the KJV, might appropriately be turned into the American "Good Morning!"

Perhaps this might sound a bit flip-pant on the lips of the Master, but we might well remember that Jesus talked just as other people. When He said, "All hail," to a group of his friends, he probably meant no more than, "Hello, everybody."

We have been intrigued by the facility with which all religious people turn commonplace and tender expressions of the Master into the most solemn and archaic language, as if they were afraid to think of Jesus as both God and man.

But that is what He was—and is.

One of the greatest mistakes of the Medieval Church was that of making Christ a figure on a Cross, rather than a Friend and Savior. In their preoccupation with the sorrows of a world full of disease and death, church leaders turned to the Crucifix instead of the lily; to the dead Christ on a tree, rather than to the Risen Master in the Easter Garden.

"Christ is risen!" shout the Eastern Orthodox on Easter morning. So should we remember that because He rose, we too shall rise; because He is alive forevermore, we too shall never die.

## Nobody Was Listening

W. B. J. Martin, writing in the *Presbyterian Outlook*, tells of a discussion group which met, talked and got nowhere.

"Why?" he asked, and answered his own question, "Because nobody was listening to anybody else!"

Anyone who has tried to tell a funny story to a group of Methodist preachers knows how difficult that is. Before you have said two words, you see the far-away look in their eyes, as they seek through their mental files for a story that will "top" yours.

But this situation, although exasperating to the would-be humorist, is normal and to be expected. It hurts no one and provides a great deal of amusement. What is really tragic is the prevalence of this attitude in regard to national and social problems.

No one listens when the argument goes against ingrained prejudices.

A friend of ours spent several dollars on a telephone call the other day, in an effort to persuade us to print an article which he had written attacking church officials for what he called communist leanings, and reiterating oft-refuted charges which, if he tried, he could easily learn were false.

But he will not listen.

And, of course, on our side, we followed suit and didn't listen, either.

## No Decrease in Burials

Reporting from East Germany, a correspondent for *The Christian Century* relates that, since the Communist emphasis on secularization, baptisms have almost ceased, and church weddings have decreased, but, he adds, "as yet there has been no decrease in the number of Christian burial services."

We know of many people who would not be bothered by the Communists. They never go to church but twice and both times they are carried in.

But when we come to the end of life the skinniest soul is warmed by a blanket of flowers and the toughest character gets a pat on the back of his shroud.

It is comforting to know, however, that in a Communist state where it is hard to live as a practicing Christian, one can still look forward to a funeral.



## The Mystery of the Cross

By VERGIL QUEEN

Difficult as it is to explain, the cross remains the supreme symbol of Christianity. It is the cross which adorns our altars, crowns our spires, and inspires our songs.

Why? Because the cross is the key which unlocks the secret of God's nature. The cross is not simply the symbol of a martyrdom. Jesus was more than a martyr. When Jesus went to the cross, it was his way of revealing that "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." So, when we catch the secret truth of the cross we get a glimpse into the heart of our Heavenly Father whose motivating principle is suffering love.

The young Jesus dying on the cross at thirty-three may seem foolish to us at first sight, but to those who understand the principle of vicarious love he is seen to be "the power of God and the wisdom of God." Initiation into the "secret truth" of the cross is by way of meditation, prayer, love and a self-giving life.

The crisis of our age is a moral one. Culture and cleverness cannot save us and our world. Matthew Arnold was the apostle of culture. He once defined religion as morality tinged with emotion. But on the last Sunday of his life he attended services at the Sefton Park Presbyterian Church in Liverpool. It was Sacrament morning and the sermon was on "The Shadow of the Cross." The closing hymn was,

"When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride."

At the home of his brother-in-law after the service, a servant heard Arnold repeating to himself the first lines of that hymn. At luncheon he spoke about the hymn and said he thought it the finest in the English language. When he rose from the table he went out, and in ten minutes he was dead — dead with his mind dwelling on the cross.

At the end, the mind of Matthew Arnold was led from culture to the cross. It is a mystery, but that is the road we too must travel.

"And all through life see a cross,  
Where Sons of men yield up their breath;  
There is no gain except through loss,  
There is no life except through death."



## EASTER

*Sing, soul of mine, this day of days,  
The Lord is risen.  
Toward the sun-rising set thy face,  
The Lord is risen.  
Behold He giveth strength and grace;  
For darkness, light; for mourning, praise;  
For sin, his holiness; for conflict, peace.*

*Arise, O soul, this Easter Day!  
Forget the tomb of yesterday,  
For thou from bondage art set free;  
Thou sharest in His victory  
And life eternal is for thee,  
Because the Lord is risen.*



## The Triumph of the Faith

(from *The Arkansas Methodist*)

The high point in the calendar of the Christian year is Easter. This is the day for which all the year seems to be made, for on Easter is sounded and experienced the note of triumph and victory. Every observance of the year would have far less meaning for it either points toward Easter or is an outgrowth of the Resurrection of Jesus. Each of the other observances is immeasurably richer because of Easter.

The high point in the calendar of the individual Christian's experience is Easter. Even to the casual church member, Easter has a special significance, and he makes a special effort to be present to share in the Easter service. Something of the note of victory, so much a part of Easter, reaches through to every Christian and awakens within him a spiritual response, often sadly lacking at other times.

That must have been something of the response that changed so completely the eleven remaining disciples of Jesus when they learned or were convinced that He indeed had arisen from the dead. The full realization of the meaning of His life, teachings and suffering slowly but surely came over them and from then on they were fully committed to Him, in life and death.

Our prayer for you is that this Easter may bring a fuller comprehension of God's love for mankind and how He through Christ's life, death and Resurrection can make your life a victorious one. This would not be possible without the Resurrection.

## For Increased Traction

By JACK CRUM

Last Monday I took the brickbats out of the car! I hope I will not have to put them back again this year. You see, when the snow covers the roads I have found my car has better traction when the rear end is weighted down. Therefore, during the last snow I put some 35 bricks in the trunk. It looks like the snowy roads are gone now, and so I took the brickbats out again.

I do not know about you, but I have found that it is a good practice to always have on hand some things to weigh down one's life when the road becomes difficult. When the way looks bad I always throw more prayer into my life. When the path is hard I always store more Bible verses in my mind. I have never gotten over the wonder of knowing that "The Lord is my shepherd." When the ruts of the road of life look especially deep I always rely on my Christian friends. I never miss church when I am in trouble.

Last Sunday, the *Upper Room* Bible reading included this verse from Psalm 86: "O Lord, in the day of trouble I call on thee, for thou dost answer me." Now this is a verse that will give us traction on the most slippery road. Put it in your trunk and keep it there.



## EASTER MEDITATIONS

*Who crucified our blessed Lord?  
Our Christ, the Lamb of Sacrifice  
Was sold by Judas for a price  
To priests and elders in accord, —  
'Twas THEY who crucified our Lord.*

*Who crucifies our Lord today?  
The unbelief and greed portrayed  
In Judas, priests, and elders staid  
Now constitute the modern thing  
That crucifies afresh our King.*

*This wicked world stalks bold in sin.  
It's dying fast in unbelief;  
No wonder there's pathetic grief,  
Since righteousness is sacrificed  
As shamefully as Jesus Christ.*

*Christ our Redeemer conquered death;  
Arose, therefore, victorious!  
He lives again! He lives for us!  
Abundant life He freely gives!  
Go, tell all nations that He lives!*

— LENA HAMMER THACKER

High Point, N. C.  
March 12, 1960



# The Problem of Immortality

My dear young friend:

I am quite flattered that you have come to me with your problem. Although I do not pose as an authority, what you say about my having read extensively is true. I have in my library a large collection of books dealing with the problem of immortality, and I have studied each of these as well as many others in libraries and the collections of friends. Perhaps from this mass of material I can select a few ideas that will be helpful to you.

There is no doubt that you are perfectly right in feeling that the most important question that faces humanity is, "Does the human soul persist after death?" A man's attitude concerning this colors everything that he does and constitutes a very important portion of his personality. If one does not believe in the persistence of personality, he is likely to degenerate into a pure Epicurean following the motto, "Eat, Drink, and Be Merry, for Tomorrow We Die." On the other hand, if a person is assured that this present life is merely a preparation for something better, he is much more likely to live toward that end.

## Where is the Proof?

You ask me what proof—and you emphasize the word *proof*—there is of immortality. My first inclination is to say to you that there is no proof at all. For a long while I labored under the same illusion from which you are suffering, that somewhere there must be material evidence that will give assurance. I must tell you first of all that this is so only in a qualified sense. All the worthwhile things in life are not provable. Beauty and love do not lend themselves to such treatment. They cannot be demonstrated in a laboratory; they cannot be resolved by the syllogisms of logic.

There are, however, three considerations which I have culled from my reading that are not proofs, that would not stand up in court, that could very easily be contested by somebody who had a contrary belief, but which are distinctly worth your thinking about. I have pondered them a great deal and have derived from them comfort, if not assurance.

## The Universe is Reasonable

The first of these is based upon the reasonableness of the whole universe. When one studies science extensively, he finds that the entire cosmos is bound to-

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By PAUL MOWBRAY WHEELER\*

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gether by the same principles. A physicist in his laboratory on earth can work out extensive laws which apply equally to the farthest nebula or the most distant star that he analyzes. The same set of laws, the same set of rules, govern the flaming inferno in the northern sky called the North Star and the gem that you wear on your finger.

In other words, the universe is organized. It decidedly is not an accident. One prominent astronomer claims that the whole universe is a mathematical concept formulated by an Intelligence that must be an infinitely great mathematician.

At any rate we have the right to assume that, whatever the Intelligence is which constructed and guides the universe, it is a reasonable Intelligence. Would it seem likely, being reasonable, that It would construct personality, the most remarkable thing in the universe, and then let it die. Would it abruptly cut short such an evolving process as this? A modern minister has asked, "Is God a child that idly blows beautiful bubbles to watch them disintegrate?"

From any point of view this does not seem credible. It is a contradiction in itself which is abhorrent. Of what use is anything in the universe, if this is so? Why should we keep on trying to grow? Why should society continue to improve itself and mount in a gradual growth through the centuries, if everything is to be snuffed out like a candle flame at the end? When one stands beside the deathbed of a great or good character, such a conception as this is intolerable. In short, it does not seem likely that a Mind that could have conceived this universe and could have set all the infinite machinery running so precisely that its accuracy is beyond man's conception, would cast aside its greatest creation.

## The Will to Live On

The second of my considerations is the natural consequence of the first. If we predicate the reasonableness of the universe, we can reach a conclusion that at least is provocative.

Nature has planted a variety of appetites in human beings: thirst, hunger, sex, etc. And in every case she has

planted also a means of satisfying these appetites. To be sure, men die of thirst and starve; but, almost without exception, if this happens, it is man's fault. Because of his wasteful nature, because of his poor planning, because of his temerity in venturing into regions which have not been opened up, he may have to suffer the consequences.

Now, the most driving, the most powerful appetite of all is the yearning to live on after death. We find it absent only in a very few abnormal cases. It has persisted in one form or another from the very beginning of the human race. Archaeologists find tokens of it in prehistoric sepulchers. Primitive man has left behind him definite proof that he felt that he would live on, or, at least, that he yearned to do so.

Does it seem likely then that in the case of this one most universal appetite Nature should have failed to supply the means of satisfaction? It isn't like her to do this, and it would appear only reasonable to expect her to be consistent in this case also.

## Psychic Research

The third consideration is more difficult to present clearly, principally because of the confusion that exists in the minds of a great many people concerning it. I am referring to the results that have been brought forth by psychic research.

A great many misinformed or prejudiced individuals refuse completely to tolerate the idea that there may be intangible personalities that survive after death and reveal themselves under certain circumstances. One factor which has helped create this prejudice is the large amount of quackery on the part of mediums. So many have been detected in fraud and chicanery, that the general public jumps to the conclusion that all mediums are frauds all the time and refuses to recognize that very precious and significant modicum which has never been explained in the laboratory or out of it.

They also disregard the fact that a very long and impressive list of great scientists and leaders in our public life have been convinced beyond the shadow of a doubt that psychic research has produced phenomena which can be explained on no other basis than the persistence of personality.

I do not have either the space nor the presumption to go deep into this dis-

\*Professor, Pfeiffer College



cussion in a brief letter. However, I urge you most emphatically to keep an open mind before you reach conclusions. I myself have witnessed phenomena produced under strict laboratory conditions which apparently cannot be explained in any way whatsoever other than that personalities that I have known in this life came back and spoke to me in their peculiar idiom and phraseology. One of my friends once commented, "Where there is so much smoke, there must be some fire."

So much for the three considerations, but remember what I said at first. Each of these is debatable. They are not irrefutable, nor are they completely conclusive. These are not water-tight arguments to prove immortality. Where then can we look for assurance?

### Where Can We Find Assurance?

There is only one place. And this is so hard to discover that we can search all our lives and never come to it. But if a man lives right and thinks clearly and is humble and reverent, often something begins to grow upon him as he matures so that there comes a day sooner or later when a conviction which is not

based upon any logic or any evidence, but is inborn, suddenly overwhelms him. He knows, but he cannot tell how he knows. We call this *faith* and it is the most satisfying of all experiences. One has to mature mentally, spiritually, and morally in order to experience it in its more profound aspects.

To be sure, there are a great many people who never stop to think at all, who never do much maturing, and who have what they call *faith*, but this is not the type that I am speaking of. That to which I refer is a diploma that one receives as a reward of a long schooling. One will never know where it comes from or when it will arrive, but it is unmistakable when it does appear.

I think your best bet is to evaluate each of the considerations that I have given you and then wait, and develop and trust that some day yours will be the good fortune to experience this complete conviction of which I am speaking. It is a wonderful experience.

I am very glad you wrote me and I hope that I have been in some small way helpful. Perhaps when we meet we can discuss this further and at more leisure.

## A Prayer at Easter

O Thou God of the living and of the living dead, into whose hands in life and in what men call death we confidently commit our spirits: In the beauty of the lilies we come girding ourselves with the thrilling fact of Easter—radiant with the breathtaking tidings of a stingless death and a spoiled and beaten grave. In the morning glories of earth's Gladdest Day we behold a crude and cruel cross—once the object of sorrow and shame—blossoming into a triumphant victory, with all the light of sacred story gathered round its head sublime. As by this sign we conquer give us to glimpse anew the invincible truth that Thy eternal purposes are beyond defeat. In the glow of that victory, in a world that still lieth in darkness plagued by man's inhumanity to man, with jubilant faith may we proclaim our creed that life is stronger than death, that love is stronger than hate, that truth is stronger than error, and that always behind death's husks tremble the seeds of birth.

Amid the turmoil of our glittering yet frustrated day, in the glory of the Risen Master give us to see that a mocking robe may be more regal than cloth of gold, that a crown of thorns may glow with a splendor surpassing kingly coronets, and that a garden of suffering may hold more beauty and fragrance than a selfish, sheltered bower. In the Here and Now, with risen lives may we seek those things which are above, challenging with the shattering impact of Easter all tyrants who deny it and who degrade the holy temple of human personality. On the stepping-tones of our dead selves may we mount to newness of life—to the singing Easter of the soul. Thus, in our hearts as gardens of the Lord may the fair flowers of humility and charity appear, and may the barren branches of our lives be clothed upon with the beauty of holiness and the holiness of beauty.

Steady and steel our wills to pay the price for the coming of the glory of the Living Christ, when His Kingdom will come and His will be done in all the earth, knowing there is no way to dawn except by dark, no way to light except by night, no way to Easter except by Calvary. With morning face may we greet whatever the future holds, calm and confident in the assurance that

"There lives the beauty that man cannot kill,  
Yea, that shall kill all ugliness at last;  
And Christ, in Love's white vesture moveth still among us:  
May we hold that faith, and hold it fast."

We ask it in the name of the One death's fetters could not hold and who saves us by the power of an endless life. Amen.

—FREDERICK BROWN HARRIS, *Chaplain*, U. S. Senate

## Ministers Sign Statement on Lunch Counter Sit-in

Because of lack of space, the *ADVOCATE* was forced to leave off the names of the Methodist ministers who signed a statement on lunch-counter sit-ins which was published in a recent issue. At the request of a district superintendent, we publish the names below. The ministers who signed the statement emphasized that they signed only as individuals and did not intend to suggest that they were speaking for their congregations.

The names follow: Henry A. Bizzel, Jr., Oscar W. Berwick, W. A. Cade, J. H. Crum, Robert H. Eason, J. Conrad Glass, Rudolph H. Hodges, H. C. Jones, Neal V. McGlamery, Vernon C. Tyson, Oscar W. Woolridge.

The statement and names were copied from the original statement as printed in the *Raleigh News and Observer*, March 3, 1960. The full listing of names includes those of 46 white and 13 Negro ministers from all of the Protestant denominations represented in Raleigh.

## Greensboro College Begins Alumni Fund Drive

Mrs. J. Harold Smith, wife of a Burlington textile executive, has been appointed chairman of the first concerted alumni fund drive in Greensboro College's history.

Mrs. Smith was appointed chairman of the drive by Mrs. W. E. Davis of Reidsville, president of the Greensboro College Alumni Association.

Mrs. Smith was appointed at a kick-off meeting of the drive. Class agents attended the meeting.

Each alumnus of the college will receive a letter from Mrs. Smith telling them of the aims of the drive and urging them to contribute. Class agents also will communicate with each alumnus.

Dr. Harold Hutson, college president, said the drive has two main aims:

1. To improve faculty salaries so that the college may be able to attract and hold highly qualified faculty members.

2. To increase scholarship funds available enabling more worthy students of high caliber to attend the college.

To acquaint graduates of the college with the program each former student is now receiving the alumni magazine and bulletin.

The class agents will report on the progress of the drive at the annual alumni meeting, May 28.

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## Subscription Report

Since our last report, Cedar Grove Church on the Perquimans Charge has qualified for the club rate with 20% or more of its members subscribing to the *ADVOCATE*.

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Man's life means tender teens, teachable twenties, tireless thirties, fiery forties, forcible fifties, serious sixties, sacred seventies, aching eighties, death, the sod, God!

—Joseph Cook.



# N. C. Conference Young Adult Assembly June 10-12, at Don-Lee

Final planning for the 1960 Assembly was done at Jarvis Memorial Church, Greenville, by the Conference Council. Reports by Directors of Areas of Activities indicate the varied experiences planned. Theme is: "Christian Freedom in a Time of Crisis," and the study book, *How Free Are You?* by Robert Hamill.

The Assembly will open, following a brief welcome, with a movie, "Freedom to Learn" and a panel consisting of Mr. John Meares, Rev. R. H. Eason, Rev. John Blue, and Rev. Holland Hale, with Rev. Harold Minor as Moderator and a visiting missionary as resource person. The panel will relate the movie to the theme, with special attention to the areas of study, evangelism, missions, social action and recreation. Then the entire Assembly will participate in a discussion of the film and the panel. Free time for swimming, fishing or canoeing will complete the afternoon.

Friday night will be Recreation Night. A period of time will be devoted to philosophy and training for "Freedom in Recreational Leadership," led by John Meares and Ruby Braswell of Rocky Mount. A second period will include various forms of directed fun, followed by "Lemonade on the Pier." A season of prayer at the Council Ring will close the evening.

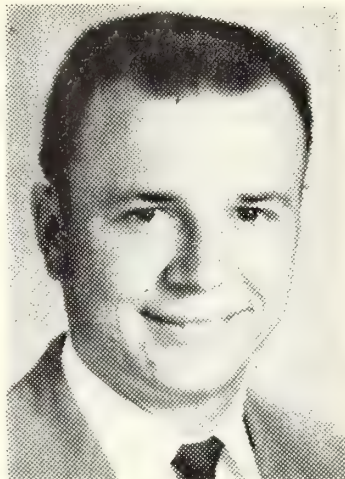
Saturday will be a full day of varied activities beginning with Morning Watch. A feature of the Morning Session on "Freedom in Missions" will be the showing of colored slides of mission work taken by Rev. Holland Hale in his recent trip through South America. The trip was instrumental in the decision of Mr. and Mrs. Seavy Carroll to volunteer as missionaries. Bobby Goodman of Rockingham will be the director of this session. Following a refreshment break, our missionary guest will lead the Assembly in a School of Prayer.

"Freedom to Study and Worship" will hold the spotlight in the early afternoon Saturday, led by Mrs. Clifton Evans of Goldsboro and Rev. R. H. Eason. Included in the session will be study of a passage from Paul's Letter to the Galatians; viewing of excerpts from the feature film, "Martin Luther," and discussion of the film; a brief statement of some current conflicts in freedom of thought; reports from some local groups on new study materials used; and a short look at the Adult Literature Kit.

After the break, Rev. Haywood Harrell will lead the Assembly in a discussion of Love, Sex and Marriage, followed by free time for swimming, etc.

A Spiritual Life Retreat will begin with the Silent Saturday Supper, with Scripture and Poetry the only speaking during the meal. The Training Session on "Freedom in Evangelism" will be led by Mrs. Lib Walton of Raleigh and Reverend John Blue. Features will include "profiles" or word pictures of young adults who need the church, a film—"Four to Go," and demonstration visiting.

More personal aspects of the Spiritual Life Retreat will include a short drama, "The Second Look," and a period of di-



MR. DICK CANNON, *President*  
Young Adult Fellowship  
North Carolina Conference

rected self examination. The traditional candlelight Service of Holy Communion will be followed by voluntary testimonial meetings at the pier and council ring.

An important feature on Sunday morning will be the business session, for evaluation and election of officers. The Service of Divine Worship will include installation of the new officers, music by the Assembly Choir, and sermon by the missionary guest.

In this new format, three significant changes have been made. First, formal addresses have been held to a minimum, with great emphasis on experiences and discussion. Drama, audio-visuals and personal prayer are magnified. Second, every phase of the Assembly program will include everyone. Small group discussion will be within the framework of a General Session. Third, the theme will be directly related to the areas of activity in which a strong young adult group engages—study, evangelism, social action, missions, recreation.

Registration blanks may be secured from any pastor, Adult Division Superintendent, Young Adult Class president, or Rev. Harold Minor, Box 6667, College Station, Durham, N. C. The Assembly is open to all Young Adults, including ministers and wives, and especially newly elected class and subdistrict officers.

## Shout a Loud Hosanna!



Shout a loud hosanna! Shout it to the sky!  
Jesus Christ is risen, man shall never die;  
Shout it to the wide world, so that all may hear,  
Christ, the Lord, hath risen, man hath naught to fear.

Shout a loud hosanna! Shout it to the sky!  
Jesus Christ is risen, man shall never die.

Oh grave, where thy victory! Oh death, where thy sting?  
Christ our elder brother, did salvation bring.  
Sing the gladsome tidings, so that all may hear;  
That the blessed Saviour, did our burdens bear.

Christ, our blessed Saviour, conquered death for all;  
Bore our sins on Calvary, saved us from the fall;  
Now redeemed as sinners, and from sin set free;  
All because our Saviour died upon the tree.

Shout a loud hosanna, shout it to the sky;  
Christ, the Lord, is risen, man shall never die.  
Death, our ancient terror, now hath lost its sting;  
Christ, the Lord, hath risen, let your voices ring!

By J. W. Clay, Easter, 1955

Sing to tune of "Onward Christian Soldiers"





# Just Take a Look at Nature Now!

Just take a look at nature now, if you've been doubting God;  
Behold a million signs of Him upspringing from the sod —  
The sod so cold and lifeless just a few short weeks ago,  
When hills and fields were frozen deep and earth was white with snow;  
But now the sod is melted soft, and life is everywhere,  
While flowers beautiful are sending sweetness through the air.

The earth is now so beautiful that birds cannot refrain  
From singing praises unto God, through sunshine and the rain;  
The farmers plant with hope again, and as they plant they sing —  
Because of faith in what they think the harvest time will bring;  
And children's voices rise to heaven as with joy they play;  
So now earth's doubters turn to faith — as they look up and pray.

— ERNEST C. DURHAM

## The Bishop's Summer Schedule

- April 3—First Methodist Church, Hendersonville, N. C., Rev. Phil L. Shore, pastor.
- April 7-8—S. C. Cabinet Meetings, Columbia, S. C.
- April 10—Thrift Methodist Church, Paw Creek, N. C., Rev. Thomas B. Stockton, pastor.
- April 12, 13, 14—Evening preaching at Waxhaw Methodist Church, Waxhaw, N. C., Rev. Murray Martin, pastor.
- April 17—EASTER SUNDAY
- April 19-26—Council of Bishops, Denver, Colorado.
- April 27-May 11—General Conference Sessions, Denver, Colorado.
- May 15—Pine Grove Methodist Church, Albemarle, N. C., Rev. E. P. Greene, pastor. 100th Anniversary.
- May 17-20—W. N. C. Cabinet Meetings, Charlotte, N. C.
- May 22—Wingate Methodist Church, Wingate, N. C., Rev. O. L. Hancock, Jr., pastor. Church dedication.
- May 24-25—W. N. C. Cabinet Meetings, Charlotte, N. C.
- May 26-27—Kentucky Conference Cabinet Meetings, Ashland, Kentucky.
- May 29—Baccalaureate Sermon — Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C.
- May 30-June 1—W. N. C. Cabinet Meetings, Charlotte, N. C.

- June 8-12—W. N. C. Conference, Lake Junaluska, N. C.
- June 16—S. C. Cabinet Meeting, Columbia, S. C.
- June 17—Washington, D. C. — Representative Council of Bishops at Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference.
- June 21-24—S. C. Conference, Washington Street Methodist Church, Columbia, S. C.
- June 29-July 3 — Kentucky Conference, First Methodist Church, Lexington, Kentucky.
- July 13-17 — Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, Lake Junaluska, N. C.

## Stony Hill Church Will Have Sunrise Service

In the shadow of Morrow Mountain, off Valley Drive, near Badin, a new cross on top of a fifty-foot pole will be lighted on Good Friday and remain lighted until after the Easter Sunrise Services.

The cross is in the 130-year-old cemetery of Stony Hill Methodist Church in Stanly County, where every year for the past 14 years there has been held an Easter Service under the sponsorship of the Albemarle Methodist Circuit, with the dozen or so other Methodist charges and circuits in the county supporting it. It draws people from all over this section of the state and from all faiths.

The Rev. Dr. Henry H. Shissler, on the faculty of Pfeiffer College, will be the

preacher this year at the Service beginning at 6 a.m. Mrs. L. A. Mason, director of the Stanly County Methodist Choir and the choir of Tabernacle Methodist Church of Albemarle, will direct the massed choirs for this service. The Rev. Dr. Paul Townsend, superintendent of the Salisbury District, will read the Easter Scripture lesson and lead the morning prayer.

Stony Hill Church is the largest church on the Albemarle Methodist Charge and the second oldest in the county. Union Chapel and Porter Church are on this circuit.

The Rev. N. C. Williams, Jr., then pastor of the Albemarle Circuit, originated the idea of the sunrise service. Mr. Williams is now pastor of the Maple Springs Methodist Church of Winston-Salem.

## Roanoke Rapids Church Studies "Articles"

The Rev. Arnold Pope, pastor of Smith Methodist Church, Roanoke Rapids, recently began a series of studies in the Articles of Religion of the Methodists. The Articles are grouped together under several headings and one of these groups is discussed each Sunday night. In preparation for the series, Mr. Pope printed an abridged and simplified version of the Articles in the bulletin.

Following the recent revival services conducted by the Rev. Ray Sharpe of Tampa, Fla., two young people were added to the church.

## Lenten Services

The Rev. A. Glenn Lackey of Charlotte was guest preacher at Broad Street, Mooresville, during the week of March 27. Mr. Lackey went into the ministry from this church and he was welcomed back by many friends. The pastor, the Rev. P. L. Smith, has received 11 members into the church this year and has a large group in a membership class to be received on Easter Sunday.

Dr. Walter J. Miller, superintendent of the Charlotte District, is the guest speaker at Holy Week services at First Methodist Church, Andrews, N. C. Dr. Miller was at one time pastor of this church. The present pastor is the Rev. D. P. Smotherman.

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## "THANK GOD FOR PUTTING ME ON MY BACK!"

I was visiting among the heart patients in a great government hospital. Said one of the patients to me, "I can never thank God enough for putting me flat on my back. For the first time in my life, I am looking up to God for His mercy and forgiveness!"—*Selected.*

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Life is not simply something which is capable of being enjoyed, but something capable of being improved, and the greatest of all pleasures is to work for its improvement.—A. M. Fairbairn, D.D.



# Bishop Garber Has a Word to Say About Methodist Home for Children

The *Raleigh News and Observer* recently carried two articles about the Methodist Home for Children. Since the Methodist Home for Children is close to the hearts of Methodists throughout North Carolina, I feel that a number of facts regarding the Home and the matters discussed in the *News and Observer* should be disclosed at this time.

The *News and Observer* article discussed in detail portions of a report made by the National Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church. This report was the result of a detailed survey made at my suggestion by the expert staff of the Methodist Board of Hospitals and Homes. Similar surveys have been made of Methodist children's homes throughout the country for the purpose of keeping these splendid institutions as modern and progressive as it is possible to keep them.

Copies of the report were delivered by the Home to me, to the District superintendents, and to the members of the World Service Commission. Recently, copies were mailed to every minister in the North Carolina conference, so that Methodists throughout the Conference could be fully informed about the Home.

## Improvements in the Program at Methodist Home for Children

By ROBERT L. NICKS

When a small boy, I remember well sitting by the fire in a rural Methodist parsonage listening to my father tell of his admiration for Josephus Daniels—editor, public servant, lover of children. Little did I realize then that some day I would have the privilege of being a servant of Christ by being a servant for the care of children at the very location where this great man expressed his love.

Being a Methodist minister and the son of a Methodist minister, I have always known about and had a concern for our Methodist Home for Children. It is truly a satisfying experience to see improvements constantly being made and to be a part of this everchanging and fascinating work of child care.

To visit the Atwater Cottage and see fifteen girls between the ages of ten and twelve planning, preparing and eating their own breakfast in the cottage rather than walking through the snow to the central dining room is a real joy and dream come true. Of the ten cottages on our campus, six of these cottages are having part of their meals "at home."

One of the things that bothered me most when I first arrived here in the summer of 1956 was the large number of children in each cottage, particularly in the "baby" cottage. It was an impossibility for one housemother to give all the love and affection these children needed. Even though we still have more children per houseparent than has been recommended by our National Board of Hospitals and Homes, we have been able to place some of our children who find it difficult to accept foster

This report contained many favorable findings about the Home and its staff. In many instances it made recommendations which would improve and modernize the operation of the Home.

A number of the recommendations contained in the report have already been put into effect. While some of the other recommendations would require much greater outlays of funds than are available to the Home at this time, I am happy to report that the Home is already preparing a broad construction program to modernize its facilities along the lines recommended in the survey report. Under the leadership of Mr. Walter Biggs of Durham, North Carolina, chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee, who is himself an alumnus of the Methodist Home for Children, several cottages will be built as soon as plans can be completed. A detailed account of these plans will be made by the Home at the Annual Conference next June.

It is my conviction, therefore, that the Home is moving into an expanded and even greater program of service than it has rendered in the past, and I am confident that the Home has a bright new future of which all Methodists can be justly proud.

group care into foster family care and in homes of relatives. These homes have been carefully studied and approved. In every case we have placed so far, the improvement of the child has been reported.

Another step forward is that of placing all pre-school children in foster homes rather than bringing them to our campus. We now have only two pre-school children on our campus and they will "graduate" to school next fall. Here they are pictured with me during an early morning visit to my office. They are "A. B." Burgess and Dale Boykin.

This means, of course, that even though our population shows a decrease in the number of children from 198 in care on October 1, 1957 to 157 on March 1, 1960, we actually gave service to 238 children. The little ones are not inhibited and show love and the need of being loved un-

ashamedly and, therefore, are greatly missed by the rest of us.

Our children all attend public school at Myrtle Underwood, Josephus Daniels, and Needham Broughton. The way in which the community of Raleigh has accepted our children makes us very humble with gratitude. I believe that our children will return this kindness by being useful citizens later. We point with pride to our own Jesse O. Sanderson, superintendent of Raleigh public schools, and many others who serve their fellowman as God would have us do.

We have two tutors, Miss Willie Gee, a graduate of Duke with several years of teaching experience, and Mr. Sam Power, a ministerial student at Wake Forest, who help our children with their school work, keep study hall in the evenings, and supervise the library.

Our case work department was created in October 1957. It is true we need a much larger staff to do effective work but we must wait for funds from those who understand this tremendous need. Our progress so far has been unbelievable. We not only limited our entrance age to six years, but we lengthened it from eleven years through high school, since the demand to take older children is so great.

Another way the community of Raleigh has been kind and thoughtful of our children is through the help and service of many, many doctors and surgeons. Never have we been denied the very best of physical and mental care. We have been using the service of a clinical psychologist one-half day a month and have also received help from the psychological and psychiatric departments of Duke Hospital in Durham and Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill. Through this service we have been able to see smiles come back to the faces of many children.

Another "first" for our Home is the service of Mr. Alan Broten, who is assistant director, group child care project, affiliated with the School of Social Work, University of North Carolina. We look forward to Mr. Broten's semi-annual visits for it is during these weeks of his stay with us that our housemothers and other staff members get first-hand professional guidance in group living.

No longer is it thought to be best to take a small child and keep the child as a dependent until he completes his high school education. Our objective now is to keep the child only long enough to help the family get back on its feet. Every year we learn of another discovery of medicine to pro-

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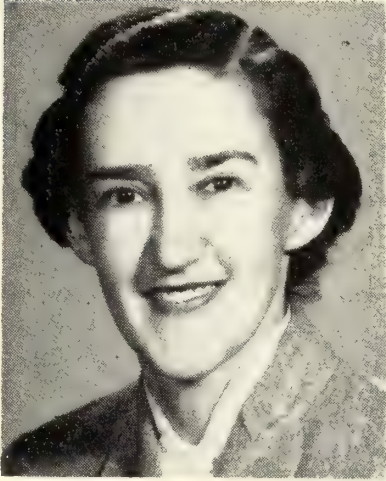
CONDENSED PROGRAM

ANNUAL MEETING, N. C. CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

CENTENARY METHODIST CHURCH, NEW BERN, N. C.

April 30-May 1, 1960

THEME: "The Challenge of Our Task to Face"



MRS. FRALIX

Saturday, April 30

11:00 a.m. Registration

1:30 p.m. Service of Spiritual Preparation, Guild Standing Committee

2:00 p.m. Opening session, Mrs. Harriett Fralix presiding

Invocation and Welcome, the Rev. J. W. Lineberger, Mrs. Murray Pugh, and Mrs. Guy Hamilton

Greetings from WSCS

Panel: Mrs. E. L. Glossbrenner, Moderator; Mrs. H. A. Davis, Mrs. C. H. Boyd, Mrs. J. M. Carraway, Miss Juanita Stott.

Break.

Business, Service of Remembrance, Reports: conference WSG secretary, Mrs. Harriett Fralix; treasurer, Mrs. L. C. Vereen; supply work, Mrs. D. C. Fussell; status of women, Miss Lillie Smith, missionary education and service, Miss

Juanita Stott; Christian social relations, Mrs. J. M. Carraway; spiritual life, Miss Corinna Sanders

6:30 p.m. World Federation of Methodist Women Banquet, Mrs. R. L. Pugh, presiding. Presentation of district secretaries, Roll Call by districts, song fest, WFMW Program

8:00 p.m. Findings from Discussion Groups. Address, the Rev. Linwood Blackburn. Pledge Service, Mrs. L. C. Vereen. Fellowship Hour.

Sunday, May 1

8:00 a.m. Morning Watch, Miss Corinna Sanders, presiding, Miss Clarice Bowman, speaker. Service of Holy Communion—Love gifts on altar for Public Health and Nursing, Liberia.

10:50 a.m. Worship Service. Sermon, the Rev. J. W. Lineberger.

12:30 p.m. Luncheon, Mrs. Harriett Fralix, presiding. Invocation  
Presentation of Life Memberships. Benediction

Guest Speakers

The Rev. Linwood Blackburn, of New York City, will be the principal speaker for the Annual Meeting of the N. C. Conference Wesleyan Service Guild.

A native of Wayne County, Rev. Blackburn holds both A.B. and B.D. Degrees from Duke University, and has done graduate work at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., and the Kennedy School of Missions, Hartford, Conn.

Following his graduation from seminary, Rev. Blackburn served for fourteen years as evangelist and educator in Angola, Africa. Later he worked in the coastal city of Luanda as director of a large Christian social center and supervisor of the Methodist urban evangelistic program. Rev. Blackburn has also served as pastor of the First Methodist Church, Pembroke, N. C. During the past three years Rev. Blackburn has been a member of the Board of Missions purchasing staff, from which position he was elected last November as purchasing agent.

Mrs. E. L. Glossbrenner, of Richmond, Va., will moderate a panel and serve as resource person during the meeting.

Mrs. Glossbrenner was educated in her native state of Indiana, both in the public schools and at Indiana University. After moving with her husband and small son to Richmond in 1937 Mrs. Glossbrenner continued her activities in church and civic groups. Since 1947 she has held offices with the WSCS on district and conference levels and is currently serving as secretary of missionary education and service for the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service. She is an active mem-



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ber of the Bethlehem Center and Wilson Inn Boards, and of the Board of Trustees of Ferrum Junior College, Ferrum, Va.

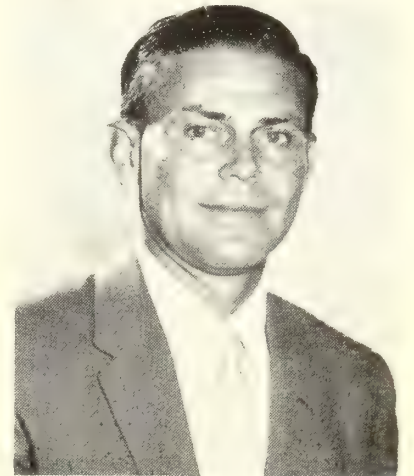
Miss Clarice Bowman, assistant professor of Religious Education and Psychology, High Point College, will lead the meditation at the Morning Watch on Sunday. Miss Bowman received her A.B. and M.A. degrees at Duke University. She has been a member of the faculty of High Point College since 1952.

Registration and Reservations

Guilders expecting to attend the Annual Meeting in New Bern, April 30-May 1, should send registration fee of \$1.00 to Miss Jessie Inman, Box 1390, New Bern, N. C., by April 22. Room reservation should be made at the Hotel Governor Tryon, Hotel Queen Ann, or Earl of Craven Motel, all within three blocks of Centenary Methodist Church.



MISS BOWMAN



REV. LINWOOD BLACKBURN



# The New Nurse Arrives at Ganta

By MRS. HOWARD DOYLE

"Welcome to Miss Lineberger, Welcome to Ganta,  
We've looked for you—We've waited for you  
And now you are here!  
Your road was a long one,  
Your purpose a strong one,  
Now God has brought you here to us,  
We're glad you've come." . . .

Thus sang the mission chapel congregation as they welcomed Jewell Lineberger to Ganta Mission, Liberia, Africa, on February 27, 1960. The tune to which they added the original words is "The Bells of St. Mary's." So it can be understood why Jewell writes, "I was like Aunt Bet. I just cried and cried."

Her description of her journey from the coast to Ganta reads like a cross between a Mack Sennett comedy and the wonderful adventure it was. Miss Lineberger in her first letter home after her arrival as a special term missionary under the Woman's Division writes:

"I am at Ganta, finally. We left Monrovia early Wednesday morning, but didn't get to Ganta until late Thursday night. We stopped at Cuttington College which is a Methodist-Episcopal college and is the best school in Liberia. We stayed there for several hours while Mr. Mater, who is the person we came up with, fixed a water filter. He is an engineer, and he and his wife and three children came down to do some work in Monrovia, get me and fix all the broken things between Monrovia and Ganta. They are stationed here and are really fine folk. Just as we left Cutting, we decided to stop at Gbanga, another Methodist mission about 50 miles from Ganta, to fix some plumbing there. It was about 6 p.m. when we got there and just as we started to turn in, we had a rip roaring blow out. We walked on into the village and spent the night. The next morning the tire was fixed so we started out again.

"About thirteen miles down the road, we had another blow out, but in an hour's time, we were all patched and on the road again. Only ten miles on that tire, and bang, another one. This time there were no more spares, the tire was un-patchable, and we were in the middle of nowhere, no village in sight and no water. It was just approaching the hottest part of the day, and as the sun climbed toward the noon-day position, we could no longer stay in the station wagon. We got the children, one is less than a year old, two car seats and moved

over to the other side of the road in the bush. We waited and waited and no car.

"Sometimes it is hours before a car goes by the roads here, but we kept looking. Finally, a truck with about 50 people on it came and we sent word to the mission that we were stranded and for someone to come for us.

"We sat there from noon until 5:15 p.m. before help came. Finally, we heard the roar of a truck coming over the hill and it was from the mission. They had brought fresh water and some bananas for us. Gee, was that a good sight! We changed tires all over again and three miles from the mission . . . another blow out! By this time, I had decided that the truck was jinxed or something, but finally we came charging in in a cloud of smoke . . . and we were at Ganta!

"It is like a dream out of a book—this place. It looks more like a city park rather than a mission in the bush country. Flowers, tropical plants, beautiful shrubs, palm trees and fruit trees all over and around the houses. All the houses are made from sun-dried brick, the same substance Dr. Harley had been using all these years, and they are sprawling ranch-type houses.

"Dr. Harley is really a genius. Nothing I have heard or read has done this place justice; it is quite indescribable.

"The best part of it all is the people. Borgild Hoviskaland, the Norwegian nurse is a peach and Uniola Adams is like the rock of Gibraltar. They hugged me over and over, telling me how happy they were I had come. All the missionaries, many of them are from the South, have made me feel so at home.

"I went to see Dr. and Mrs. Harley and they were sitting in their house,

which is real rustic, with many masks and native wood work all over it, basking themselves by the fire. It was late at night and all was quiet and peaceful.

"I can hardly wait to get involved, but I've got so much to learn. We have plenty of American food from Firestone and you won't need to think I'm going undernourished. On Sunday after we landed, and I was still in Monrovia, Captain Bye came out to bring me a big basket of fruit. I wasn't there, but he left me a message that if I didn't like Liberia, that he would be back up the coast on the 10th of March, and take me home. He worried about me so because I was the youngest missionary he had ever brought over, and he felt it was too hard a life for me . . .

"Africa is a beautiful land. Yesterday, I had a ten dollar tour of the mission. The brick yard where all the brick is made, the sawmill, the leper colony and the thousand patients standing in the yard, lined up to get their medicine, the swamps that have been converted into bean patches, the hospital and clinic—all these are a major part of the mission—but the most beautiful part of all is the new rock church with its tall steeple towering to the sky.

"It has been a great experience and I have loved every minute of it — have never been quite so happy."

And as she wrote this letter, she was unpacking and getting ready to go to work on Monday, February 29. The end of a long journey . . . the beginning of a great adventure in the work of one who gave His life that all might live more abundantly.

(Editor's Note: For those who would like to write to Jewell, use the following address: Miss Jewell Lineberger, College of West Africa, Monrovia, Liberia, Africa. For Ganta Mission.)

*The new Stone Church in Ganta, Liberia*





# Women In the News



## Coming Events — Annual Meeting Program WSCS and WSG

By MRS. J. C. WRIGHT

Many interesting and inspirational plans are underway for the program of the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and that of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Western North Carolina Conference.

The Conference Woman's Society will meet at Lake Junaluska on June 14th to 16th and the Guild will meet at the same place on June 17th to 19th.

Mrs. Ralph Ward, who will return to Taiwan the end of June as a special missionary, will be the guest speaker at both meetings.

The Woman's Society will have Mrs. Otto Nall of Evanston, Ill., vice-president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, for guest speaker at two sessions. Other speakers will include Mrs. John Hoyle of Gastonia, a member of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, Dr. Walter Miller, superintendent of the Charlotte District, and Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford of Asheboro, retiring conference president.

The Hymn sing by the lakeside at vespertime will again be held, and the annual communion service will be conducted by Dr. Miller, assisted by a group of ministers.

The Charlotte District will be hostess for the meeting, with Mrs. Lyle Beman in charge of arrangements.

The Wesleyan Service Guild will feature meditation and workshops at their annual meeting. Mrs. M. H. White, Secretary of the Guild, has announced that they are planning an especially beautiful pledge service.

Their speakers will include Mrs. Ralph Ward, Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick of Atlanta, Ga., missionaries in the workshops and buzz sessions on the Saturday programs. They, too, will have a lakeside hymn sing.

Start saying right now: "SEE YOU AT JUNALUSKA AND BRING YOUR CAR FULL," so says the April issue of *Guild-O-Gram*.

### District Meeting Dates

Asheville—May 3rd at Abernathy Methodist Church in West Asheville.

Charlotte—May 11th at Hopewell Church in Anson County.

Gastonia—April 21st at Polkville Church in Cleveland County.

Greensboro—May 5th at Draper Methodist Church.

Marion—April 30th at Rutherford College.

North Wilkesboro—April 28th at the Boone Methodist Church.

Salisbury—April 27 at Central Methodist Church in Concord.

Statesville—April 28th at Broad St. Methodist Church in Mooresville.

Thomasville—April 9 and 21st at the Welcome Methodist Church.

Waynesville—April 21st at the Cherokee Methodist Church.

Winston-Salem—April 20th at the Union Ridge Church in Winston-Salem.

### Thomasville District Guild Banquet

The Thomasville District Wesleyan Service Guild held its annual district meeting at a banquet held at First Methodist Church in Asheboro on March 24th, with 250 women present and 27 Guilds represented.

The meeting was opened with a period of meditation and devotion in the sanctuary, with Miss Doris Waters, district chairman of Spiritual Life, as leader.

Miss Mary Bethea of Pfeiffer College was the featured speaker at the banquet. Miss Bethea described the World Refugee Work, giving many personal experiences while she was working in a Hungarian Refugee Camp in Vienna, Austria, in 1957. She stated that there are 45 million refugees in the world today and church women should develop a deeper concern for these people and their problems.

Other features of the program included a welcome by Mrs. W. I. Burrows of the hostess church, a response by Mrs. J. O. Branson of Thomasville, special music by Miss Dorice Waters and Mrs. Ted Moran, soloist.

The Guild members paid tribute to Mrs. Clarence Cranford, president of the Conference Woman's Society, for her untiring work during her four year term of office.

Mrs. J. C. Spencer, Thomasville District Guild secretary, presided and introduced the Conference officers and guests.

### Mrs. Sallie Masten at Scarritt College

Mrs. P. A. Masten of Rondo, recently returned after serving two years as a special term missionary in the Philippines, has accepted the position as secretary to Dr. D. D. Holt, acting president of Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn.

The good wishes of the women of the Western North Carolina Conference go with Mrs. Masten in her new work.

### Patricia Rothrock in Belgian Congo

Miss Patricia Rothrock, formerly director of Religious Education at First Methodist Church in Hendersonville, is doing social work in Elisabethville in the Belgian Congo. Miss Rothrock is a deaconess in The Methodist Church.

In a recent letter she expressed a desire to correspond (in French) with some of her friends at home. . . . (English will also do) . . . News of home is always welcome to those in far away places.

Her address is:

Miss Patricia Rothrock

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### Jurisdiction Study Classes

At a meeting of the Charlotte District Executive Committee of the Woman's Society held recently, Mrs. L. H. Everitt,

district secretary of Missionary Education and Service, announced that during the current year the Charlotte District had held only 23 Jurisdictional Mission Study classes. She said, "This number is much under par." The officers had a serious discussion as to WHY church women hold informal studies more often than a class of jurisdictional standards.

At a meeting of the Conference Executive Committee held at Pfeiffer College in January, Mrs. Gilmer Harris, conference secretary of Missionary Education, reported that she had issued only 124 credits for jurisdictional classes during the past year to societies in the conference. She said that "Secretaries believe that the Church-wide enlistment program took time that otherwise would have been used in study classes."

In 1953 the records show that the Waynesville District alone had 62 jurisdictional classes.

Mrs. Harris reports that so far this year the districts have reported as follows: Asheville 4, Charlotte 11, Gastonia 28, North Wilkesboro 3, Salisbury 8, Statesville 3, Thomasville 2, Waynesville 19, Winston-Salem 1.

Others have been reported since the January meeting. The Wesleyan Service Guild had held ten such classes.

In emphasizing jurisdictional credit, Mrs. Harris also said that she was sure that the total record would show a growth.



## Improvement in Program at Methodist Home for Children

(Continued from page 10)

long life. It is nice to dream of the day we discover ways to help parents learn to live together and keep their homes as God intended them to be.

In the meantime, we as Methodists intend to do the very best we can to continue improving our program for children to take care of those who need the help of Christian people. Already the Board of Trustees is moving forward in plans to replace some of our outmoded buildings. It is our desire to share these plans with our friends of eastern North Carolina.

The Building Committee of the Board of Trustees is planning the location of ten new cottages, a chapel, and a student activities building. The first two of these cottages will probably replace Brown and Borden cottages. Five of these cottages will probably be built on the interior of the present semicircle of the campus. The other five will probably be to the left and to the rear of the superintendent's home.

I thank God that I have been given the opportunity to serve as superintendent of our Home. It is not an easy job but I have been fortunate in being able to work with the fine Christian men and women of our church who serve as board members, ministers, and laymen of our conference, employees who work long and hard hours for little pay, and, of course, the children themselves. There are many, many improvements yet to be made but we are "striving toward the mark" and covet the prayers and goodwill of our Raleigh neighbors, and friends of eastern North Carolina.





## They Saw Easter

It was three weeks before Easter, when Fred and Gloria went to see their grandmother. She gave them their Easter present, which didn't seem like much of a gift to them. It was a bowl with some little stones and some things she called "bulbs" in it. The bulbs looked like dried-up onions to the children.

Grandmother told them two things about her gift, but the children did not understand what she meant. She said, "If you watch the bowl carefully, you will see Easter." She also told them they could do anything they wanted to with it on Easter morning.

The children took the bowl home, put it in a sunny window, and sometimes thought to put some water in it.

One day Fred noticed something strange about the bowl of bulbs. He called his sister, and said excitedly, "The onions—I mean bulbs—have come alive! I'd forgotten all about watching them."

Gloria came running and saw some tiny green things sticking out of the bulbs. She said, "It's just ten days until Easter. I wonder what these green sprouts will be by then."

"I can guess," answered Fred. "See those tiny buds? Do you suppose there will be blossoms in time for Easter?"

After that the children looked at their bowl every day, and remembered to keep plenty of water in it.

Easter Sunday morning the bowl was filled with beautiful white narcissus blossoms. Fred and Gloria remembered that grandmother had said they could do what they wanted to with her present. They knew—they wanted to take it to Church School. They telephoned their teacher, and she said she would be very happy if they would bring the bowl of lovely flowers for the worship center.

The brother and sister proudly placed the flowers on the worship table. Then the teacher asked them to tell the story of grandmother's gift.

Fred finished the story by saying, "Grandmother told us to watch so we would see Easter. Gloria and I didn't know what she meant, but now we know. Easter is the new life that comes to things that look used up and dead. It was Easter for the disciples when they knew that Jesus was alive. It is Easter for us whenever we know that God can make beautiful flowers grow out of something that looked dead; when we know that our life, too, is going on and on."

After the class they all sang a song called "Easter Flowers Are Blooming Bright." Then Gloria prayed, "Dear God, Fred and I are sorry that we thought the dry narcissus bulbs were dead and ugly. We didn't know about the life and beauty that were sleeping inside of them. We thank Thee for letting us see Easter in the growing of the flowers. Help us to feel Easter in our hearts, too. AMEN."—From *Stories for Junior Worship*.

## LEGEND OF THE DOGWOOD

There is a legend that at the time of the Crucifixion the dogwood had been the size of the oak and other forest trees. So firm and strong was the tree that it was chosen as the timber for the cross. To be used thus for such a cruel purpose greatly distressed the tree. Jesus, nailed upon it, sensed this, and in His gently pity for all sorrow and suffering, said to it:

"Because of your regret and pity for my suffering, never again shall the dogwood tree grow large enough to be used as a cross. Henceforth it shall be slender and bent and twisted, and its blossoms shall be in the form of a cross—two long and two short petals. And in the center of the outer edge of each petal there will be nail prints, brown with rust and stained with red. And in the center of the flower will be a crown of thorns. Throughout the years all who see it—everyone, everywhere—will remember . . ."—*Selected*.



## IT'S VIOLET TIME AGAIN

The violets are here again—little wet violets—and there is the clean, sweet breath of spring. There is a quicker leap of life, and Nature seems to stir with a kind of tenderness. There is a deeper glow on the faces of children. Girlhood comes to outward whiteness again—the cool, crisp sign of spring.

And in all is the subtle charm of violets—little human, tremulous things, gentle as love's whisper, pure as purity. Restful, quaint little flower—simple and appealing. A flower to press against the face as easement for a tired heart. Such a dear, peaceful little flower, all alone in flower-land—emblem of the world's simplest and best, and waiting to mock a false face, or adorn the beauty that comes from the soul.—*Isaac Irwin Avery*



## Bible Quiz

Identify the person or the incident associated with each of the following

1. Thirty pieces of silver. ....
2. A crown of thorns. ....
3. A rainbow in the cloud. ....
4. A fatted calf. ....
5. Locusts and wild honey. ....

### Answers to Last Week's Rhymes

1. Mount Sinai
2. Rome
3. Nazareth
4. Egypt
5. The Dead Sea



# International Sunday School Lesson

FOR APRIL 17, 1960

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH

Head, Department of Religious Education, Greensboro College

## THE RISEN LIFE

**Background Scripture:** Mark 16:1-8; Colossians 3:1-15

**Lesson Scripture:** Colossians 3:1-15

One may, at first glance, wonder why the scripture for an Easter lesson should be from Colossians, rather than from one of the accounts of the resurrection in the gospels. The answer is that this historic event means not only victory of life over death, it means victory of good over evil, and of right over wrong. As St. Paul wrote in II Corinthians 5:17, "If any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come." The same note is sounded in various other places in Paul's writings, for example, in Ephesians 2:11: "And you were made alive, when you were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world." Also in Colossians 2:12 we read: "And you were buried with him (Christ) in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead." This ability of what has been called "the expulsive power of a new affection" is the distinguishing mark of a vital and dynamic Christian experience. The two great enemies of man—sin and death—are challenged by the Christian faith. That is why multiplied millions still turn to it for help and salvation.

The Easter faith and the Christian faith are inseparable. When Paul said "If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain" he was stating a sober truth. Had it not been for belief in a risen Lord there would have been no church; the Christian movement would have died with the blasted hopes of the disciples following the crucifixion. Robert McCracken, writing in the International Lesson Annual, says the four basic beliefs which sustain the Christian faith are (1) the imperishableness of love (2) the Christian view of man (3) the character of God and (4) the resurrection of Christ.

We can read in the Song of Songs that love is stronger than death, but it remained for the Christian church to prove that a new and different kind of love really would make men defy death. The Christian view of man is that he is a sinner, but a sinner whom God loves. The belief in the infinite worth of human souls is a doctrine that has made thrones tremble and shaken the foundations of privileged orders of life. The character of God is the touchstone of all our beliefs. No doctrine can be true if it runs counter to this. Abraham raised the question: "Shall not the Judge of the Earth do right?" We must never attribute to God any act which we ourselves would not stoop to perform. Now when we apply this to the doctrine of immortality it has particular force. If man would not deliberately destroy his finest creations, how can we suggest that God (who is infinitely better than he is) would do it?

In Colossians 3:6 the phrase "the wrath of God" is used. It is well that we understand this as it was used by the New Testament writers. It does not mean that God is angry, in the sense that a human being is angry. It means rather the judgment of God upon those things which are out of harmony with His nature and purpose. We need to remember the Biblical assurance that God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked.

It will be noted, as one reads the Biblical selections for today, that there are things that must be avoided by the Christian; likewise there are

things that must be done by him. This means that becoming a follower of Jesus means, for the writer of Colossians, one who enters a definite program of moral reform. As Goodspeed translates verse 9: "For you have stripped off your old self with its ways and have put on that new self newly made in the likeness of its Creator, to know him fully." The reference to "made in the likeness of its Creator" goes back to the account of Creation in Genesis. It is because, in a sense, we already have something of God's nature in us that we are moved to seek him. As St. Augustine says: "Thou awak-est us to delight in Thy praise; for Thou madest us for Thyself, and our heart is restless, until it repose in Thee."

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## In Memoriam

**LASSITER.**—The members of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Centenary Methodist Church, Smithfield, N. C., offer this tribute of love, respect and appreciation to the memory of Mrs. Rena B. Lassiter who passed away February 17, 1960.

In her passing the Guild lost one of their most faithful members. She was one of the organizers and a Charter Member of this Guild in which she held every office. She never waived when she saw a need nor hesitated because it was too great for our accomplishment. Her motto was "We can begin" and now she hands over to us the challenge to carry on. May we not stand still.

Several years before her death she was presented, by the Guild, a life membership pin for her faithful service.

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## IN PASSING

### *I Remember Easter*

I remember an Easter long ago.

I was only eleven, but an ardent churchgoer since babyhood, and, that day especially, I wanted to be in God's house. Surely there I would hear the news that I longed for.

And so I took my place on the front row with the other boys and girls, our feet dangling and our toes prickling as they went to sleep.

They sang the Easter hymns and I joined in. Somehow, I got comfort out of them, but the Word I wanted to hear had not been said yet, and I leaned back to listen to the elderly minister as he brushed back his long beard and cleared his throat as a beginning.

Maybe I had better explain what had happened.

You see, I was twice-orphaned. My mother had died when I was a baby and my grandmother had passed away just two days before this Sunday. As I sat there in the church, I remembered her words of some months previous when she had told me that she was going to die.

"Don't cry for me," she said, "and don't look at me in my coffin, for I won't be there."

"Where will you be?" I asked, and she said, smiling, "Why, I'll be in heaven."

And then she went on to talk about the place where God was, and where my mother had gone. So delightful did she make the story that I wondered why I had to stay on earth.

And now it had happened as she said it would.

Peacefully and quietly she died and we buried her in the old cemetery on the hill, where the spring flowers bloomed and the mocking birds sang.

That was on Friday and this was the following Sunday.

As I remembered her smiling face and the sound of her gentle voice, the tears came into my eyes, but just then the preacher announced his text and I sat bolt upright, for this was what I had come for, this was the Word from God.

Solemnly, yet joyously, he read the ancient proclamation of the Master: "I am the resurrection and the life . . . He that believeth on me shall never die."

It was true then, what Grandmother had said. She was not dead, but living yet, in a world where there was no more pain nor death nor disappointment.

Smiling a bit to myself, I settled back in the pew.

And today, as on that far-off Sunday, I wait to hear the Word of consolation.

### *Our "Who Done It?"*

I am happy to report that the mystery is solved.

In the issue of March 24 we printed an article which we thought was good. It told of a minister's appreciation for kindnesses shown him by utter strangers while visiting his wife in the hospital and was entitled "Courtesy." By some strange fluke (com-

mon in editorial offices), it was credited to W. A. Rock. When Bill Rock hastened to disclaim ownership, despite his admiration for the writing, we scurried about, trying to locate the original manuscript of the article, but to no avail.

Then we settled down to wait for the author to admit his authorship.

At last we know who did it. Our good friend, Charles D. White, Conference secretary, sent us a postcard this morning saying that he had just got around to reading the March 24 issue and found his brainchild masquerading under another name.

We still don't know how it happened but we know now "who dun it." Congratula-

tions to Charlie and apologies to Bill, who by now must have had dozens of phone calls and letters concerning his wife's non-existent illness. Charlie didn't say, but I trust that Mrs. White got along all right.

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It has been said that the strongest of all the motives that can change a man's life, within and without for his lasting good, is the love of God. If we could love God sincerely for twenty-four hours, we should be other men; we should be capable, spiritually speaking, of almost anything.

—Canon Liddon.

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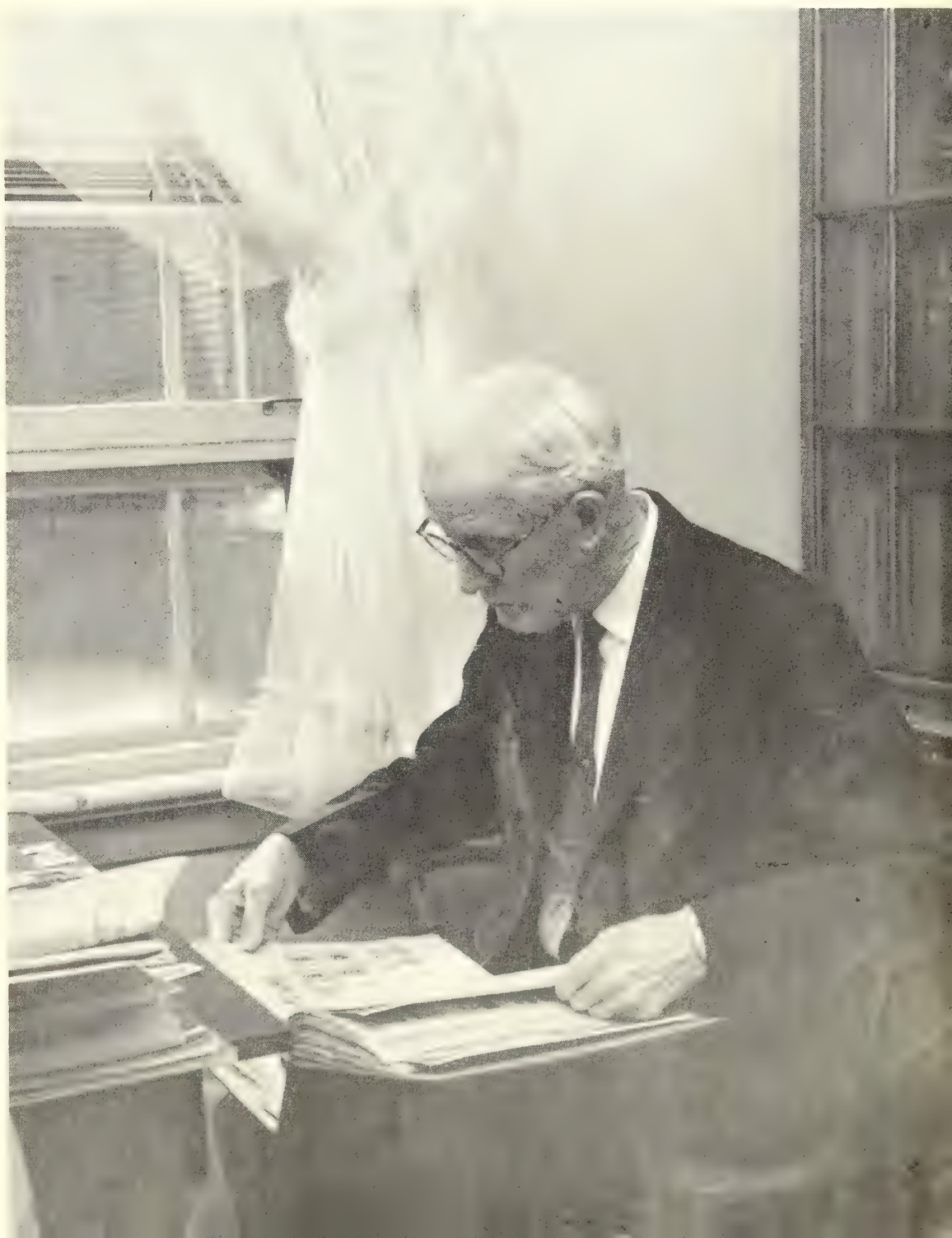
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# LETTERS

## On "Doctoring" Ministers

Dear Editor:

I wish to very heartily commend and endorse an article on page 8, of the April 7th issue of the *ADVOCATE*, written by Dr. Wilson O. Weldon. Each paragraph is well expressed and well-considered, but paragraph numbered six having to do with the conferring of Doctor of Divinity degree is of considerable importance, and I think the practice of addressing ministers generally as "Doctor" where there has been no degree conferred is improper and confusing, and I would like to stick my neck out by saying that we have noticed some surprising places where degrees have gone. If the title is to mean anything, it should go to men qualified and deserving.

The matter of addressing ministers in your editorial "What Do You Call Him" is very timely.

Sincerely yours,

GUY WEAVER

Asheville, N. C.

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## Summer Workers Available

Miss Clarice M. Bowman of High Point College calls attention to the fact that many churches would like to have a young person to assist them in a summer program of youth activities, vacation schools, etc. She will be glad to help these churches by putting them in touch with students at the college who would like to do this kind of work.

"These," she says, "are students who have had some experience but are not yet seniors . . . The girls would be glad to come for expenses and something extra . . . They would much rather spend their time in church work than factory work."

Any pastor who would like to secure such assistance should get in touch with Miss Clarice M. Bowman at High Point College, High Point, N. C.

## Fellowship Group to Meet

"The Informal Fellowship of Methodist Christians Seeking the Will of God in Social Issues" will meet at Westover Methodist Church, Raleigh, Friday, April 22, 10:00-3:00. The topic for the session will

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be "Protestant and Roman Catholic Views of Church-State Relationships."

The speakers for the occasion will be Dr. W. W. Finlator, pastor of Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh, and the Rev. Robert Wilken, editor of the *North Carolina Catholic* magazine. A period will be provided for questions and discussion, and the meeting is open to all interested persons. Each one attending is asked to bring a box lunch and to notify the pastor, the Rev. R. H. Eason in advance. (We regret the lateness of this announcement, *Editor*.)

## Prominent Methodist Woman Dies in Liberty

Mrs. Margaret Jones Smith, widow of the late L. H. Smith, Jr., passed away at her home in Liberty on March 10. An active member of the First Methodist Church there, she helped organize the first missionary society of this church in 1918, and served as a district officer.

Mrs. Smith was an alumna of Salem College and held a lifelong interest in art and literature.

She is survived by one daughter, Miss Frances P. Smith of Liberty, two sisters, Mrs. C. J. Lambe and Miss Nonnie Jones of Walnut Cove; and one brother, Dr. Beverly N. Jones of Winston-Salem.

## High Point Graduates Study At Wesley Seminary

Four graduates of High Point College are finishing their first year at Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C. They are: Frank Daniels, Don George, Albert Shirkey, and Dwight Whitlock.

Garland S. Gammons, another High Point graduate, will complete the seminary work in June. Mr. Gammon has served one year as an assistant minister in metropolitan Washington and has completed a semester's work of clinical training at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, under the noted Christian psychologist and institutional chaplain, Ernest E. Bruder. He received deacon's orders in the WNC Conference at the 1958 session.

## Congregation Builds with Donated Labor

Trinity Church, Falling Creek (Goldsboro District), is building a \$25,000 educational building with donated labor on a pay-as-you-go basis.

The small congregation, which incidentally, maintains one of the largest Sunday School enrollments in the Goldsboro District, faced heavy obstacles in their building program when it was found that a clause in the deed to the property made it impossible for them to secure aid from the Duke Endowment. Undaunted, they voted to go ahead on their own. The building is now half completed.

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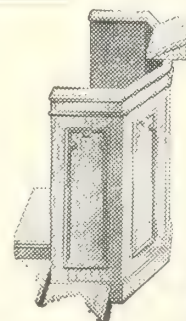
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# Camping Season at Chestnut Ridge Initiated by Young Adult Group

The Young Adult Work Camp at Camp Chestnut Ridge began with a delicious supper and a lot of fellowship on the evening of April 1. As Andy and I turned off the bypass at Effland to head toward one of the newest camps in the conference, we wondered how many young adult friends we would see again and how many new ones we would make on our overnight camp-out. We also fervently wished that spring had come a little earlier so those many dogwood trees in this lovely section of Orange County would be in bloom.

As we arrived at dusk we were greeted by the Bob Reeds (the camp superintendent and his wife) and a delicious supper served in their home, also a host of familiar faces and some new ones. After supper and much lively conversation, our zeal to begin our work in preparing camp for the summer ahead took us out to the shop, where we laced canvas in the bunks to be used in the covered wagons and hogans.

Lively conversation continued, including swapping notes on young adult work in each church represented. After drilling holes and lacing bunks for a couple of hours, along with greeting late-comers, we were again hungry and wanted to eat, this time around a campfire.

This involved a trip to the nearest store about 10:00, but soon hot dogs and marshmallows were toasting on the stick. No evening is complete without some singing and entertaining stories from John Meares when he is around (and he was).

As the fire died down, bedtime in covered wagon and hogan could be postponed no longer. The night was comfortably warm and perfect for sleeping in the laced bunks with plenty of newspapers for insulation and sleeping bags and blankets. After a short trek to the newly erected dining hall toilet facilities with toothbrush and washcloth, we were set for the night. Our husbands sleeping in the next hogan never did believe we were really calling "help" over a wasp and informed us it was April 2 and not April 1.

Saturday morning began with a hearty breakfast cooked indoors and then to work — sorting, folding and marking hogan covers and flaps and tarpaulin covers for each housekeeping unit. Some new arrivals came to help and movies were taken by some enterprising young adults.

Then it was off to the camping units riding on a tractor-driven trailer to finish lacing bunks, assemble hogans, revamp coverings for the outdoor kitchen, and install covers on wagons, hogans and housekeeping units. Junior campers, family campers and family or church groups who might want to spend a week-end will use these units. A great deal of work was completed on a stone fireplace to be used at one of the camping units.

Mealtime involved some of the girls who thoroughly enjoyed using the facilities of the new camp dining hall.

When rain finally overtook us after lunch, we headed for cover, then finished the job after the shower.

The last hour before supper was pleasantly passed learning some square dances called by John Meares. Our only regret is that we didn't have the opportunity to make friends with more of you young adults in the North Carolina Conference. If you're looking for an opportunity for fellowship, fun and service to the camping program of our church, come out for the next young adult work camp, which will be held at Camp Kerr Lake, May 6-7. You might help prepare the campsite your child uses! — ROSEMARY ANDREWS, Young Adult Fellowship, St. Paul Methodist Church, Durham, N. C.

## Methodism Advances in Lodja Territory

Lodja territory with about 100,000 people is the heaviest populated area of the Atetela Tribe. Ten thousand Atetela live in Lodja City.

Preachers were first sent to the Lodja District in 1933. The present site of Lodja Station was selected in 1936 while Bishop Arthur J. Moore was visiting the Field. It was started as an evangelistic center for the northern boundaries of the Atetela. The response to the gospel, however, was so great, and children were so eager for more education than they could get in the village schools, that Lodja soon developed into a station with an Industrial Department, a Girls' Home, a Boys' Boarding Department, a Primary School, and a dispensary. In 1952 a Teacher Training School was started, and since then we have added a Home Economics school for older girls, a Sixth Grade School, a School for Evangelists, and the Mission Press. Lodja Station is also responsible for teaching religion in the State Schools in Lodja City, and for Social Service work in our Urban Center.

The district has 185 paid preachers, and about that many unpaid Christian lay workers. There are more than 15,000 preparatory and full church members. More than 3,000 women are members of the Woman's Missionary Societies. The church has been self-supporting for three years, but preachers' salaries are still inadequate. The District maintains a car and chauffeur for the African superintendent.

There has been a continuous revival spirit in many of the villages of the district. Because churches are not able to accommodate the crowds, revival meetings are held these days in large palm frond arbors. As many as 5,000 people will crowd into a small village to attend revival meetings. Churches are being built faster than we can supply them with preachers. Self-supporting village schools are springing up all over the district.

There are five subsidized and four unsubsidized rural schools with 1,400 students. — From MISS LORENA KELLY, *Methodist Missionary, Lodja, Congo Belge, Africa*.

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The whole cross is more easily carried than the half.—*Drummond*.

## Kennedy Replies to Virginia Methodist Editor

Washington, D. C. — In a letter to a Methodist editor, Sen. John F. Kennedy, Democrat of Massachusetts, has reasserted his pledge that if elected President he will be guided by the public interest and not by the dictates of the Roman Catholic Church.

His statement came in a letter to Dr. George S. Reamey of Richmond, editor of the *Virginia Methodist Advocate*.

Sen. Kennedy replied to three questions which Dr. Reamey said that a Roman Catholic running for President should answer. The story was reported by the Associated Press.

The questions concerned (1) dissemination of birth control information; (2) public taxes to support parochial schools, and (3) sending an ambassador to the Vatican.

Regarding the birth control issue, Sen. Kennedy said that he had made it clear "that any nation which is using public funds for such purposes should not, for this reason, be penalized by a reduction in its foreign aid . . ."

He added: "In any event, on any bill on this or any other subject, I would act in accordance with what I thought to be in the public interest, and not in accordance with the dictates of any ecclesiastical authority or group."

Sen. Kennedy said that he had already expressed his opposition to public taxes for support of parochial schools, and "that I was opposed" to sending an ambassador to the Vatican.

Dr. Reamey responded, in a letter to Sen. Kennedy, "that certain periodicals of your church took you rather severely to task for certain statements you made, and I was not at all sure but what pressures from members of the (Roman Catholic) hierarchy had influenced you to change, or at least rather seriously to modify the stand you had taken."

## Youth Turn from Religion Says Psychiatrist

Washington, D. C. — Are young people turning away from the church?

The answer is yes, according to Dr. Milton J. E. Senn of the Yale University Child Study Center, who spoke here March 29 at the White House Conference on Children and Youth.

He charged that young people are turning away from organized religion because the churches promote a false show of piety, dubious business ethics and easy psychological adjustment, rather than "creative religious behavior."

Dr. Senn pointed out that young people are quick to sense that many adults become church members "in an effort to gain status and security rather than salvation."

He scored parents for trying "to buy spiritual security by membership in a church . . ."

Dr. Senn, a psychiatrist and pediatrician, cited statistics indicating that a "surprisingly high ratio" of juvenile delinquents are regular churchgoers, "as many as three-fourths in some cities."

Methodist boards and agencies were represented by 28 delegates to the White House Conference. Total attendance exceeded 7,000.



# EDITORIALS



## General Conference Faces The Race Problem

With General Conference only a few days away, Methodist leaders are expecting one of the most controversial sessions in many years. Yet few of them think that the outcome will be any different from that of previous sessions. They believe that, as usual, Methodists will sing together, pray together, argue loud and long, and then compromise their differences and go home in harmony — if not agreement.

It is fortunate that, as we understand, the report of the Committee of Seventy charged with the duty of making recommendations regarding the jurisdictional system, will be presented on the first day of the session. If this is done, there will be time for the smoke to blow over by the end of the first week. The recommendation of the committee that the Central Jurisdiction be retained has brought forth much criticism in some quarters. Its further recommendations for gradual integration of churches into other jurisdictions is provoking blasts of fire and brimstone from others. It may not be possible to agree on either matter.

What could be done then?

Several Methodist editors recently conducted an informal discussion on the subject and one of them came up with a suggestion which might be the means of easing tension. He proposed that the report be laid upon the table as soon as it is presented! In case this is done, the matter of jurisdictional boundaries and the fate of the Central Jurisdiction will be left to the future, with the hope that four years more will bring about a lessening of agitation.

We are in agreement with this proposal.

Leaving the Central Jurisdiction as it is, with the present legislation which permits transfer of churches from that jurisdiction to others upon a favorable vote of conferences concerned, will make it possible to continue the good work which is being done by this small jurisdiction, without hampering and perhaps crippling it by four years or more of adjustment. The Central Jurisdiction bishops are among the best in the whole church; their jurisdictional magazine is excellent; their conference officials are competent. To do away with all this would be tragic, at this stage of our development, for it would mean that the bishops would have to be absorbed into

## Kyrie, Eleison

"A charred crater in a snowy field. A blackened wing, torn bodies of 63 persons. And an open prayer book: 'Lord have mercy on us; Christ have mercy on us . . .'"

In those words a shocked reporter told the story of the nation's worst airplane crash on March 17.

We wonder, did someone know of the impending disaster and turn to the ancient litany response in the last moment before doom? No one can ever know.

But those words which have been said and sung for almost two thousand years by devout Christians may have brought comfort to some poor soul in the hour of death.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.



other jurisdictions, and complicated problems would arise which would work a hardship upon thousands of Negro ministers and churches.

We do not doubt the fact that Negro bishops and leaders would gladly forfeit their places of prominence in the church in order to bring about the abolition of the Central Jurisdiction. They will not put their own positions ahead of the wishes of their people. But will this help? No one can deny that Negro bishops will be impossible to place in some sections of the country. There is not a chance that a southern white conference will ask for one of them and there is little chance that any Negro and white churches will merge in the southern states. This is merely stating a cold, hard fact. Those who think differently have not read the newspapers or talked to southern laymen.

If there were to be legislation passed which would make it mandatory that the churches must be completely integrated, or even that Annual Conferences would be composed of both white and colored people, there would be a mass movement out of Methodism.

It is no use to tell southerners that they oughtn't to be like that. Most of them are, and that's all there is to it. We might as well face the facts. The question is,

shall we hold the unity of Methodism as an organization, or shall we again divide?

It is the opinion of this editor that the ideal situation in a perfect society would be entirely different. We cannot justify our opposition to worshipping together by the Bible, no matter how much we quote Shem, Ham and Japheth. We could make out a fine argument for brotherhood in worship from the experience of Peter, who, when he had refused to preach to the Gentiles because of his racial antagonism, got an object lesson from the Lord and set out forthwith to do his duty. If he had been as racially exclusive as some of us, there would have been no Christian Church in the western world, for the followers of Christ would have remained Jews.

And if John Wesley had drawn the color line in his services and ordered the Methodists to do the same there would have been no missions to the South and no Southern churches, which, before the Civil War proudly listed their Negro members and often had Negro preachers in their pulpits. (The pastor of the first Methodist congregation in Fayetteville, N. C., was a Negro man and his congregation was almost equally divided between the races.)

But, having said this, we must admit that prejudice is stronger than brotherhood. We will go on saying that we love the Negro "in his place," while denying him a chance to take his place beside us, until we grow more thoughtful and more Christian — and until the Negro proves by his industry and patience and love that he can no longer be ignored.

The coming General Conference may not be able to change things; it may have to compromise again, if it is to exist as a unified body. There are those, both North and South, who say that the game is not worth the candle, that we should give up trying to agree.

But we have been reading the minutes of another General Conference which had to consider these matters and we hope that the decision will not be what it was then. In 1844 the Methodist Episcopal Church was torn apart over the slavery issue and for many years the two divisions lived in bitterness and frustration. The separation could have been avoided had there been a spirit of compromise, but there was little of that. Both sides quoted the Bible in defense of their stand; each accused the other of intolerance; both were determined to win.

It will not be so this time.



## The Meaning of the Holy Supper

By VERGIL QUEEN

The Holy Communion has many aspects, and even if we could explain them all, the sacrament would still transcend our explanation. But there are three aspects of the Holy Communion which concern us here:

The first is the historical aspect. The Holy Table represents an unbroken historical continuity from Christian origins. Not a single Sunday has passed since that first Holy Week, without Christians meeting at this Table. What is said and done here represents the very earliest Christian proclamations of the Gospel, but here we also recall something earlier than written Gospels. The life of the church is renewed through its unbroken remembrance and dramatic repetition of those words and acts of our Saviour on the night in which he was betrayed. So, the past is no mere past; the supreme events in the life of Jesus, continuously remembered, are a present fact.

Secondly, our remembrance is expressed in dramatic action — eating and drinking together in the ritual meal of Holy Communion. Our physical hungers are met only when daily bread is received from wheat that has fallen to earth, died, rose again, and is made into the staff of life. Wine comes only from the crushed grape; just so, our spiritual sustenance is the Bread and Wine received in faith at the Table of him who is both our Victim, our High Priest and our Food. The Lamb of God comes with us, meets us, as we draw near with faith. He makes himself one with us in the Incarnation. The Crucified takes his blood, his surrendered, outpoured life, now our life through our identification with him, through the veil of his broken flesh into God's very presence. He atones for us!

Finally, these two aspects fuse into a third one. At the Lord's Table there is a synthesis of the historical and what is beyond history. Through the remembered events of Time the church experiences the timeless presence of Christ. Past, present, and future are united in the Sacrament. It is a dramatization of the Advent, the coming of our Lord in humility and his desired coming in great glory. Therefore, we know two things with certainty in the Sacrament. First, Jesus is not merely remembered because he is admired; he is the Bread from Heaven given to believers in every gen-

## RETIREMENT

*Yes, we are those who once have stood  
In the van of our Christian Brotherhood,  
The road we traveled down through the  
years,  
Oft brought us laughter, and often tears,  
As we cast the account as the day was  
through  
And pondered the question, had we been  
true?  
Often we wondered what our folks would  
say,  
Of the battle we fought through the heat of  
the day.  
And often while our people slept  
True vigil with our God we kept.  
And some of us still our watches keep,  
But many of us have fallen asleep.*

*Yes, the trail's been long, this path we trod  
As ever it leads up the hills of God,  
But we're too old, and sick, and slow,  
And we have but a few more miles to go,  
And you who are of the mighty throng,  
Oh, you are young, and brave, and strong,  
Won't you catch the torch "from fail'ing  
hands,"  
And preach His Word throughout all the  
lands?  
Until we all shall come to be  
United in one great company?  
And we come to the end of the path we  
trod,  
To surround at last the throne of God,  
And bow our heads, and hear Him say,  
"Well done," to close life's little day.*

— REV. TOM SPIKER

eration as a foretaste of the Messianic feast in the Kingdom of Heaven. Secondly, the living God whom we worship is no mere impersonal Absolute transcending history. He is God revealed to us in Christ. The Incarnation makes God real and personal to each of us. The Incarnation is the heart of our faith and the living nerve of our worship.

## Hungry World!

(Isaiah 25:9)

By DERMONT J. REID

There is something deeper than political manipulation that is spawning the seething caldron of restlessness in our tottering world. It is deeper than the thinking of an individual or a group. Its depth reaches far beyond a "political philosophy" or the glittering guarantee of a higher "standard of living" or a more pleasant "way of life." These are nothing more than symptoms of a deeper and more dangerous malady. Seeking to

restore peace and harmony on the basis of improving man's environment or offering him more of life's luxuries is like treating cancer with aspirin! The problem of restlessness was not born yesterday, nor with the splitting of the atom, or at the outbreak of our world conflicts. It is as old as Adam! Adam became piteously dissatisfied with his lot in life and that heartbreaking discontent has marched its unhappy way right through the centuries to our present generation — demanding to be recognized, seeking to be answered, confronting every human heart, and consulting every human mind.

*This is a hungry world!* A hungry world seeking bread. A suppressed world, hungry for freedom. A dark world, hungry for light. A sick world, hungry for healing. An unequal world, hungry for equality. A backward world, hungry for knowledge. A tottering world, hungry for stability. A lame world, hungry for strength; a frightened world hungry for peace.

Moreover, this hungry world is a restless world on the march. A new light is shining — let us pray that it is The Light of Life! A new day looms on the battered horizon of a billion hearts — let us pray that it is "the day of joy and gladness! A new hope has been born — let us pray that hope has an anchor — and that the anchor is not the false philosophy of a godless social ideology, nor the gaudy parade of a glittering economic structure that offers everybody everything! The anchor and ballast of our human hope must be found in the heart-cry of Isaiah who shouted — "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us: This is the Lord; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

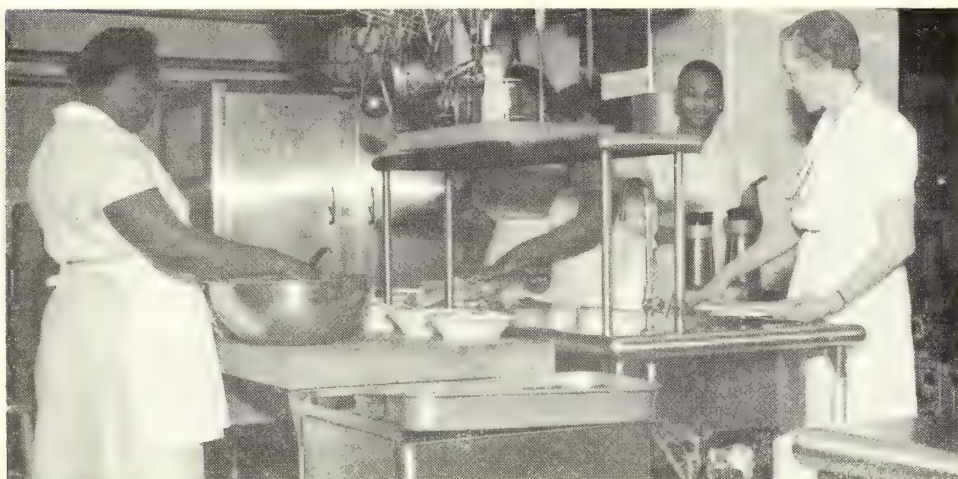
Is this world hungry for food? Yes! Hungry for freedom? Yes! Hungry for peace? Yes! And a thousand more hungers gnaw away at the heart like a giant cancer — but underneath all this hunger, there is a deeper and more persistent hunger — a hunger for spiritual reality! A hunger for God! All other hungers are cradled in and over-shadowed by this one hunger. Until we satisfy this hunger we will continue to be a restless, waiting, hungry world shuffling our weary feet from "mountain to hill," always searching — never finding, always hungry, never fed.

"Rise up O Men of God" and offer Christ "The Living Bread" to a hungry world!

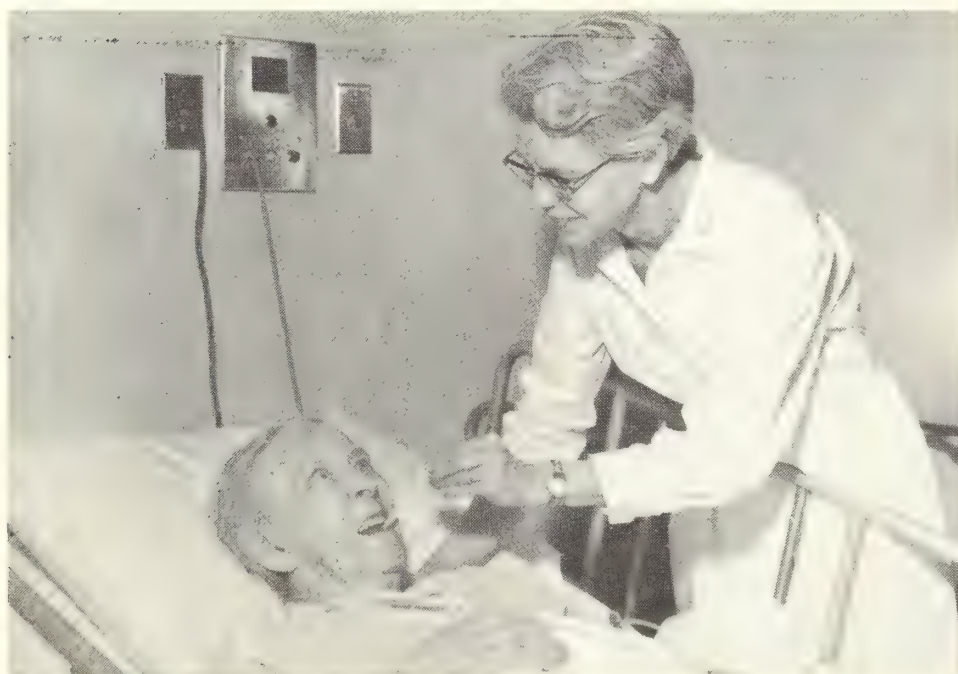




*Though attendance is voluntary, most of the members attend the worship services in The Home.*



*The cooks with Mrs. Vera Schettler, the dietitian. Willing hands work together to make mealtime a happy time, even though many are on diets.*



*Miss Kittie Foster and Nurse Hailey; 92 years young, and somebody cares.*

## What Is the Security of A Retirement Home?

For a well-rounded, happy life, one needs a religious environment, Christian companionship, a feeling of security, an opportunity to be needed, and, in addition, there must be adequate provision to meet the physical needs. In The Retirement Home, members have private rooms with half-bath. The average stay will be in excess of 10 years. The members care for their own rooms in as far as they are able, but there is maid and janitor service available.

The best of food is prepared with much thought given to diet. All doctor's orders for diets are carried out strictly. In addition to the regular meals, fruit juice, milk, and cereals are available at all times for the members so that no one goes to bed hungry and no early riser must go hungry until breakfast.

The best of medical attention available is given in The Home's modernly-equipped infirmary. A doctor on the Duke Hospital staff serves as The Home's physician. He comes for regular visits and is on call at all times. The Home co-operates very closely with Duke Hospital so that all medical facilities available at Duke Hospital are available to The Home's members. The infirmary is well-staffed, with one nurse or nurses' aide for every two members in the infirmary. Members in the infirmary are in private rooms, except on doctor's orders.

The health and safety record of The Home is outstanding. Members of The Home in the four and one-half years of operation, with an average age in excess of 80, have had but two broken bones; neither one of those the fault of The Home or its facilities. There is not a single member who is not going to the dining room daily.

With an adequately heated building, proper diet, a liberal use of vitamins, and flu shots, there has not been a case of flu, nor has there been a member critically ill this winter.

The religious and social programs add richness to life. Companionship of Christian friends and neighbors means that one need never be lonely again. There is always the opportunity to do something for someone else. "My only regret is that I did not come sooner," is a common expression heard in The Home.

Many enter The Home on a life contract in which The Home agrees to care for the member for life. This gives a feeling of complete security.

What is the security of a Retirement Home? The total environment of The Home works not only for happiness, but for health, security, and peace of mind.



# You Are Meeting A Need

The first unit of The Methodist Retirement Home opened September 1, 1955, and was soon filled to its capacity of 44. The second unit was opened in July, 1959, raising the licensed capacity to 130. Since that time, new members have come into The Home at an average of one a week so that there are now over 80 members. New members will continue to come until The Home is filled.

In September, the first four apartments, which are a part of The Home's long-range plans, were completed, raising The Home's licensed capacity to 138. The Home's grounds consist of 38 acres so that it might continue to expand to better meet the retirement needs of the people of eastern North Carolina.

This is not a nursing home, but a Retirement Home, accepting those who are reasonably able to look after themselves. It is prepared to keep a person for life once they are accepted. The requirements are a minimum age of 65, a life of service to the church and the community, and a need for the services offered by The Home. Members are accepted on both a monthly boarding basis and on a life contract.

Members who are able are expected to pay as much as the cost of their keep and, in addition, are urged to make gifts to The Home. No one has yet been turned away because of lack of finances. This is made possible by generous contributions from friends of The Home.

The Home is supported through a part of the budget of the Methodist Churches of the North Carolina Conference, but all of this money is needed for mortgage payments. The benevolent work of The Home (that is, the care of those who cannot pay as much as the cost of their keep) must be done with the money that comes through the Mother's Day Offering, through Special Gifts, and through Wills. Many people have found satisfaction in sending a contribution to The Home in memory of some loved one. The Home sends a card to the family acknowledging this gift.

The finest way that you can honor your mother on Mother's Day will be by making a contribution to The Methodist Retirement Home so that some other mother in the sunset of life might find the love, security, and protection that you would desire for your own mother.

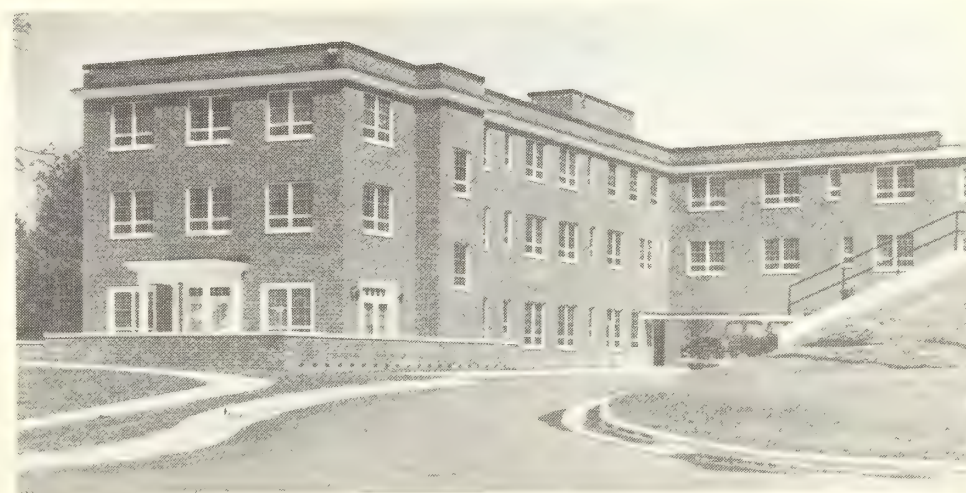
If you desire additional information about any phase of The Home, please contact The Home. We covet your interest and prayers and welcome you to visit The Home at your convenience.



*The Home as seen from the steps of Saint John's Church.*



*A view of the front entrance.*

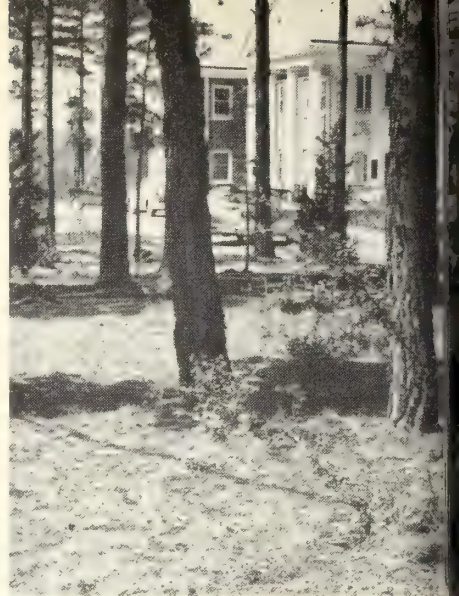


*A western view of the new building.*





Above: Snow is on the ground, but spring is in the hearts and minds of the members. Mrs. Sally Humphrey, Mrs. George Parker, Mrs. C. A. Jones, Mrs. Mamie Parker.



Gideon Pendleton of Elizabeth City beautifying The Home's grounds.



Left: Mrs. Mollie Thompson of Goldsboro. A lady must look her best for a new boy friend might come along.

## Never a

After showing some visitors around The Home, a member came to the office quite indignant because the visitor wanted to know what the Home did with their time. This is a common question. The answer by the members of The Home is that "there are not enough hours in the day to do all that we want to do."

Life in The Retirement Home is wholesome and well-rounded. It begins with Morning Devotional before breakfast. There is an excellent day School Class with Dr. B. G. Childs as the teacher. There is a Morning Worship Service with the Superintendent of The Home or a minister preaching.

Soon after breakfast, the mail comes. It is hard to realize how many town papers there are in eastern North Carolina, or to realize how much personal correspondence goes on unless one sees the mail truck being unloaded. The main meal of the day comes at noon after which most of the members take a nap. On Wednesday morning, there are shopping rides for all the members who wish to go to town, furnished by the members of the Methodist Churches of Durham, working through The Home's Auxiliary. On other days, members are taken for rides by members of the Junior League.

The vacant morning hours, the afternoon hours, and the evening hours are filled with hobbies, recreation, television, and entertainment, consisting of movies, community sings, parties, or programs brought in by outside groups.



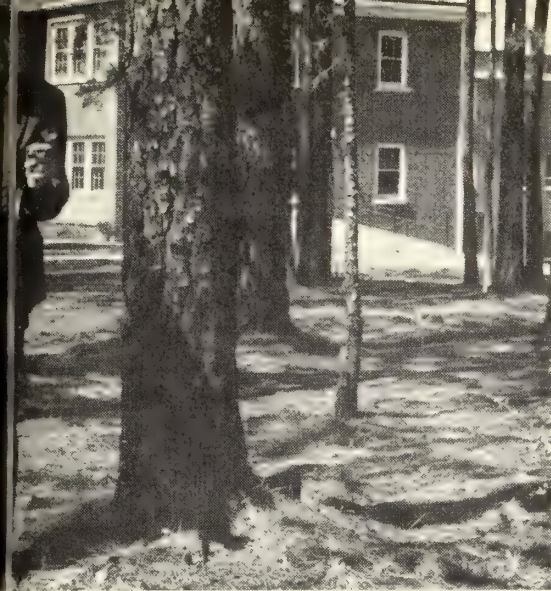
Who says one can't be happy in a retirement home? Mrs. Van Uzzell, Mrs. Lennie Grant, Mrs. Alice Horton, Miss Estelle Murray.



Mr. Elon Clark







...liness is next to godliness and finds real joy in  
ing the sticks and pine cones picked up.

## ll Moment

Checkers, dominos, canasta, and bridge have many devotees. The Home's paved walks and flower gardens offer many hours of enjoyment to the members. The food provided by the number of bird enthusiasts make The Home's grounds a paradise of color and song.

The Home's greenhouse is a place of much activity, for the members use this as a place to come to work, or some come just to admire the beauty of the flowers. It is filled with flowers, rootings, or seeds planted for early transplanting. Members also use the greenhouse for potting flowers to carry to their rooms.

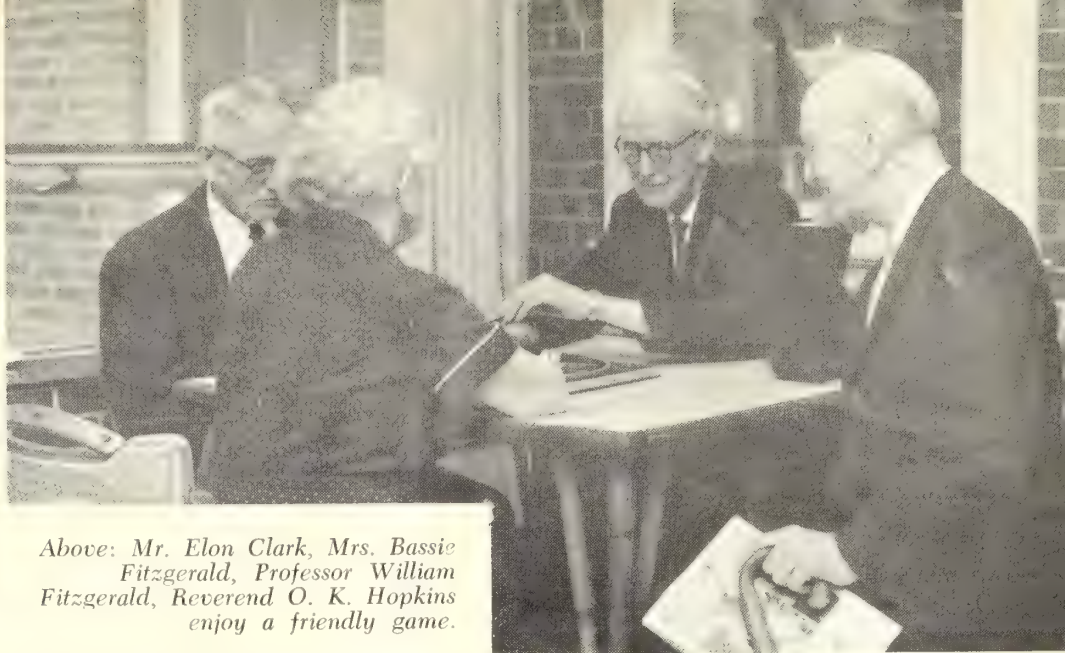
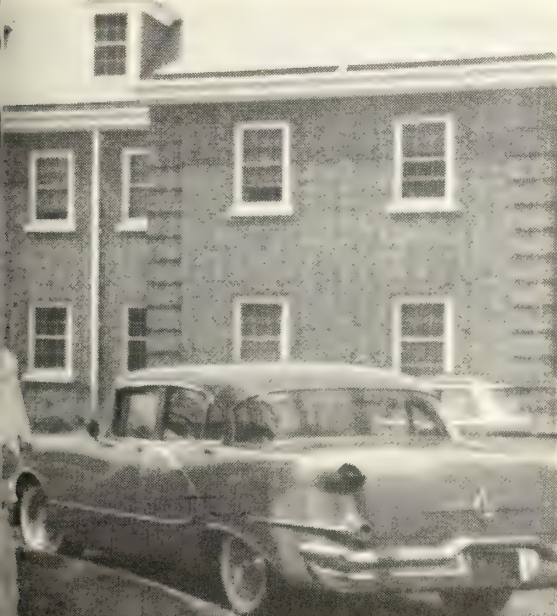
The front lawn of The Home is being formally landscaped. One of the beauty spots is the Azalea Garden, a gift from the women of the Wilmington District. On the terraces around the building, members are given all of the flower bed space that they desire.

Other hobbies that are extremely popular and for which facilities have been provided are ceramics, painting, woodworking, along with crocheting, embroidering, tatting, etc.

At any time of day, members can carry on their hobbies in privacy or step into the hall or one of the sitting rooms to find someone to share the hobby, to talk with, to watch television with, or to have a friendly game.

What does one do with one's time in a Retirement Home? "There are not enough hours in the day to do all that one wants to do."

...does not stop busy hands.



Above: Mr. Elon Clark, Mrs. Bassie Fitzgerald, Professor William Fitzgerald, Reverend O. K. Hopkins enjoy a friendly game.

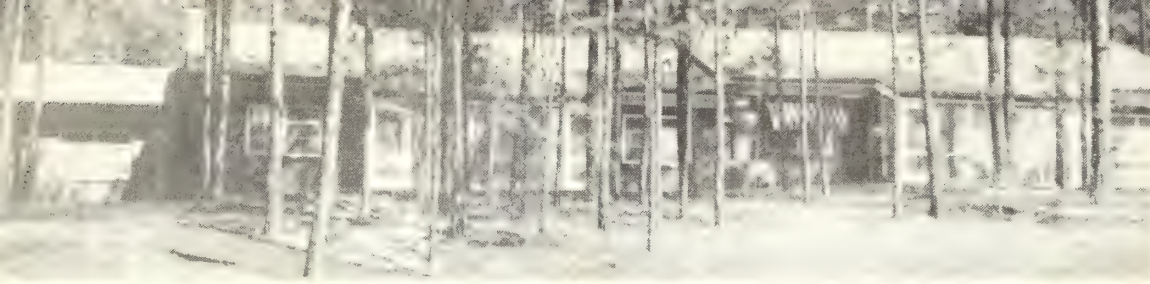
Right: Like Grandma Moses, Mrs. Etoie Williams finds a means of expressing her innermost self through her painting.



Below: Birthday parties are lots of fun.







## RETIREMENT AT ITS BEST

The Methodist Retirement Home serves a two-fold purpose. It offers companionship, love, and security to many who are tired of living alone, who are afraid for the future, and who desperately need the services The Home offers.

At the same time, The Retirement Home offers the finest services available for retirement in eastern North Carolina. For those who want close neighbors so that one has only to step across the hall to find someone to visit, there are single rooms, and two-room suites for couples in the main building. For those who want more room, privacy, and ability to entertain their company, there are apartments.

The apartments, located just a few feet from the main building, offer all the privacy found living in any community, plus all the protection of a Retirement Home. Each apartment is self-contained with two outside entrances. They are of fire resistant construction with circulating hot water heat. Each apartment includes 800 square feet, exclusive of a screened porch. There is the screened porch, living room, kitchen complete with stove, refrigerator, sink, and cabinets, two bedrooms, and full tile bath with tub and shower.

Members living in the apartments have available every service offered in the main building. These services include maid service, janitor service, laundry, the services of The Home's physician, the medication he prescribes, and the nursing care available in The Home's Infirmary. The member can eat in The Home's dining room, or cook in the apartment kitchen. The member goes to the infirmary on doctor's orders and can move into the main building on doctor's orders or on request of the member.

Each apartment has its own yard and own flower gardens. The member also has the use of the greenhouse, and all of the other hobby facilities available in the main building.

If you are interested in retirement at its best, with privacy plus protection and security, and with the best medicine and nursing care available in North Carolina when needed, you should consider the possibility of retiring to The Methodist Retirement Home in Durham.

*Below: Home is a place to entertain friends and the apartment of Mrs. Myrtle White often rings with the laughter of her friends who have come for tea. Present on this occasion are Mrs. Alice Horton, Mrs. Mary Hudson, Mrs. Myrtle White, Mrs. Joseph Coble, Mrs. George Parker, Mrs. Lennie Grant, Mrs. Margaret Woody.*



*This is how Mrs. White's flower garden started.*



*It's now blooming.*



*Above: Her brother, Robert Holder visits Mrs. Myrtle White in her apartment.*

*Below: Mrs. Van Uzzell visits Mrs. Myrtle White in her apartment. A friend is always welcome to visit.*







Seen above, with their pastor, the Rev. Gene Little, are six young men who recently received the coveted God and Country Award in recognition of their faithfulness and activity in the congregation of Rural Hall Methodist Church. They are (left to right): Rommie Gross, Steve Kiger, Mickey Kiger, David Strader, Davis Thompson and Roger Briles.

## Does Your Church Really Care?

By CHAPLAIN ROBERT A. FOSTER\*

This is the question that the young man just entering military service often asks himself. He begins to see many things in a new light as he faces the rigid adjustment to military life. He looks more closely at the symbol of Christianity — his local church; and inevitably in his loneliness he asks, "do they care about me?"

Does your church really care about the young men in your community who leave their homes each month to serve our nation in military service? There are more young men involved in military service than in all of our colleges combined. The congregation that is concerned about winning the youth of today for responsible adult leadership in the church tomorrow cannot ignore these young men.

The local church misses the opportunity to lead such young people more because it is unaware of its opportunity than because it doesn't care. The young man who enters the military goes through a very intense experience of personal inventory during which he feels a real need for God in his life. This is a ripe time for the church at home to make contact with the individual and express in a warm personal way its love and interest. The chaplain is there as the instrument of the church universal witnessing to the eternal truths of God's love, but the local church by its expression of personal interest determines how much each young man will believe it.

This article is written with the hope that the fine churches of our conference will be increasingly aware of this opportunity. In my Chaplain's orientations

with the Protestant young men who have recently entered the Army, I request the men to write in a few sentences an evaluation of their own religious life. It is in these statements that the importance of personal contact by the church at home with the individual service man is most clearly revealed.

For some, the Christian Faith has a new significance: "I have been attending church regularly for many years, and the church services at home pleased me very much. But it wasn't until I came into the service away from my family and loved ones that I realized the closeness of the Lord's presence in my life."

Many experience a desire to grow in their Christian understanding: "I didn't go to church hardly any until I joined the service. I feel that I don't fully understand the Christian Faith, but I hope to know more. The services are not completely satisfying, but this is probably because I don't understand the Christian Religion as I should."

For others the church takes on a new significance: "I went to church every Sunday for about 8 years. Then I went every other Sunday. Now I don't go but once in a while. This Sunday in the Army was the first time I went in about 6 months."

"I have not attended church in the past 5 years with the exception of last Sunday. Up until I started staying away from the church I was a steady attendant in all church activities. Sunday I realized I should and want to become a steady attendant again."

"I have been baptized, but when I was a civilian I didn't attend church very often. Since I have been in the Army I

have been going to church every Sunday."

For each of these young men and thousands like them, the church at home is their symbol of Christianity. They evaluate the Christian Faith by their own experience with that particular church. The extent to which the church at home expresses a personal interest in the young service man's relationship with Jesus Christ often is the deciding factor in the moral and spiritual choices he makes while in the military.

There are numerous things you can do for these men if you really care. Write them letters. Send them Christian literature such as the fine booklets printed by Tidings, or subscriptions to "THE NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE" and "Together." Don't send printed material without a warm personal message. Plan something special for them when they are home. They are already existing committees in your local church which could be given the specific responsibility of examining this whole area of interest. Do not limit your concern to only those persons from your own membership. Secure the names of those entering military service from your community who have no church home, for they are the lonely and neglected ones who need a Savior too.

The chaplain will be with your boys wherever they go but how much you have expressed the love of Christ for them from home makes the difference in how effectively God can use the chaplain in leading them to a deeper commitment to Jesus Christ. Your personal interest added to the effective ministry of the chaplain will result in these young men returning to active roles of leadership in your church.

\*Chaplain Foster is a member of the WNC Conference, presently stationed at Fort Benning, Ga.

## Carolina Briefs

THE REV. AND MRS. GENE LITTLE of Rural Hall announce the adoption of a son, Larry Gene, born Jan. 7, 1959, and adopted on March 24, 1960.

MRS. LOUISE EGGLESTON, internationally known writer and leader of spiritual life retreats and prayer groups, spoke at La Grange Methodist Church on April 19 and 20.

THE REV. HAROLD D. ROBINSON, pastor of First Church, Salisbury, is conducting a revival at Troutman, assisting the Rev. Robert M. Hardee, during this week.



# N. C. Conference W. S. C. S. Holds Annual Meeting

By MARY GARDNER

Mrs. H. C. Turlington of Dunn was elected president of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service at its annual meeting held at the Grace Methodist Church, Wilmington, April 5-7. Mrs. Turlington, who succeeds Mrs. Pierce Johnson, of Weldon, has served as conference vice-president during the current quadrennium. Other officers elected included Mrs. Sam A. Dunn, Enfield, vice-president; Mrs. H. W. Doub, Aberdeen, recording secretary; Mrs. T. S. Newbold, Rocky Mount, secretary of Christian social relations; Mrs. Harold Braswell, Whitakers, missionary education and service; Miss Ethelynde Balance, Raeford, youth work; Mrs. J. Frank Houser, Pittsboro, literature and publications; Mrs. L. S. Thompson, Plymouth, supply work; Miss Sarah McCracken, Durham, missionary personnel, and Mrs. Allen C. Lee, Farmville, chairman committee on nominations. Mrs. Margaret Fralix, Fayetteville, confirmed by the conference WSCS as secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, stands for re-election at the ensuing Annual Meeting of the Guild in New Bern, April 30-May 1. The officers were installed by Dr. H. I. Glass, retired member of the N. C. Conference.

## Spiritual Emphasis

The spiritual tempo of the entire three-day session was set on Monday evening, April 4, in the Service of Spiritual Preparation held in the sanctuary of Grace Methodist Church. Under the direction of Mrs. R. L. Jerome, conference secretary of spiritual life, the service had for its speaker Miss Mary Nichols, of Wilmington. A former defense worker for the N. C. Conference WSCS, 1944-46, Miss Nichols used as the topic of her message, "Come—Go."

Prior to the Service of Spiritual Preparation, the conference executive committee and the subdistrict leaders were in session at a dinner meeting in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

The service of Holy Communion at the Tuesday evening session was also a source of spiritual enrichment. During the service Love Offerings totaling \$2,612.23 were placed on the altar by the communicants for the Nurses' Home, Pfeiffer Hospital, La Paz, Bolivia, and equipment for a soon-to-be-established Girls' School in Taiwan. Celebrants were Dr. J. V. Early, host pastor; the Rev. S. J. Starnes, the Rev. C. Freeman Heath, and the Rev. R. L. Bame.

## Guest Speakers

The conference theme, "Thy Kingdom Come," and the conference hymn, "The Light of God is Falling," permeated each address, as well as reports of officers, committee chairmen, and conference workers.

Mrs. Ralph A. Ward, widow of Bishop Ward, addressed the conference at three sessions, using the topics: "He Tills the Holy Land;" "Where Human Lives are Thronging," and "Our Song of Brotherhood," the latter illustrated with slides of

work in Hong Kong and Taiwan. Although having returned to this country upon retirement, Mrs. Ward has been requested to return to Taiwan to help establish the first girls' school there. She will sail in July of this year for a three-year term.

Miss Marian Derby, executive secretary for Latin America, Woman's Division of Christian Service, spoke at the closing session on the topic, "Jesus, the Light of the World."

The challenge of the work in Bolivia — A Land of Decision, was presented by Miss Virginia Bunn, missionary to that country, currently on furlough. Miss Bunn also gave the meditations for the Wednesday and Thursday morning sessions.

Other speakers included Thor Hall, Crusade Scholar from Norway, now enrolled at Duke University; Benjamin Zambrana, of Bolivia, a student at the University of N. C.; and Winfried Nolde, an International Christian Youth Exchange Student from Germany.

## The President's Message

Mrs. Pierce Johnson, in her Annual Message to the conference, brought into focus some of the initial plans and purposes of the WSCS, as well as the Methodist Church as a whole during the past quadrennium, and gave a brief glimpse into the future. "It is faith in the future; the Guiding Light that ever beckons us upward, and that will lead us unto the Perfect Day, when the Kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdoms of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever," she declared.

## The Pledge Service

The Pledge Service, under the theme, "With Our Gifts Thy Kingdom Build," was directed by Mrs. L. C. Vereen, conference treasurer. Pledges for 1960-61 totaling \$142,300 were made by the nine district presidents and treasurers (or their representatives) — an increase of \$2,150 over the 1959-60 pledges.

Also during the pledge service a Candle for World Bank was burned for 30 minutes, signifying gifts of \$96.00 for each of these minutes for the work of the WDCS in 32 countries around the world. Mrs. H. A. Davis, treasurer, SE Jurisdiction WSCS, recognized the gifts.

## Awards and Honors

The Elizabeth City District, having the larger number of local societies conducting three approved study courses, was awarded the coveted Lillie Moore Everett Study Jewel.

Honorary Life Patron Memberships and certificates were presented to Mrs. P. F. Newton, Weldon, and Mrs. S. W. Anderson, Whitaker, both outgoing officers, and Mrs. Harriett Fralix, Fayetteville — gifts of the N. C. Conference WSCS. The Wilmington District WSCS presented Mrs. W. Eli Hand of Wilmington, an Honorary Life Membership. Receiving Adult Life

Memberships were Mrs. Earl Biggs, Mrs. J. A. Thompson, Jr., Mrs. R. Baker, and Mrs. J. B. Dickinson, all chairmen of local committees for the Annual Meeting. Gifts for the Crusade Scholarship Fund are being donated by the conference, honoring the other chairmen of the local committees. The church organist and Minister of Music was presented a love gift.

Announcement was made of a gift to the WDSC memorializing the late Mrs. Paul N. Garber, wife of Bishop Garber.

The dedication of the 1960 Annual Report to Mrs. Pierce Johnson was prepared and read by Mrs. H. C. Turlington.

A tour of a number of gardens on Tuesday afternoon and a Coffee Hour on Wednesday afternoon were among the social highlights of the meeting.

## Looking Forward

The 1961 Annual Meeting will be held at the Hayes-Barton Methodist Church, Raleigh. Members of the program committee for the meeting are Mrs. Sam A. Dunn, Enfield, chairman; Mrs. H. C. Turlington, Dunn; Mrs. H. W. Doub, Aberdeen; Mrs. C. H. Boyd, New Bern; Mrs. H. A. Davis and Miss Mary Gardner, both of Raleigh.

## Methodists to Attend World Council

Expectations are that 1,000 American Methodists either as delegates or visitors will attend the tenth World Methodist Conference in Oslo, Norway, August 17-25, 1961, according to Dr. Elmer T. Clark.

Dr. Clark, whose office is at Lake Junaluska, N. C., is one of two secretaries of the World Methodist Council.

The Second Assembly of the World Federation of Methodist Women will be held in Oslo on the three days preceeding.

Delegates from The Methodist Church to the World Conference will include all bishops, active and retired; all board and commission secretaries; the 75 American members of the World Methodist Council; eight delegates and eight reserves from each episcopal area; 63 representatives from the Woman's Division; and 50 youth delegates.

The general theme of the conference will be "New Life in the Spirit." Addresses will be geared to four program studies: "The Lord and Giver of Life," "The Family Life of the Church," "The Church and the Life of the World," and "Methodism in the World Church."

Plans are being advanced by the visit to America this spring of Mr. Ragnar Horn of Oslo, chairman of the local committee. Details will be completed when the executive committee of the World Methodist Council meets in Geneva this summer, August 3-7.

Opportunities for those who wish to include a tour of Europe with attendance at the World Conference are being set up. Mr. Charles Hill of Thomas Cook & Sons, 587 Fifth Avenue, New York, official travel agents, can provide information.

Young persons of high school and college age who desire details concerning possible appointment as youth delegates should write to Dr. Clark at Lake Junaluska. Special youth tours prior to the conference are being planned.



# Plan Now for National Family Week, May 1-8

Family Week begins with Children's Day and ends with Mother's Day. What opportunities for preaching, teaching, and living, based on the theme for 1960, "The Family as a Christian Community."

A very interesting program has been written by Miss LaDonna Bogardus for use in Sunday School or morning worship service. Entitled "We Are His People," its purpose is to acquaint the adults of the church with the education program carried on with the children. Special attention is given to types of education for family life in the various departments. Copies may be ordered from the Service Department, Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn.

N. C. Conference churches which did not observe Church School Rally Day, or did not receive an offering, are urgently requested to receive the offering on Children's Day and remit it immediately to Mr. M. J. Cowell, Box 10344, Raleigh, N. C. Offering envelopes are available on request from Methodist Board of Education, Box 6667 College Station, Durham, N. C.

The following suggestions are not intended to be a blueprint for the week's observance, but thought starters. Sermons and addresses by the pastor or specially qualified persons can provide food for thought.

Family outings, trips, picnics, home improvement projects, nights at the church. Parent-teacher meetings, by departments or divisions. Parents' Study Group could be started on monthly basis. Offer Christian Home magazine — six months for one dollar — sample copies and subscription envelopes available free from Methodist Publishing House. Use the film, "One Love — Conflicting Faith" with youth and adults. These suggestions are amplified in the leaflet, "Plans for National Family Week," available from Department of the Christian Family, Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn.

William and Elizabeth Genne have written:

"For the Christian the basic ingredient is *Love*. Our working definition of love is: The overwhelming desire and persistent effort of two persons to create for each other the conditions under which each of them can become the person God meant them to be. How does this love operate? . . .

"Let the husband and wife begin by experimenting with the great truth, 'He that loathes his life shall find it.' This will not be easy . . .

"Such experiments would include:

"1. A realistic look at our time and work schedules. Do we bring to each other only the frayed and tired fragments of our personalities? Where do we provide for our physical and spiritual recuperation and refreshment? What careless time-wasting habits have we slipped into? . . .

"2. Experiments in understanding each other are always interesting. How much do we honestly tell each other? Have we 'given up' trying to communicate some ideas? Do we have a regularly established

time when rested and unhurried, we try 'to take the temperature' of our togetherness? Without remorse or regret, do we try to evaluate what we have been doing in the past and plan for the future? Do we lift up our hopes, dreams, goals, and plans before God in prayer? . . .

"3. How long has it been since we experimented with our financial pattern of earning and spending? Is our work, on the job or in the home, helping us to help the other to be a better person? Have we become slaves to certain luxuries, which we now regard as necessities? . . .

"4. How big is our love? Is it only for the two of us, or does it reach out to include others in our community and in the world? Can we strive for the conditions that help make them the kind of persons God meant them to be? Have we found effective channels through our church to reach out to the last and least in our community and to the ends of the world? . . .

"When children come, the couple will face the most crucial test of their maturity. If they have not learned to give themselves in love to each other it is doubtful if they will be able to meet the demands of the utter helplessness of the newborn babe.

"By giving themselves to the baby, the parents will learn something deeper of how God gives himself to us.

"As the babe becomes a person, the uniqueness of his own personality needs to be restricted. As his capacities develop, the child needs to be given increasing freedom to grow and to fulfill his God-given potentialities.

"But the child will also need to learn how to live with others. This means he must know the limits of behavior in society and the elements of cooperation and harmony in groups . . .

"Education should move families in two directions: to develop greater skills, strengths, and resources within our own lives, and to develop greater awareness, concern, and willingness to help those about us not only in the church but in the larger community.

"Education, therefore, should lead the church to provide continuing opportunities for fellowship through family nights, family camps, neighborhood colonies, or cell groups, etc.

"It should also lead the church to organized concern and action to improve community conditions that strengthen and enrich family life:

"Wholesome environment for children, youth and adults.

"Good public schools.

"Good working conditions and housing.

"Adequate help for families under stress.

"Opposition to militarism at home and positive efforts for peace among all families on earth . . .

"If Family Week is carefully, thoroughly, and enthusiastically used to strengthen and enrich the home life in a parish and community, it will soon become increasingly evident that the family is the nuclear so-

ciety in God's plan to build a Kingdom of God's Love among all mankind.

"Within the home are all the realities of our existence; sickness and health, poverty and prosperity, failure and success, tragedy and joy, cowardice and courage, fear and faith, hate and love.

"Only as we learn to discover God's plans and to use God's resources in our grappling with these realities in family living will we produce a generation of adults who can move out into the world of business, politics, and world affairs with greater spiritual insights and skills to express God's Community of Love."

## Ninety-Five Missionaries Commissioned

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

North Carolina stands at the very top of the list in the number of young missionaries commissioned at the recent meeting of the Board of Missions. Seven young people from our native state dedicated their lives in Christian service.

Of course, the North Carolinians moved over a bit to make room for seven Texas young people — for Texas stood at the top of the list, too.

*The World Outlook* says, "The new missionaries represent thirty-three states from New York to California and from Sweden. They will serve in the United States and in twenty countries of Asia, Africa and South America. The states with the most in the group are North Carolina and Texas with seven each, California with six, Ohio with five, and West Virginia, Maryland and Michigan with four each.

## Statesville District Honors Deceased Member

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Statesville District has made a donation to the Scholarship Fund in memory of Mrs. Parker of Lenoir, former chairman of Sub-district 1. Mrs. Parker died on January 31st.

A memorial service for Mrs. Parker was held at the recent meeting of the executive committee of the district. Mrs. E. E. Kipka, district secretary of Spiritual Life, led the service, saying in part, "Death is a part of life. If we seek God's will as we make our adjustments, we come to place a higher value on our days and make ourselves more worthy of what tomorrow may bring."

Mrs. Kipka also read the 23rd Psalm and two devotional poems.

## Tribute to Mrs. J. E. Dooley

When a district promotion secretary comes to the end of her term of eight years and say, "100% reporting for the entire time," that is a perfect score for any Methodist woman!

This enviable record was achieved by Mrs. J. E. Dooley of the Statesville District. She has made endless calls on local women in her effort to help every phase of the work in her district. She has helped to organize many societies and has made many talks, given many hours of service.

She says she feels that her work "is not finished, but just begun!" She is looking forward to the future, as she says, "Methodist women must keep themselves informed and growing."





# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## Lost and Found

By Dorothy Mansur

There was a frown on Johnny's freckled face this cool Saturday morning as he stood in the old shed staring gloomily at the books and games on the rickety table. This was the day he and his friend George had planned to straighten up all the clutter. Then they were going to hang out the sign they had made to announce the shed's new name—"The Hideout."

But on the way home from school yesterday the two boys had had a small argument that ended in a lively quarrel. Now, Johnny knew, George would not come.

"Oh, well," Johnny told himself, "I can take care of things just as well alone." He grabbed a book and put it on a shelf.

As he worked Johnny thought of all the fun he and George had had since Dad had given him the shed that stood in the far corner of the family's yard. Together the boys had cleaned out rubbish, painted the rickety table, put up shelves and hammered nails to hang jackets and caps on. It didn't matter at all which one owned them. Sometimes George wore Johnny's leather jacket home, sometimes Johnny wore George's. They were real pals, they told each other over and over.

Now they weren't even friends. Impatiently Johnny pushed aside a small box on the table. Under it he saw George's newest foreign stamp. Johnny gasped. "He didn't mean to leave that when he brought it to show me," he told himself. "Well, he'll just have to remember where it is."

Suddenly a shrill whistle sounded from outside, and two neighborhood boys, Billy and Tex, bounded into the shed.

"Want to go for a hike?" Billy asked. Tex cried "Yippee! Grab a sandwich, Johnny, but hurry up."

"Okay," Johnny grinned, glad to be interrupted. "I'll tell Mom," he said, reaching for a jacket.

Soon the boys were walking in the nearby woods. They scuffed through red and gold leaves that covered the ground. They poked around with sticks in the dirt near an old stone wall, hoping to

turn up an Indian arrowhead. Then they started down a path which they had never explored before.

At last Tex said, "I really am lost with all this twisting and turning. Did you bring your compass, Johnny?"

"Sure," Johnny answered, as he reached into his jacket pocket. "I haven't got it," he cried, jerking the pocket inside out, thrusting his hand into all the other pockets. "I always have it with me. Where in the world is it?"

"Maybe in the Hideout," Billy said. "Sure, that's where it is," Johnny agreed in a shaky voice. But he felt anxious,



## FAMILY SKELEKEN

By LOUISE C. GOOSMAN

I heard my daddy say one day, he did,  
That we got a family skeleken, hid.  
Now I don't 'xactly know, it's true,  
Just what a skeleken is—do you?  
So I asked Joe, and Joe, he said  
He thought it was somebody dead.  
An' nen I said, how could a skeleken be  
Somebody dead? I don't know, me.  
Nen Joe, he said, "Now don't you skoff—  
It's your insides out an' your outsides off."  
He said they stay in your closets, too,  
'Cause that's what skelekens have to do.  
So I ran home fast as could be,  
An' locked my closet an' hid the key.



for the compass had once belonged to his grandfather.

The boys walked on, and in a few minutes they reached a cove on the river where they had played before. At their favorite spot they stopped for lunch. As they ate Johnny thought of George. All the day's fun would have been better, he knew, if George were enjoying it too. Soon after lunch the three boys started home.

Johnny ran to the Hideout to look for his compass. He tossed aside boxes and lifted packages, but the compass was nowhere to be seen.

Just as he decided he was the unluckiest boy in town, he caught sight of George's foreign stamp. A queer look came over Johnny's face. "Maybe George thinks it's lost, he thought. "Maybe he feels pretty awful, too."

He picked up the stamp and headed out the door. Halfway down the block he met George. "Here's something of yours," he said, holding out the stamp

"Wow!" George gasped. "Am I glad to get that! Where . . . ." George stopped, scowling as if suddenly remembering the quarrel. "Well, here's something of yours, too," he said, struggling out of Johnny's leather jacket and handing it over.

Johnny took off George's leather jacket and handed it to him, then slapped his own across his shoulder and turned to leave.

"You'd better be careful," George warned, "unless you want your old compass to fall out of that pocket."

"Wh-what?" Johnny dug into the et and his fingers felt his compass.

For an instant the boys looked uncertainly at each other. Then they laughed. And with the laugh, the quarrel was all over.

"We'd better go and fix up a lost and found department at the Hideout," Johnny said.

"Okay," George agreed cheerfully. "Race you."

And side by side the two boys sprinted toward Johnny's yard and the fun spot—the Hideout.

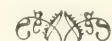


## THE STORY OF THE PANSY

Once upon a time an angel was flying down to earth on an errand of love. With its wing it happened to brush aside a tall leaf and under this leaf it saw a beautiful little flower.

"Ah!" cried the angel as he bent over to smell its sweet perfume, "you are too lovely to dwell here in the dark alone. I will breathe upon you and then you will have an angel's face. You shall go forth and bloom in every land, and carry with you sweet thoughts of love and of heaven. You shall grow in beauty and your dress shall be so splendid and so fair that you shall be a marvel and a joy to all who behold you."

Then the angel kissed the little flower and left the mark of an angel's face upon it. Ever since, the pansy has had a beautiful bright face, and people know it as the flower that means loving thoughts.—Selected.



## BIBLE ALPHABET

1. A ———, the first man.
2. B ———, a heathen god.
3. C ———, the first murderer.
4. D ———, killed a giant.
5. E ———, Pharaoh's country.

## Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Judas' reward for betraying Jesus
2. Jesus
3. Noah
4. The Prodigal Son
5. John the Baptist's food



# International Sunday School Lesson

FOR APRIL 24, 1960

By RAYMOND A. SMITH

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## RIGHTEOUSNESS AND MERCY

**Background Scripture:** Matthew 5:6-7; 13:44-46; 18:21-35

**Lesson Scripture:** Matthew 5:6-7; 13:44-46; 18:23-33

In this lesson we are concerned with certain phases of Christian behavior. How can we be righteous, and at the same time merciful and forgiving; that is, how can we be right without being Pharisaical? The prayer of the little child is appropriate in this connection. He prayed: "O God, make all the bad people good, and all the good people nice." So many "righteous" people have been so hard to love!

Jesus said we are fortunate if we hunger and thirst after righteousness. We can't hunger and thirst for it if we think we already have it! Hearing Jesus describe the search for righteousness in terms of strong bodily desires, like hunger and thirst, the crowds who listened could readily understand that it is only when the desire to be right becomes a consuming passion with us that we can hope to possess it. The Psalmist says: "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied when I awake in thy likeness."

"Blessed are the merciful," that is, fortunate are those in whose hearts compassion still reigns in spite of the hardness of the world. How could we live in a world without pity? Men without compassion are little better than beasts. Scarcely has the truth about mercy been better expressed than in Shakespeare's lines from "The Merchant of Venice."

The quality of mercy is not strain'd  
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven  
Upon the place beneath: it is twice blest;  
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes:  
'Tis mightiest in the mightiest; it becomes  
The throned monarch better than his crown . . .  
It is an attribute of God himself.

Next we have the stories Jesus told about the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price. The first seemed to be an accidental discovery, the second was the result of purposeful search. In the story of the hidden treasure, we may question the ethics of the man who bought the field without letting the former owner know the treasure was there. This, however, is not the point of the parable. In the parable the details are not important or significant. It's the main point that counts. In this case the great value is the Kingdom of God.

The story of the pearl of great price refers to the experience of a gem merchant. He seems almost as much surprised at finding this unusual pearl as does the farmer at turning up the treasure with his plough point. But when the merchant saw the amazing gem, surpassing in beauty and value anything he'd ever seen before, he sold all the other gems and bought it. This is a parable of the Kingdom of God. When we really discover the meaning of it we shall be willing to let go all these lesser values for the one greatest value.

The parable of the unforgiving servant is an illustration of the saying "Blessed are the merciful." It is, however, a negative example. It portrays a man who, while willing to accept forgiveness, was unwilling to extend it to another. This story is a fine commentary upon the petition in the Lord's prayer: "Forgive us our debt, as we also forgive our debtors." The Interpreter's Bible comments significantly: "An unforgiving spirit in us shuts the door in God's face, even though his

compassions still surround the house. He is ready to forgive but we are not ready to be forgiven . . . When General Oglethorpe said to John Wesley, 'I never forgive,' Wesley promptly replied, 'Then I hope, sir, you never sin.'" Unless a person is in some way abnormal he naturally desires forgiveness for the wrongs against others and sins against God. Perhaps it is because of this universal recognition of the necessity of forgiveness that the petition for forgiveness stands next to the one for bread. We can't live without either of them.

## In Memoriam

**COOPER.** — We, the members of The Woman's Society of Christian Service of First Methodist Church, Henderson, do truly mourn the loss of our beloved friend and co-worker, Lucy Parham Cooper, who on February 11th, 1960, went to take the place reserved for her among the blessed.

Lucy Cooper loved her church and was faithful to so many phases of its work. She was a Sunday School teacher of outstanding ability and experience. She truly had a way of her own in teaching, which made her lessons so impressive and so never-to-be-forgotten.

As a member and worker in The Woman's Society of Christian Service, she was always ready, willing and cooperative and served when and where she was needed.

She was an active and enthusiastic member of The Building Committee and gave generously and cheerfully of her time, her ability and her means, toward the planning and completion of our new educational facilities.

Since early life, this servant of God has been active in church affairs. Her church was surely dear to her heart and her efforts and accomplishments in its behalf have been untiring and devoted. She was truly a vital part of everything to which she belonged. — Mrs. J. W. Jenkins, Mrs. R. S. Johnson, Mrs. R. C. Gary.

**LASHLEY.** — We, the members of the Commission on Education of the West Burlington Methodist Church, Burlington, North Carolina, wish to pay tribute to our beloved late member, Gurney Irvin Lashley, who died February 20, 1960.

He was born January 11, 1917. He married Maxine Hunley on February 20, 1937. His life exemplified the finest in Christian service to his church, ever generous with his time and talents. At the time of his passing, he was assistant superintendent of membership and cultivation of the Sunday School, a teacher in the youth division, vice-president of the Methodist Men's Club, a member of the Fishermen's Club, a member of the commission on education, Cub Scout leader and official bus driver for the Stella James Class (Senior Women's Class). He had formerly served on the official board, had been youth counselor and Boy Scout leader.

He was held in high esteem by all age groups and will long be remembered by them for his loyal devotion to all phases of church work.

We wish to express to Mrs. Maxine Lashley and her sons, and to the members of our church, our sincere appreciation for this life of service rendered by Gurney, as he was affectionately known.

We ask that a copy of this tribute be mailed to Mrs. Lashley, to the official board and to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and a copy be filed in the records of the Commission on Education. — W. A. Tew, pastor; Mrs. Hubert Sally, Chmn. Com. on Ed.; Miss Lucille Harris, Sec. Com. on Ed.

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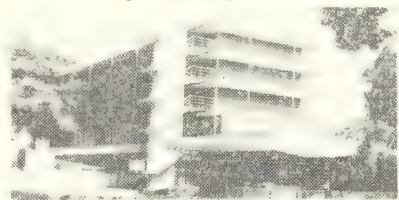
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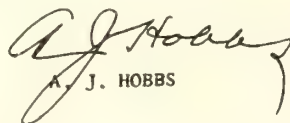
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## "Questions and Answers"

Dear Editor:

Sorry you are giving up the *ADVOCATE* (editorship). Hope you will enjoy keeping busy in the pastorate. I have enjoyed your editorials and the entire *ADVOCATE*. I look forward each week to it.

I am making a scrapbook of the Bible questions and Answers (on the Children's Page). Hope it will make many children familiar with the Bible.

Sorry not every member in our church is taking the *ADVOCATE* this year. . .

Sincerely,

MRS. S. F. NICKS

Hillsboro, N. C.

## Is The RSV Communist?

Dear Editor:

I am a little confused over the issue of the Air Force Manual, the NCC and the RSV. Can you help straighten me out?

Several years ago a Methodist preacher (not of the WNC Conference) said that several of the Duke professors had told him that, so far, three of the writers of the RSV were proven Communists. Was there any truth in that statement? The preacher is a great evangelist and so far has proven himself to be truthful.

I purchased a copy of the RSV soon after its first publication, and I have no intention of destroying all or any part of The Word. We also use the RSV scripture texts in our Sunday School lessons. However, I always compare it with my beloved King James Version.

Sincerely,

GUY MCINTOSH

**Editor's Note:** In answer to this friendly and straightforward letter, we are happy to give our opinion:

1. The charge that three of the RSV "writers" are proven Communists is ridiculous. Anyone may ascertain the facts in the case, which are that not one of the translators has ever been accused of being a Communist by any reputable government investigators. We doubt if any Duke professors ever made such a statement. Communists are not bothering with the Bible; if they are Communists, they are atheists. The translators (not "writers") were all well-known scholars whose lives are an open book to those who would learn about them. Several are known to us, among them Dr. Luther Weigle, who has given his life to the service of the Church. The evangelist may have been honest in reporting what he thought he heard, but he must have been very careless, or a little deaf.

2. The RSV is only a translation, just as the KJV is only a translation. The King James Version cannot be surpassed for beauty of language and is to be preferred for most Bible lessons read in the services, but the RSV is more accurate and more understandable to modern ears. Don't give up either one; use both of them, and compare them with other ancient and modern translations. Most of us do not realize that the King James Version was just as unpopular when it came out in 1611 as the RSV is now, for it was a "new" version which did not sound right to those who had been used to the archaic phrases of the Great Bible. If you would like to know what that translation sounded like, get hold of a copy of the Book of Common Prayer, used by the Episcopal Church, and read the Psalms. You will be surprised at how many changes the

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translators of the KJV made in the old version, and you can understand why there was such an uproar when it was published. There were no Communists then, but the translators of the KJV were called some very hard names.

## Some Suggestions

In reply to the editorial, "Suggestions Wanted," I speak as one voice in the kingdom of God. Every week I can hardly wait until I receive my copy of the paper. I thoroughly enjoy reading the stories, poems, sermons or just personal witness from all people who strive to be Christians.

Here are my suggestions:

1. Use the Bible as a basis . . . 2. Use sermons also . . . 3. The news section gives knowledge to many . . . 4. (variety) . . . 5. Decrease advertisements and increase the Word of God . . . 6. Pictures which express a given thought are good for the cover page.

. . . The *CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE* is a great help to me in finding the Way.

Sincerely,

PEGGIE SEWELL

## Some Ideas on the Advocate

Dear Editor:

The *CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE* is a very fine publication. The editorial staff and the Editor are to be congratulated.

Methodist preachers and laymen cannot be very well informed in reference to the two conferences in this state unless they read the *ADVOCATE*. No one knows what can be done to get more reading subscribers, but, if a plan can be found, it should certainly be used. The Methodists in the state should consistently read the paper. The paper should by all means be enlarged — that is to say, it should have more pages, and deal with a large number of subjects.

It seems to me that the *ADVOCATE* should present a wide assortment of subjects: Suggestions to Those Who Have a Building Program; Suggestions to Those Who Have Every Member Canvasses; Suggestions to Church School Workers; Suggestions to Each of the Four Commissions as to Activities; Suggestions to Pastors Who Want to Be Moved and Those Who Do Not Want to Be Moved; Suggestions as to How to Teach the Discipline to the Congregation; Suggestions to Congregations Who Receive a New Preacher at Conference; Suggestions to the Pastoral Committees;—there are so many subjects that are vital to the Life of the Church in these two conferences.

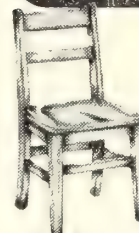
Sincerely,

LAWRENCE A. WATTS

Hope Mills, N. C.

**Editor's Note:** We will welcome short articles on any of the subjects suggested in the above letter. However, most of these are handled in the pastors' and lay workers' magazines, *The Christian Advocate* and *The Methodist Story*, which are available to pastors and leaders free of charge.

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# Carolina Briefs

DR. C. E. ROZZELLE of Winston-Salem will begin a week of revival services at West Jefferson Church on Sunday morning, May 1, and services will continue each night during the week until Friday.

REVIVAL SERVICES were held at Weddington, April 17-22, by the Rev. Lee H. Spencer, reports Pastor Carl W. Dennis.

WEST JEFFERSON CHURCH has sent in 32 subscriptions to the ADVOCATE, through the efforts of the Intermediate MYF.

THE REV. HAROLD MINOR, director of Adult Work for the N. C. Conference, conducted a family life revival recently at Fair Bluff Church. All services centered around the spiritual life of the family as a unit, dealing with problems of family life.

THE SANCTUARY of St. Paul Church, Durham, was dedicated on Easter Sunday by Bishop Paul N. Garber, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. W. D. Caviness.

MRS. J. W. HARBISON of Shelby, former president of the WSCS of the WNC Conference, was the leader for the Lenten Service conducted at Christ Methodist Church, Greensboro, recently. The program was arranged by Mrs. N. D. McNairy, secretary of Spiritual Life for the district.

HERMAN R. EARLY, brother of Dr. J. V. Early of Grace Church, Wilmington, died at his home in Shelby on April 14. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and served faithfully as deacon and member of the building committee. His death came suddenly and unexpectedly.

THE EDITOR will be guest preacher at Centenary Church, Greensboro, May 8-13, in a series of Spiritual Enrichment services. Centenary Church, under the leadership of the Rev. Leo Pittard, is looking forward to the completion of its new building next fall.

MISS ETHEL TILLEY of Raleigh is the author of a meditation accepted for publication by *The Upper Room*, world-wide devotional guide, according to an announcement by Dr. J. Manning Potts, editor. The meditation by Miss Tilley is published in the May-June issue and will be used on June 16.

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## Subscription Report

Two more churches, Salem on the Reidsville Circuit, J. J. P. Kincaid, pastor; and Eschol on the Wilkesboro Charge, J. L. Johnson, Jr., pastor, have qualified for club rate of \$2.50 a year, with either every family or subscriptions equal to 20% of membership.

## Round-The-Clock Prayers Set For Denver Churches

Nashville, Tenn. — Someone will be praying in Methodist churches of the denomination's Denver District every hour, day and night, while the Methodist General Conference is meeting there, according to a plan of the district Woman's Society of Christian Service.

In addition, a chapel in Denver's Municipal Auditorium, where the conference will be held April 27 to May 7, will be open for prayer all the time that the conference is in session.

This was announced by the Rev. Leslie J. Ross, Nashville, who is in charge of the prayer life movement of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism here.

Mr. Ross said that the continuous prayer vigil sponsored by the Denver District Woman's Society started March 2 and is scheduled to continue till May 7. Some days still need to be scheduled, he said, but the plan is that every hour of the vigil will be filled.

Mrs. G. L. Rector, Woman's Society spiritual life secretary for the Denver District, is in charge of the vigil.

## Cotton Grove Adds 20 New Members

Cotton Grove Church, near Lexington, received 20 new members on Palm Sunday. This was a twenty per cent increase for the small congregation of 100 persons. Seventeen were received on profession of faith and three by transfer, reports Pastor James M. Muir.

## Hookerton Girl Winner of Pittman-Frizelle Scholarship

Miss Evelyn Iriene Albritton, senior in the Hookerton High School, has been selected from among three finalists to receive the approximately \$2,400 Pittman-Frizelle College Scholarship.

Miss Albritton was chosen on the basis of scholarship, character, leadership in high school and church activities, and prospects for future achievement. She will enter Louisburg College, Louisburg, North Carolina, next September, and will receive \$600.00 of scholarship funds the first year. Following her two years at Louisburg, she plans to enter one of the two new Methodist colleges — North Carolina Wesleyan at Rocky Mount, or Methodist College at Fayetteville, where this scholarship is also honored.

This is the first award from the Pittman-Frizelle Scholarship Fund, which was established by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Frizelle of Maury, North Carolina, in 1959. Mr. Frizelle is a prominent Methodist layman of eastern North Carolina, and the Frizelle family have been active in Methodist work for many years.

Miss Albritton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie H. Albritton, Sr., of Hookerton. She takes a leading part in the youth work of the Rainbow Methodist Church in Hookerton, having served as president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, and as delegate to the Annual Conference Session of youth at Duke University.

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## Another Candidate for President

The newspapers of the country seem to have overlooked one candidate for the presidency, who, according to his own publicity, holds credentials that far outshine those of Kennedy, Nixon or Symington. None of these can make the claims which are offered by Bishop Homer L. Tomlinson of the Church of God, with a surprising, but refreshing, lack of modesty.

Of course, "Brother Homer," as he is called, does not have the backing of any political party, but he isn't worried. He says God has arranged things for him, and, in anticipation that fact, he announced that he would, on April 7, "array himself in his regal attire, unfold his election posters and march around the Nation's Capital seven times." Following the example of Joshua at Jericho, Brother Homer planned to give a big shout at the last go-round, and seemed to expect some walls to flatten. (They didn't — as far as we could ascertain in a hasty glance around the capitol.)

We smile at the naive candidacy and yet, wouldn't it be fun if he won?

You see, the good bishop is campaigning on a platform which out-promises anything the Republicans and Democrats can offer. If he is elected, he says, he will reduce taxes to ten per cent, stop all wars, eliminate poverty, and outlaw sin.

You never read any of this in the newspapers because nobody is taking the little man seriously, but the official organ, published under his direction, headlines his doings and plans with breath-taking imagination. According to a recent article, Brother Homer has been responsible for feeding fifty million refugees (He pledged assistance to the hungry people and the Congress obligingly, and unwittingly, made good his promise). He stopped the Korean war; made rain in the desert by carrying an umbrella, stopped the Haitian revolution, prevented a revolt in Guatemala and in Costa Rica; ended a drought in Ghana; held off a hot war, melted the cold war, and pulled down the Iron curtain.

Before we laugh, we might note that Bishop Tomlinson, for all his flamboyance and exaggeration, is no fool. He may be peculiar, but he does get around, and he knows how to appeal to the people whom the churches usually forget.

Not only that, he is, for all his odd notions, seemingly a good man, and his sermons and writings have in them no element of rabble-rousing or revolution. He doesn't fight anyone, and never makes snide remarks about other religious groups. He may love himself most of all, but he certainly seems to love the rest of the world almost as much.

If we are to have a dark-horse candidate, we nominate Brother Homer. At least he won't be a mud-slinger. He may be mistaken about his powers, but he might know something about people and God that the politicians haven't yet found out.

## The Wailing of Devil Worshipers

The recent argument over jazz in the churches has provoked some strong words on both sides. One statement we are tempted to endorse comes from the Rev. Paul Kenyon, pastor of a Christian Alliance church in Ohio, flatly rejects jazz as a medium of religious expression. He says, "It is basically the tom-tom beat of the jungle," and explains that jazz originally came from the jungles, a fact which he proved to his own satisfaction by making a trip to Africa and hearing "the wails of the devil worshipers."

Now that is going to be very objectionable to some of our good friends who believe that jazz is a perfectly respectable modern art form, and maybe they are right when they say that "real" jazz is a long way from the jungle. But most of us do not hear much of the highly refined product of good musicianship. What we hear does sound like the wail of the devil worshipers. We might go further and say that it is suspiciously like the wail of a backyard tomcat.

What our friends are trying to say is that music should be rooted in contemporary culture, not passed on from antiquity. Oddly enough, the people who will disagree most strongly with the experimental use of jazz in worship are those who, actually, are in total agreement with the proposition that old-fashioned music is out of date. The only question is, "what is old-fashioned?" The urban and cultured (as well as very religious) proponents of the new religious jazz are thinking in terms of Palestrina, and, perhaps, Bach, when

they talk about old-fashioned church music. They believe that the dissonances and weird harmonics of the Jazz Mass are to be preferred to the cold and mathematical progressions of medieval counterpoint, and even to the simple, but moving plain-song of the early church music, such as is commonly used in Roman Catholic and Anglican churches today.

They may well argue, with some show of justification, that the pure tones of the chants as sung by the men and boys in the cathedrals of Europe are out of touch with the tempo of the times — which, it is true, are now more fitly mirrored by the screams of a dying saxophone and the whine of a muted trumpet. Certainly, there is little of the atmosphere of sweetness and light which was once conveyed by the chanting choirs.

On the other hand, conservative opponents of "church jazz" are against it because it seems secular, in contrast to the Gospel hymns and sentimental ditties which we have been used to singing in our churches. But they are not on firm ground here, for church music since medieval times has freely borrowed from the secular world. Even such a "revival tune" as that which bears the words, "Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy," can be remembered by its other words as "The Old Gray Goose is Dead." (Incidentally, the writer likes the evangelical message of the religious words so much that he can easily forget about the goose and think of repentance. But not all are so fortunate.)

Perhaps the "jazz mass" controversy might be helpful in calling attention to the parlous state of church music in general. There is no reason why modern composers should not be able to write good religious music — unless it be that the world we live in is so confused and bewildered that even music must carry Freudian overtones and shriek loudly for psychiatric treatment.

We are not by any means "sold" on jazz. But we have a feeling that it won't be with us long, for when jazz becomes respectable and goes to church, that will be the end of it. Eventually, who knows, in twenty years one may have to attend a service of worship to hear the music of Bix Biederbeck, who will have been relegated to the sanctuary along with the other relics, while our grandchildren go wild over the delicious strains of "After the Ball is Over," and "Daisies Won't Tell."



# Council of Children's Workers Meets in Statesville

The Council of Children's Workers of the Methodist Board of Education of the Western North Carolina Conference was dealing with "our most precious resource" according to President Eisenhower when it had its annual meeting this weekend, April 8 through 9, at the new Methodist Building on Wesley Drive in Statesville. Accomplishments in the field of children's work of the past conference year were reviewed and plans for the next conference year considered. The meeting was under the direction of Miss Louise Robinson, conference director of children's work, and Mrs. J. E. Carroll, conference secretary of children's work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Miss Margie McCarty of Nashville, Tennessee, was the resource leader for the conference. She guided the discussions and gave the closing address of the meeting. Miss McCarty is a staff member of the Department of Children's Work of the General Board of Education of the Methodist Church. She has recently returned from Lima, Peru, where she went at the request of the General Board of Missions of The Methodist Church to give guidance to the directors and teachers of religion in the Methodist day schools of the Spanish-speaking countries of Central and South America.

Richard Hanner served as chairman of the meeting. Mr. Hanner is minister of education at Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, and is chairman of the Children's Committee of the Methodist Conference Board of Education.

Dr. J. E. Carroll, district superintendent of the Statesville District and representative on the Council from the Bishop's Cabinet of the Methodist Church, opened the meeting on Friday with a devotional message. Dr. Carl H. King of Salisbury, executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Education, reported on the "White House Conference on Children and Youth," which he recently attended. Rev. W. W. Blanton of Statesville, executive secretary of the Conference Commission on Town and Country Work, reported work of the commission as it related to the work of the Board of Education. Dr. Horace R. McSwain, executive secretary of the Conference Board of Missions, reported on some of the work of the Board of Missions as it related to the Board of Education and showed slides of Methodist work in Hongkong, interpreted by recordings made by Rev. Lonnie Turnipseed, missionary in Hongkong. Rev. Paul H. Duckwall, director of youth work of the Methodist Conference Board of Education, reported on plans for a Conference Recreation Workshop to be held in Greensboro next October.

Other reports were made and discussions carried on by members of the Conference Council of Children's Workers, including conference and district directors of children's work of the Methodist Board of Education and conference and district secretaries of Children's Work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service from the eleven districts of the Western North Carolina Conference, a representative from the rural

workers, a representative from the Organization of the Directors of Christian Education, and a representative from the Bishop's Cabinet. The members present included: Mrs. G. M. Lookabill and Mrs. Gordon Knighten of Asheville; Miss Kate Crowell and Mrs. Dix Sarsfield of Charlotte; Mrs. Douglas French and Mrs. Bobbie Carnes of Gastonia; Mrs. David J. Robinson and Mrs. Walter Allred of Greensboro; Miss Margaret McGimsey of Morganton; Mrs. Edmund Blanton of Marion; Mrs. George Culbreth of Stony Point; Miss Virginia Miller of Newland; Dr. Carl H. King and Mrs. W. P. Moore of Salisbury; Mrs. Cullen Moss of Kannapolis; Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Carroll, Mrs. S. A. Rhyne, and Miss Louise Robinson of Statesville; Mrs. H. S. McIntyre of Hickory; Mrs. W. F. Perkins of Thomasville; Mrs. David Hyatt of Waynesville; Mr. Richard Hanner, Mrs. Howard Chafin, and Mrs. H. B. Simpson of Winston-Salem; and Mrs. W. T. Medlin of Spindale.

The council gave special attention to areas of work including vacation church schools, missionary education of children, day camping for children, music, art, and recreation in the children's field, through-the-week-schools, special training opportunities for the small church, leadership education and leadership training opportunities, audio-visual materials and ways to distribute them through the conference.

The discussions mainly centered around the reports and recommendations made at last September's council meeting by the following study committees: "Committee on Through-the-Week Nursery and Kindergarten Schools," chairman Mrs. W. H. Hoefflich of Charlotte (As the new chairman, Mrs. Bobbie Carnes of Gastonia, gave the report this year from the committee which had met several times during the year, and successfully completed a conference workshop on March 26); "Committee on Recreation and Drama," chairman, Rev. R. Harold Hipps of Greensboro; "Committee on Camping," chairman, George Blackburn of Charlotte; "Committee on the Small Church," chairman, Rev. George Rudisill of Charlotte; "Committee on Leadership Education," chairman, Richard Hanner of Winston-Salem. The discussion on "Missionary Education" of children grew out of the reports of Mrs. J. E. Carroll, conference secretary of Children's Work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and of her district secretaries.

The entertainment committee for the council meeting included Mrs. J. E. Carroll, chairman; Mrs. W. W. Blanton, Mrs. Fred Price, Mrs. S. A. Rhyne, Mrs. Julian Lindsey, Mrs. Ralph E. Milam, all of Statesville.

Mrs. Ralph Dameron of Woodleaf served as secretary for the meeting.

A reception for the guests was held at the Methodist Building at the close of the meeting on Friday night. Meals were served at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, located near the Methodist Building.

MISS LOUISE ROBINSON,  
Conf. Dir. of Children's Work

## Wesleyan College Announces Scholarship Program

Rocky Mount, N. C. — North Carolina Wesleyan College announces an exciting Scholarship Award program, spectacular for a new college. President Thomas A. Collins revealed details of the scholarships to be awarded to students enrolled in the first class this fall.

Twenty-eight scholarships have been established with values ranging from \$400 to \$1800. Ten Wesleyan Award scholarships will be offered by the college with a value of \$1800, or \$450 per year. These will be awarded on the basis of academic excellence, leadership potential and financial need. This represents a full tuition scholarship for this freshman year.

The civic and social clubs of Rocky Mount have provided annual scholarships ranging from \$100 to \$500 on similar terms. Awards have been established by the Civitans, Lions, Junior Guild, Pilots, Elks, Exchange Club and the Credit Women's Association. The Rotary and Kiwanis clubs have established major loan funds for the use of students at Wesleyan.

Ten endowed scholarships have been established, or begun by friends of the college. These will range in amount from \$100 to \$500 annually.

This is a remarkable scholarship program when one recognizes that Wesleyan College will open its doors for the first time to a freshman class this fall as one of two new Methodist colleges in North Carolina. The \$5,000,000 campus located on Highway 301 just north of Rocky Mount, is now under construction.

Great interest is apparent in these scholarships. Two examinations have been given to forty-eight applicants thus far. The area represented by these applicants is bounded by Richmond on the north, Mullins, South Carolina on the south; Avon, North Carolina, and Norfolk, Virginia, on the east; and Leesburg, North Carolina on the west.

The final examination will be given to interested high school seniors at First Methodist Church, Rocky Mount, N. C., at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 23, 1960. Prospective applicants should contact the Director of Admissions prior to this date.

## Officers Elected by Raleigh Wesley Foundation

The following officers were elected by the Raleigh group of the Wesley Foundation, to serve for the school year of 1960-61: president, Thomas David Hall, Pineville; vice-president, William Alfred Smith, Asheville; secretary, Jon Russell Howell, Jr., Lenoir; Robert K. Brotherton, Sherrill's Ford; program co-chairmen, Netta Hathryn Robinson, Laurinburg, and Robert Eugene Burgess, Dumont, N. J.

Wendell Jack Bouknight, Charleston, Ill., and Benjamin Tyson Gravely, Charlotte, were elected co-editors of the Methodist Student newspaper.

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The general meaning of the title Logos or Word is the Revelation of God; Christ reveals God just as our words reveal our minds.—Rev. Harold Smith.





# *The Methodist Home and Our Duty to the Aged*

Once again the approach of Mother's Day makes us aware of the obligation we have in the Western North Carolina Conference to our Home for the Aged in Charlotte. We are glad to note that recently the conference has adopted a firmer plan for the support of the Home through its regular conference collections. However, upon Mother's Day an offering is usually taken definitely for the Home, and this meets, and sometimes overpays in the local church, that portion which each congregation is asked to raise for the Home.

Visitors to our area are always greatly impressed by the Charlotte Home as an institution. Both the size and impressiveness of its buildings, and the excellence of its administration have elicited widespread admiration. Indeed, the Home is an institution of which all of us may well be proud — but in that very pride there rests upon all an obligation to do what we can to support in a finer, better way, the aged dependents of our church who reside within the Home itself.

Plans have been made to move ahead toward the building of a much-needed Health Service Building to be operated in co-operation with the buildings already erected. At present, an inadequate infirmary on the third floor of the main building is used for those who are ill. This is usually full and calls for a strong nursing staff always on duty. Persons interested will be given an opportunity in due time to contribute toward the building of the needed separate Health Service Building which will incorporate

both Infirmary and Nursing Home space.

More and more we are coming to see that one of the features of present-day civilization is the increasing number of older people. Such persons are no longer able to work productively, but they do live among us and they must be cared for. This is felt as a personal pleasure, as well as a happy obligation in most Christian communities and families. The church, of course, recognizes here a primary duty of her own, but also gains an opportunity to shed abroad the love of God by taking care of those who in their declining years cannot look after themselves.

The Home in Charlotte has more applications for membership than can be filled, and time and again worthy Methodist applicants must be turned down because there are not enough proper facilities. Methodism, with other kindred church bodies, must see to it that through the expansion of resources, and the generous giving of our people, the imperative needs of the increasing number of our aged shall be met without fail.

For our own Western North Carolina Conference, it can be said again that we cannot afford to let these older people, who are its responsibility, remain unsupported. Neither can we let them be half-heartedly supported by casual collections taken in an off-hand way on Mother's Day. We are therefore urging all our ministers to call this matter to the attention of their people ahead of time, that we may not fail these older ones in

the Home, and those who will be in it subsequently, as they look to us in the evening time of life for comfort and support.

If you are a church member, be prepared to give generously when the Mother's Day offering is taken in your church. It may be, of course, that your local church will follow some other plan of raising its portion as your Official Board shall direct. This is understood. But if you are a member of an Official Board, I trust that you will from time to time ask your church treasurer how things have come along in getting ready to meet the quota which has been asked of your church by the conference.

Practical pastors and church treasurers should see that proper announcements are made in each church about the Mother's Day offering and the Home for the Aged. This should be done two or three Sundays in advance of Mother's Day. Where a church bulletin can feature the needs of the Home, it is a wise plan to set them forth. However, announced or unannounced, let it be known that you and perhaps other members of the church want a chance to give to this noble undertaking. We have a duty to perform here which ought to be a Christian pleasure to those who undertake it. We do no more noble work than to see that our own aged dependent persons who look to us for help are given it, and in the name of Christ, our Lord.

*Nolan B. Harmon*  
Bishop





The members of the Home who reside in the Infirmary Department, because of their need for certain care or attention, are not forgotten or left out of the variety of activities in the Home. On the occasion of the Open House on March 16th, to show off the Home's new kitchen and renovated dining room, the majority of the entire 50 persons then in the Infirmary Department were the first persons to have the privilege of going through the receiving line and to be given the conducted tour. The members shown above are seven who took the tour "the easy way" with special "Chauffeur service." They are: Miss Corrie Hamrick, Mrs. Laura A. Meares, Mrs. Fannie B. Luck, Mrs. J. O. Maynard, Mrs. Maude C. Holloway, Miss Persis Thornton, Miss Ada Reynolds. Also shown are Mrs. Nettie Smith and Grace Wiley of the medical staff.



Music has been recognized as being most beneficial and appreciated by all ages for centuries. In the Infirmary Department of the Methodist Home, the staff wholeheartedly agrees with this fact. The Home has acquired a good library of records of varying types of music which are played much of the time in the public areas and solariums. In the above picture, Mrs. J. O. Maynard, of First Methodist Church, Salisbury, along with Mrs. H. F. Kuehn accompanied by the Reverend Mr. Kuehn, who has come up to visit them in the infirmary, will enjoy the records which Miss Julia Schronce is playing on the Hi-Fi. Mrs. Kuehn has definitely found that keeping time to the music with her fingers and hand has been a beneficial therapeutic exercise as she stages a remarkable recovery from the stroke which she suffered over a year ago.

The residents of the Infirmary Department, along with the staff, are looking forward with much anticipation to the time when the new Health Service Building will be constructed, and they will move into the more adequate facilities.

The Home's architect, Mr. Louis Asbury of Asbury and Associates, is working on the plans for the new 150-bed building which will incorporate the finest design for infirmary and nursing home care.

The Board of Managers, recognizing the urgent need for adequate modern medical facilities, has planned the capacity beyond that of the future needs of the Home to enable the new facility to care for the many persons who are now unable to find space in existing nursing homes.

Just as the church, civic, and fraternal non-profit homes pioneered in the care of the ambulatory aging, the time has come when the church must be a leader in offering care to persons who have the misfortune of having physical disabilities which disqualify them for admission to the resident-type homes. This proposed building is, of course, a huge undertaking from every angle, particularly financially, and it is the opinion of the Home's Board of Managers that enough concern will be shown by the Home's many interested friends to the point that in various ways they will take an active part in the financing of it, thus enabling construction to proceed without any conference-wide financial campaign. Several attractive plans are available for those interested in having a definite part in perhaps the most-needed phase of the church's healing ministry today.

The building will be built on a most attractive elevated site, approximately 1,200 feet across the lake from the Home's main building. The lovely rolling wooded terrain is being cleared of underbrush in preparation for the over-all landscaping of the property surrounding the new building.

An intensive program of rehabilitation of all patients following fractures is carried out by the medical staff of the Home. Many examples of persons in their late 70's, 80's and even 90's, who have had the misfortune of having broken limbs have been helped back to the point that they can again live in a normal routine manner and move back into the residence area of the Home. In the picture we see Mrs. Fannie B. Luck, formerly of Flag Springs Methodist Church near Asheboro, being cared for by Mrs. Nettie Smith and Miss Julia Schronce. Mrs. Luck had the misfortune of breaking her hip recently, but is staging a satisfactory comeback.



The two weekly clinics held by both the Home's general practitioner and specialist in internal medicine continue to play a most important part in the care of the Home's members, particularly in the field of preventive medicine. In addition to the scheduled clinics, doctors in all the related medical fields are available day and night on an on-call basis.







Afternoon tea in the apartment of Miss Lucy Price. Reading from left to right: Miss Pearl McCoy, Mrs. J. M. Salley, Miss Theresa Cooke, and Miss Price. Another example of gracious living as offered at the Methodist Home.



Neighbors visiting in the living room of the apartment of Miss Daisy Gentry. Seated, left to right: Miss Gentry, member of Green Street Methodist, Winston-Salem; Miss Roberta Jones, member of First Baptist, Bethesda, Maryland; and Mrs. Nancy Springs, member of First Methodist, Mt. Holly, N. C.



Furniture which has been lived with over the years helps to make one's abiding place a home. So the Methodist Home is glad to have members bring their own furniture to their home here. Above is a lovely arrangement of one's own furniture in the living room of the cottage of Miss Florence Bradford, formerly of Hendersonville, N. C., and Columbus, Ohio.



The above is the group of members, who were present at the tea, which was given to honor all who had entered our Home during the past year. Listed alphabetically: Mrs. Veva Armour, Mrs. Emma F. Arzberger, Miss Clara Brown, Miss Lake Brown, Mr. R. A. Cornelius, Miss Mary E. Dozier, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Elliot, Mrs. Welch Galloway, Mrs. Myrtle B. Granger, Miss Lillian Grubb, Mrs. Elizabeth Hamerschlag, Mrs. W. A. Harrell, Mrs. A. T. Hendley, Mrs. T. D. Kemp, Sr., Rev. and Mrs. H. F. Kuehn, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. McBride, Miss Lilly Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. George Muller, Mrs. Ethel Jane Neal, Mrs. Lizzie B. Reid, Mrs. Lottie W. Rice, Mr. W. A. Short, Mrs. Louise W. Smith, Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Stafford, Mrs. Norvell R. Walker, Rev. James I. White, Miss Alvalyn Woodward, and Miss Ida Woodward.

Absent when the picture was made: Miss Agnes J. Barker, Miss Florence J. Bradford, Mrs. Pauline S. Broadhurst, Miss Jessie Cooper, Mr. W. B. Covington, Mrs. Pearl W. Hawkins, Mrs. Maude C. Holloway, Miss Lillian L. Hucks, Mrs. Helen Miller, Mr. Joe C. Murphy, Miss Louise Murphy, Mrs. Louise W. Patton, Miss Mary M. Sprague, Mrs. Mabel H. White.

A musical hour in a solarium on the infirmary floor with Miss Girtha Koontz at the piano. Miss Koontz was a music teacher for many years and gave up her teaching because of failing eyesight. Fortunately she has a retentive mind, so can play many numbers from memory.



Some members of our Home family on their way to a performance of "My Fair Lady," which played for a week in Charlotte's lovely Ovens Auditorium. Transportation is always furnished for the members when there is a representative group desiring to attend any events such as Community Concerts, Symphonies, Flower Shows, outstanding movies, and other entertaining performances. A member, or members, of the Home's staff always accompanies the group.







Those who have failing eyesight, along with those who are blind, enjoy creative work. Scheduled classes have been arranged for this group and enjoy learning new and useful crafts. Shown here are: Miss Doralee Vause, Mr. Oscar R. Vause, Miss Sarah Brandon, and Mrs. Annie S. Vause.



Mrs. P. F. Callahan, formerly of Franklin Methodist Church in Franklin, N. C., enjoys oil painting and also finds pleasure in working with ceramics.

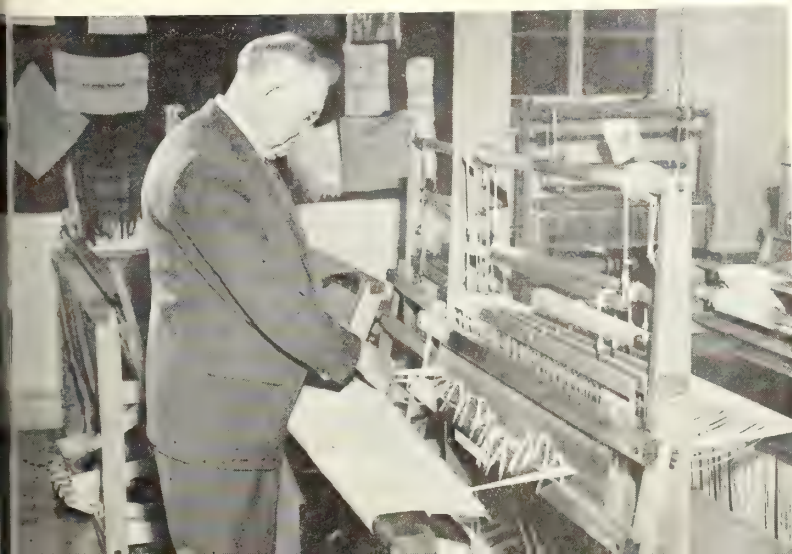


The sensitive fingers of Miss Sarah Brandon, who is blind, make many useful crafts. Miss Brandon came into the Home in September, 1958, from Winston-Salem. Here she is shown caning a chair.



Members' completed work is placed in the Trading Post where it may be admired and enjoyed. The various crafts may be purchased by other members, friends, and visitors who find a particular item admirable. Shown, left to right, are: Mrs. Ellen Gaddis and Mrs. Ethel Jane Neal.

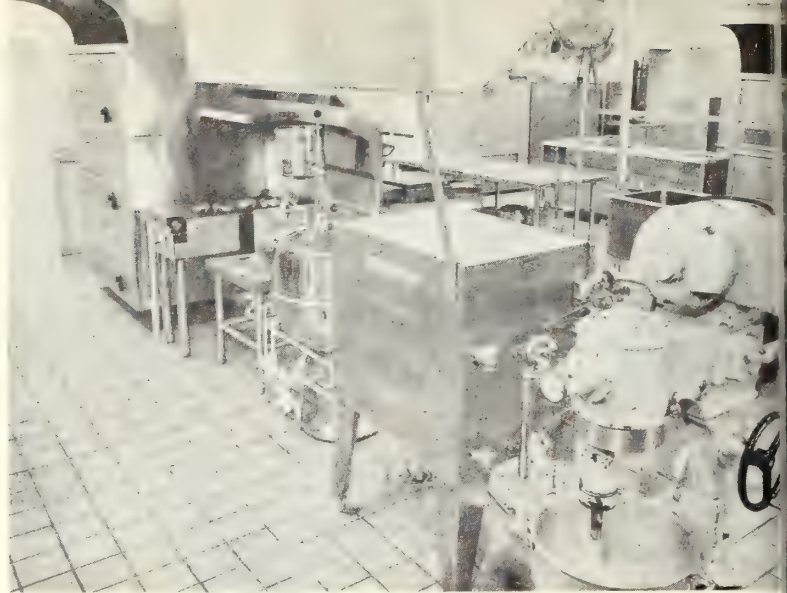
Mr. John T. Howell is one of the several persons who has learned to do handweaving since coming to the Home, and finds much enjoyment in making rugs. Mr. Howell is from Concord, and is a member of Forest Hill Methodist Church.



Mr. Robert A. Cornelius, who comes from Mooresville and is a member of Webbs Chapel Methodist Church, has learned leatherwork since coming to the Home, and finds much pleasure with this creative craft.







In March, a new kitchen and the enlarging of the main dining room was completed at a total cost of \$120,000.00. The kitchen now includes the most modern ranges, ovens and other equipment to assure the finest in food preparation at the most economical cost. Adequate storage facilities have been provided for all types of food and supplies, including three walk-in type coolers and freezer. A separate section has been provided for the preparation of special diets indicated by doctors' orders. The Home's total daily food cost at present is \$212.00. The equivalent of 272 persons eating three meals a day points out most emphatically the importance of most careful buying, menu planning, as well as constant supervision by the Home's two dietitians to avoid any unnecessary waste from preparing too much at any meal, yet always having adequate.

The dining room, since the expansion and renovating has been completed, has come in for many compliments from the resident members of the Home, as well as the staff and many members of the conference who have had the opportunity of seeing it.

All tables have been re-arranged to seat six persons, thus adding to the fellowship and family atmosphere. The additional space eliminated the "elbow bumping," as well as many other things that were of an annoying nature due to the extremely crowded conditions that had prevailed.

The dining room has been completely redecorated and new attractive drapes placed in the windows and doors. A separate amplifying system has been given the Home by an anonymous donor, enabling the blessing and announcements to be clearly and distinctly heard throughout the dining room. The wide center aisle will be kept unencumbered until needed for additional seating space, thus enabling the heated equipment containing the food to be easily accessible to all tables, thereby speeding up service. This space can be utilized on the occasion of visiting groups and special committee meetings by setting up tables in the center of this wide space.

To the extreme left rear of the main dining room is located the new staff dining room, which will seat 30 persons and is most attractively furnished. This area is deeply appreciated by the Home's staff members, who previously had to eat in relays or shifts and were always hurried to enable the next group to follow them. It can now be truly said that mealtimes at the Methodist Home are most enjoyable and definitely looked forward to.

On March 16th, Open House was held for the purpose of showing the new kitchen and dining room not only to the members of the Home, but to the Board of Managers and the Home's many friends throughout the greater Charlotte area and our conference. The refreshment table in Fellowship Hall shows Miss Ruth Elmore, our bookkeeper, at the punch bowl, and Mrs. Willard S. Farrow, wife of our Acting Superintendent, pouring coffee. Others in the picture, from left to right, are: Miss May Elwell, Mrs. Esther R. Cornwell, Mrs. Edna Dunbar, Mrs. Fannie N. Wakefield, Miss Gussie Davis, Mrs. Leita S. Jeffreys, Mrs. L. A. Womack, Mrs. Pearl M. Spotts, Mrs. Mary M. Charles, Mrs. Cliff Sprinkle, Miss Sarah Brandon, Miss Lily Egbert, Mrs. Marshall Spencer, Mrs. Ellen Gaddis, Mrs. Bertha B. Davis, Mrs. Mamie Orman, Mr. Raymond H. Coldren, Mrs. Fred O. Dryman, Miss Doralee Vause, and Mrs. C. W. Kirby.







Since the last special edition of the *ADVOCATE*, considerable other physical property expansion has been noted at the Home. Another group of ten apartments has been completed and occupied. This group is named the Cokesbury Apartments, whereas the former groups were, namely the Alexander Apartments and Branscomb Apartments. This gives the Home a total now of 36 apartments.

It is most noteworthy that this new group of 10 apartments was built entirely by donor funds. The following persons were the donors of these apartments: Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Cornette, Mrs. Bessie Turner Rogge, Mrs. A. A. Hamerschlag, Miss Agnes J. Barker, Miss Jessie Cooper, Mrs. P. A. Masten, Miss Mildred Hepburn, Mrs. Mary B. Uttley, Mrs. Lois F. Fulton, Mrs. Myrtle F. Keener, and Miss Lillian Hucks.

The majority of the above persons have already moved into resident membership at the Home, while others plan to come at future dates. In these instances the Home has been utilizing the space to the best advantage on a temporary basis.

Each of the Cokesbury apartments consists of the semi-private front porch as shown, living room, two bedrooms, bath, full kitchen with dining area, and a screened back porch. Each donor had the privilege of selecting their color scheme and all are most attractively decorated and furnished.

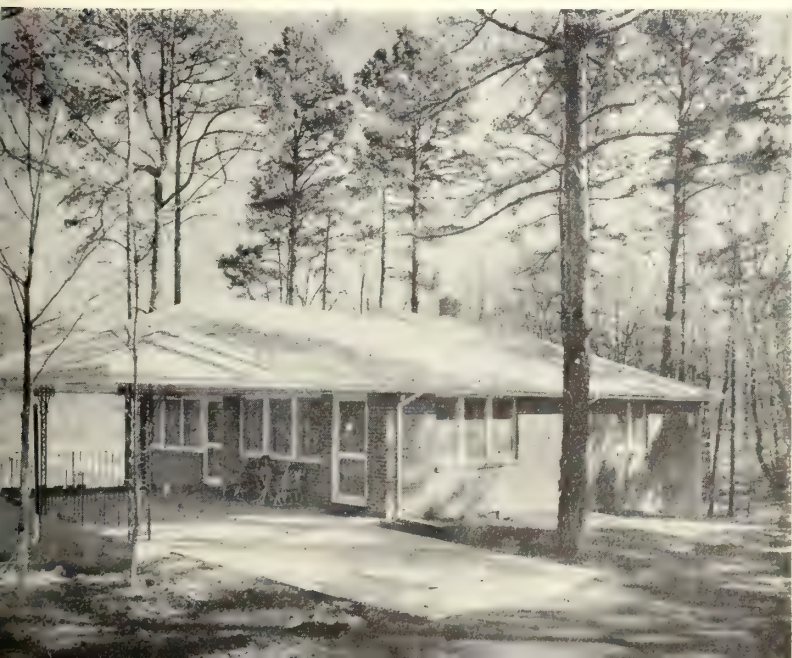
All occupants of Cokesbury Apartments, just as is the case with all apartment or cottage dwellers, have the privilege of either preparing the meals they desire in their own kitchen or going to the dining room in the main building for their meals. In the case where they prefer to prepare certain meals, they bring their shopping baskets and grocery lists over to be filled, on certain days, out of the Home's pantry. These staple groceries, or meals served in the dining room, are included in their cost of care.

Just as the 10 apartments making up the Cokesbury group were constructed this year, 7 cottages were also built by donor-members. In the case of a person desiring to build a cottage, they have the privilege of drawing their own floor plans, or indicating what they wish to be incorporated in their cottage room-wise, and after submitting such ideas or plans to the Home's Building and Grounds Committee for approval, actual working plans are prepared and bids by contractors requested to construct the cottage. This gives the member the opportunity of enjoying exactly the type of living accommodations desired. In many instances, such floor plan or arrangement may be the results of years of dreaming and planning, and being able to choose adds much happiness and contentment in the later years. In every case, the donor makes a contribution in the exact cost of the completed cottage. The donor, upon becoming a resident member, is assured of a life tenure to occupy the cottage. This life tenure is subject to: (1) the desires and needs of the donor-member, inasmuch as if at any time in the future they prefer to move into the main building, such request will be granted; (2) if the donor-member reaches the time when they are unable to care for themselves in their cottage, the Home then reserves the right to move them to the type of

accommodations within the main building in order to receive the attention they need, including skilled nursing; (3) after one of the moves indicated in either No. 1 or No. 2 is made on a permanent basis, or the member dies, the cottage then reverts to the administration of the Home for re-assignment or use at its discretion.

Members of the Home building cottages during the past year were: Miss Louise Murphy and Mr. Joe Murphy; Miss Florence Bradford; Misses Alvalyn and Ida Woodward; Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Elliot; Mrs. Helen Miller and Mrs. Mabel White; Mr. and Mrs. E. E. McBride; and Mrs. Claude Reid. The Miller-White cottage is shown at the left and is most attractively located, overlooking the Home's lake.

Another cottage has just been started by Mr. and Mrs. George Muller, which is scheduled for completion during the summer months. There are adequate and conveniently located sites available for future cottage construction, just to the west of the Branscomb and Cokesbury Apartments.





# Woman's Society News



## N. C. CONFERENCE

By MARY GARDNER



### Raleigh District Observes Day Apart

Using as her theme "God Wonders That There Was No Intercessor," Mrs. J. C. Burwell, of Warrenton, led the Raleigh District Woman's Society of Christian Service in a Day Apart observance March 30, at St. Mark's Methodist Church, Raleigh. Mrs. Burwell, former conference secretary of Spiritual Life, has recently returned from Knoxville, Tenn., where she attended a "Decade of Prayer" meeting.

Citing the similarity of evil in our day and in the olden days of the Hebrew people, Mrs. Burwell emphasized the need that God has today for willing intercessors. The leader named the qualifications of an intercessor as having a definite consciousness within that we belong to God; that we love Him enough to be sure we can say

that the things we have loved for self, we count for loss.

"Being an intercessor calls for a fresh dedication of self to let God pour through us as channels the love He wants to bestow upon others and draw the world to Him," Mrs. Burwell asserted. "More and more prayer must and does give us the consciousness of what His Reality on the throne of our hearts gives the outer glow for someone to find Him."

Much of the time throughout the day was spent in prayer and meditation.

Mrs. W. P. Cranford, of Raleigh, is the district's secretary of Spiritual Life. The Rev. Henry Bizzell is pastor of the host church.

### Goldsboro District Wins Award

The awarding of the Lillie Moore Everett Study Jewel to the Elizabeth City District Woman's Society of Christian Service was on the basis of 96.1 per cent of its societies having conducted three approved study classes during the three preceeding reporting periods. The Goldsboro District WSCS was a runner-up with a 93.6 per cent record. The award was made at the recent Annual Meeting of the conference WSCS in Wilmington. In the future the awarding of the study jewel will be made at the Annual School of Missions and Christian Service at Duke University.

## W. N. C. CONFERENCE

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



### Bethel Church Organizes New Society

A new Woman's Society of Christian Service at the Bethel Methodist Church on the Mocksville Circuit in the Thomasville District was organized on March 30th.

Mrs. Frank Sain, Jr. was elected president of the group and Miss Ann Sain, vice-president. Miss Sue Howard was chosen as recording secretary and Mrs. David Essex as treasurer.

Others elected were Mrs. Abe Howard as secretary of Promotion and Miss Ann Sain, secretary of Spiritual Life.

The Bethel Church is located on Route 5, Mocksville.

### 20th Anniversary at Stony Point Society

The members of the Stony Point Woman's Society in the North Wilkesboro District had a special service in April — a Day Apart program and a 20th Birthday observance.

The devotional service centered around the pre-Easter messages and the members

of the afternoon circle presented the program.

At the birthday observance, three former presidents and seventeen charter members, who are still active in the work, were honored, each lighting a candle on the large birthday cake. Mrs. Roland White, president of the society, was in charge of the meeting.

The Stony Point society sponsored the study of Luke's Gospel as their preparation for Easter. They had their sessions the week of April 10, with a special communion service on Thursday evening and the Good Friday service featuring the words from Luke's Gospel.

### Greensboro District W.S.C.S. Gives Scholarship

The women of the Greensboro District societies have contributed almost a thousand dollars to be used for the college expenses of a Korean student at Pfeiffer College.

At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the district, the officers voted to keep this as a project for the duration of the girl's stay at the college.

Mrs. E. D. Yost, district treasurer, reported that the Greensboro women had contributed during the past few months, \$971 for their Week of Prayer offering, \$994 for the scholarship, and had spent \$295 on district projects and expenses.

Plans were made for the annual district meeting and for the Day Apart Service.

Mrs. W. B. Hall of High Point, district president, was in charge of the meeting.

### Pisgah Society Has Sale

The members of the Pisgah Woman's Society, North Wilkesboro District, have found a novel plan to raise funds for the local work in their society. Twice each year, after the regular program of the society, they have a bazaar sale. Each woman brings a gift which she has made, whether it is a bakery item, an apron, food she has canned, even a quilt that she has made — anything someone else might want to buy.

These articles are put up for sale and the proceeds given to the society.

At the April meeting of this group, they made \$60 from their enterprise.

Mrs. George Culbreth of Stony Point, district secretary of Children's Work, was a special guest at this meeting.



### Weldon to Report General Conference from Denver

Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, pastor of Myers Park Church, Charlotte, has been asked by the chairman of the Board of Publication to report the sessions of the General Conference for the ADVOCATE. His comments on the actions of the Conference will appear in the next issue of this paper, if received on time. Other information will be presented through releases from Methodist Information and the *Daily Advocate*.



Mrs. H. C. Turlington, of Dunn, was elected president of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service at its recent Annual Meeting at Grace Methodist Church, Wilmington.

The newly elected president has had long and fruitful service in woman's work on local, district, and conference levels. Following several years service as secretary of missionary education and service, Raleigh District WSCS, Mrs. Turlington was elected in 1953 to the office of district secretary of promotion. In 1956, she began a term as conference vice-president, which office she held until her elevation to the presidency earlier this month.

Mrs. Turlington brings to this higher office a dedicated heart and a vast knowledge of the work of the WSCS. Among her many and varied activities as conference vice-president have been her most efficient services as registrar for the Conference's Annual School of Missions and Christian Service at Duke University, and chairman of the Annual Meeting Program Committee. Mrs. Turlington will begin her duties as the conference's presiding officer on June 1.—MARY GARDNER.



## Mocks Church Opened On Easter Sunday

Fifty-eight-year-old Mocks Church in Davie County, Thomasville District, opened its new church on Easter Sunday morning. This, the second building in the church history, was built because plans to remodel had to be abandoned when termites were found in extensive portions of the old building.

Two years ago ground was broken for the block and brick structure which contains in addition to a 425-seat capacity sanctuary, 14 classrooms with two additional classes to be completed as needed, a basement assembly for 250 persons, and two rest-rooms.

Unique in the construction was the work schedule. Various members decided to donate the labor for construction, and except for the masonry and plastering, all the work was volunteered. Mr. Charlie Allen, a carpenter, has supervised the entire project, and has contributed a total of 3,000 man-hours of work himself. The work schedule has been from 5:30-9:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday nights with all day work on Saturday. At times as many as forty men have been at work, while other times the crew has dropped to only four or five men.

The women of the church have held bake-sales, quilting, pie suppers, barbecues, and numerous other things to carry their part of the load.

Duke Endowment has given \$4,500.00, Church Extension, \$1,000, and Conference Missions, \$500.00 toward the project. Actual cash outlay has been near \$50,000. A competent team of appraisers have recently valued the completed building at \$100,000.

The Rev. J. B. Fitzgerald was pastor when the work began. He retired at the 1959 Conference and the Rev. Fletcher Andrews has been pastor of the church since that time.

The plans were drawn by Mr. Charles Deal, a member of Fulton Methodist Church, formerly on the same charge. He also donated his services.

The Dedication Service could have been held opening day, as the church is paid for, but Bishop Harmon will be with the congregation in September at Homecoming and will dedicate it at that time.

Dr. John Carper, district superintendent, officiated at the Service for Church Opening.

## Pfeiffer Drive Passes \$75,000 Mark

*Misenheimer, North Carolina.* — A total of \$76,000.00 has been pledged in the first six weeks of Pfeiffer's \$200,000 Seventy-fifth Anniversary Development program. In addition to this, the college has received a \$50,000 annuity gift from a trustee, and has been assured of a \$100,000 gift through a bequest in the will of a patron of the college as a result of the drive.

The \$76,000.00 total includes \$10,087.16 pledged by members of the staff and faculty and over \$5,000 pledged by members of the student body.

The drive will proceed during the remainder of the college's 75th Anniversary



*The above picture, taken in February, 1960, shows the new Mock's Church building in its almost completed state with the old church in the background. — Photograph is by Mr. Oscar Poindexter.*

year. Pfeiffer president, Dr. Lem J. Stokes, II, expressed pleasure at the warm response from business, industry, and private citizens of Albemarle and Stanly County.

President Stokes commented that the college was especially pleased with the student participation in the drive which was sponsored by the Student Government Association. He said, "We believe the understanding gained by students as to the financing of private liberal arts colleges will reflect itself in more effective alumni as our students go forth into the world." The student campaign was directed by Gene Price of Newton, and Ray Lancaster of Concord.

## Graduation Exercise at African Mission School

The graduation program for the Union Secondary School at Katubwe in the Belgian Congo is described by Miss Anniemae White, a teacher in the school.

It began on Sunday with a baccalaureate sermon by Pasteur Kanyinda Isaac of Lulua-bourg, a minister who brought a very challenging message to the young students. Then came field day activities on Monday, "sports and contests of various kinds."

"That evening," writes Miss White, "was our annual banquet when staff and students enjoyed an African feast together in the open court. A very interesting and amusing program had been arranged. At the guest table were the 20 graduates and those going on furlough at this time. It so happened that Lucy Anne Moore was a graduate of Central School for Missionary Children and her class had been very closely associated with our seniors at Katubwe, so Lucy Anne was included among the honor guests. Each of them was presented with a kodak album when they were also given words of appreciation by the Juniors. It was very touching to hear one of the Juniors tell Lucy Anne in English what she and her class had meant to them here, and to hear Lucy Anne's sincere response of appreciation for these years of fellowship with them."

The Senior play was next on the agenda. "It was Moliere's 'Ridicules Precieuses,' and was very well done. We had lots of fun making the frilly costumes and wigs for that century. The boys made attractive girls (there are no girls in this class, we regret to say)."

Then came the climax of all the years of work — graduation. Miss White says, "It was a happy climax as these young people received their longed-for diplomas. Their words of appreciation, class history, and 'look into the future' made us all feel that it had been worth all the effort put forth to make this possible. Mr. Neusy's address was just excellent, challenging them with the part they must play in this new Africa. With independence there comes also many and grave responsibilities. A Christian education is very necessary preparation for both independence and responsibility."

She adds, "One of the Belgium friends said to us afterwards, 'I have been very much concerned about the situation in the Congo, but these young people give me a feeling of confidence. They are the hope of the new Africa.' The State Administrator said, 'I'm so glad to have such a school as this in my territory.'"

A reception was given after the program for the graduates, their families and other visitors.

"Pray with us for them to be real witnesses for Him," are the final words in the letter.

The Union Secondary School is a project of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

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In groups which in my ignorant piety I formerly "frowned upon" I have found men so dedicated to Christ and so in love with the truth that I have felt unworthy to be in their presence. I have learned that although Christians do not always agree, they can disagree agreeably, and that what is most needed in the church today is for us to show an unbelieving world that we love one another.

— Billy Graham





# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## Spring Moving

By HERBERT K. ENGLAND

In the spring time it is common for folks to pack up all their belongings and move to another house. And such a time as they have in deciding just where to go!

People sometimes want to move because they do not like the neighborhood where they live. It simply isn't good enough, they think. Their friends live in much better places, and they must keep up with their friends, or they won't be happy. Appearances are so important!

So they go house hunting; wandering from block to block, visiting every real estate office in town, to see if they can find something they can afford, but yet something they won't be ashamed of. If the rent is low enough, the house is sure to be too cheaply built or have some other serious fault. If the house and neighborhood suit, and there are all the improvements the heart could wish for, the rent is too high. So either way they are often dissatisfied and fretful and full of worry. Many homes are spoiled and unhappy because people want to spend more than they can afford in order to be in style or to show off to others.

And just now it's bird-moving time. Spring is here, and there is a great deal of moving into our town, for the birds are coming back from their winter homes in the south. There has been a brisk call for apartments in the last two or three weeks. A real building boom is under-way and building material is in great demand. Even things that seem useless and discarded are being picked up and used for this new construction.

The little feathered workmen can find all the work they want to do. "There may be hard times," they say, "but not in the kind of building business that we do." Union hours don't mean a thing, for the job begins at daybreak and goes right on till sundown. There are no strikes and no fighting about wages.

Even their women folks are at it. Mrs. Robin was in my back yard yesterday looking for something to build her house with. I was about to say, "My dear lady, there is nothing here that you can use," when she flew right down under a bush, put her head to the ground and filled

her mouth with mud. Then she flew up into a pear tree where her new home was going up.

Just about sunset I heard someone singing an evensong. The words seemed to be, "We are getting on pretty well, my dear." And then a deeper voice replied, "Yes, indeed. It won't be a fancy house, but it's this year's model at any rate. It's quite up-to-date, just like the



## GOD WANTS THE BOYS AND GIRLS

God wants the boys — the merry, merry boys,

The noisy boys, the funny boys,  
The thoughtless boys;  
God wants the boys with all their joys,  
That He as gold may make them pure,  
And teach them trials to endure;  
His heroes brave He'd have them be,  
Fighting for truth and purity.  
*God wants the boys!*

God wants the girls — the happy-hearted girls,

The loving girls, the best of girls,  
The worst of girls;  
God wants to make the girls His pearls,  
And so reflect His holy face,  
And bring to mind His wondrous grace,  
That beautiful the world may be,  
And filled with love and purity.  
*God wants the girls!*

— Author Unknown



one grandfather built in the apple orchard. We're using the same house plans that God gave the robins long, long ago."

"That really is good mud back of the Methodist Church, don't you think?" she said.

"Grand mud," he replied. "Nothing like old-fashioned mud to make a place for blue eggs and a bunch of babies."

After that important point had been settled, they went to sleep, too tired to go out for the evening to tell their neighbors how they were coming up in the world. They didn't worry about what some folks called "depression," or styles, or keeping up with the Jays, or what the weather was going to be tomorrow.

And as I listened in on all this, I lifted to God a little prayer of thanks for the advice of these feathered friends who do not worry and fret with trying to be up-to-date, or just a little bit better than

their neighbors. They don't forget to build the way God told them to build, or fail to live in that sweet contentment which His children ought to have.

Then there came to mind a verse that Jesus gave us long ago, "Behold the fowls of the air . . . Your Heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?"

Yes, we are indeed much more valuable than the birds, but I sometimes wonder if we are really much better. What do you think?



## HER RECIPE FOR LOVELINESS

A dear old Quaker lady, distinguished for her loveliness, was asked what she used to keep her charms.

Her answer was, "I use for my lips, truth; for my voice, prayer; for my eyes, pity; for my hands, service; for my figure, uprightness; and for my heart, love."



## KIDS ARE SMART

Young Tommy was never without the little wagon he got for his birthday. But one morning when he rolled it out in front of the house, his father told him he'd have to play in the back. "Remember, this is Sunday," he explained.

Tommy obeyed, but as he started toward the back he said, "Say, Pop, isn't it Sunday in the back yard, too?"



Jimmy: "I don't see any sense in washing my hands so clean before school."

Mother: "Why not?"

Jimmy: "'Cause I never raise 'em in class anyway."



## Bible Alphabet

(Continued)

F————— (What we must have in God)

G————— (They grew large in the Promised Land)

H————— (Samuel's Mother)

I————— (His father came near killing him on the mountain)

J————— (He led the children of Israel after Moses died)

## Answers to Last Week's Alphabet

1. Adam
2. Baal
3. Cain
4. David
5. Egypt



# International Sunday School Lesson

FOR MAY 1, 1960

By RAYMOND A. SMITH

Head, Department of Religious Education, Greensboro College

## FOUNDATIONS FOR THE CHRISTIAN HOME

**Background Scripture:** Matthew 5:8, 27-37; 23:25-26; Luke 9:61-62.

**Lesson Scripture:** Matthew 5:8, 27-37; Luke 9:61-62.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" is our beatitude for this lesson. It is one of the hardest things to realize, and yet one of the most alluring of the beatitudes; because of the very difficulty of attaining it.

First, it means singleness of purpose as far as our relationship to God is concerned. It is a condition of the soul in which there are not a multitude of worldly interests and concerns which preempt our time and energy. It may mean also that the "pure in heart" see God where others fail to see him. Turner, renowned English painter, was once told by a sightseer who looked over his shoulder: "Mr. Turner, I never see any such colors in nature as you put on your canvas." Turner's reply was: "Don't you wish you could?" In Ephesians 1:17 (and following) there is a prayer which reads in part: "The God of our Lord Jesus Christ grant you the spirit of wisdom and revelation through the knowledge of himself, enlightening the eyes of your mind so that you may know what the hope is to which he has called you." It is said that there were only seven intimate counselors that were allowed to see some of the ancient kings face to face. Perhaps the high requirements of purity of heart still prevent many of us from seeing the King of Kings.

Turning now to verses 27-37, we have an excellent illustration of the thing which makes Jesus' teaching superior to all others. By this we mean the *spirit of inwardness*. Jesus goes beyond the outward act to the inner intention. If we "intend" something we have already committed ourselves to it. It only remains for us to carry out the intention. This puts goodness (or evil, for that matter) in the secret places of the heart.

When this spiritual law is applied to the institution of marriage we see how important it can be in holding a home together. If people enter marriage with the thought that "if it doesn't work, we can easily get out of it" this, in itself, constitutes a danger to the permanence of the home. As the Interpreter's Bible puts it: "Certainly he (Jesus) is here concerned, not with the statute books of the state, but with Christian marriage; and the Christian marriage service that we use reflects his mind: 'Until death do us part!'"

In verses 33-37 we have the new law (that is, Jesus' law) on the matter of oaths and truthfulness in speech. "Let what you say be simply 'yes' or 'No,' anything more than this comes from evil" (verse 37). This refers to the practice of adding oaths to what we say in order to give them what we imagine to be a greater appearance of truth. Jesus condemns the whole business of swearing. Note also the book of James 5:12. Now when we examine ourselves on this point we nearly all resort to some form of swearing at times. It may not be profane, but its purpose is the same as if it were. The truth can stand alone; it doesn't need any props. If this simple truth were followed, what would happen to many of our schemes of promoting this or that project, whether it be commercial advertising or something else. There is implied in this teaching of Jesus the sacredness of words. Words can be used to heal or to destroy, to reveal truth, or to de-

ceive. This being the case, Christians are to view their use as a sacred trust. Not to do this is to pervert them and to misuse one of the gifts of God. As Wesley Ingles has written: "Words can sing with joy in victory, or shout defiance in defeat . . . They may rise like sweet incense in prayer, or burn with the acrid smoke of profane cursing . . . The great words of the Christian faith — grace, forgiveness, redemption, faith, hope and love — are all hollow words until we pour our Christian experience into them, until we see that God has poured his own divine life into them."

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## A NEW BOOK ON JOHN WESLEY

The rising tide of interest in Methodist history and doctrine which has produced such notable publications as *The Journals and Letters of Francis Asbury*, (edited by Clark, Potts and Peyton), *John Wesley's Theology Today* (by Colin W. Williams) and other such volumes, brings to our desk another valuable work. It is a large volume, entitled *John Wesley's Religious Quest* by Thomas Reed Jeffry (Vantage Press, \$5.00). So important is this work that we feel that it merits editorial comment.

Thomas Jeffry, a Pennsylvania Methodist minister, now retired, seems to have devoted a great amount of time and thought to the early days of Wesley. This is the most detailed study of this period of Wesley's life which has come to our attention. Calling upon resource material which is not easily available to the average minister, Mr. Jeffry has assembled here thousands of quotations from Wesley's *Journal*, *Diary* and *Letters*. He has no made a special pleading for some theory, but has, in the main, let the Founder of Methodism speak for himself. Yet the book is no mere collection of quotations; these extracts are introduced and interpreted carefully.

The period covered extends only from 1725, when Wesley was 22 years old, and ends in 1738, when he was thirty-five. The book is organized carefully around the central theme of Wesley's quest for religious certainty. Especially good is the author's careful treatment of the early days at Oxford and the Georgia interlude. Some material in these chapters will be new to students of Wesley. After reading at least fifty books on Wesley, we found in this volume the best collection of facts and interpretation.

Other writers have written more imaginatively and more eloquently about Wesley, but none have better succeeded in portraying his character than Mr. Jeffry. The student or minister who would like to have beneath his hand almost all the pertinent facts about the early period of Wesley's life need only to secure this book, for here are carefully selected and annotated quotations which could only be assembled from a large library of Wesleyana.

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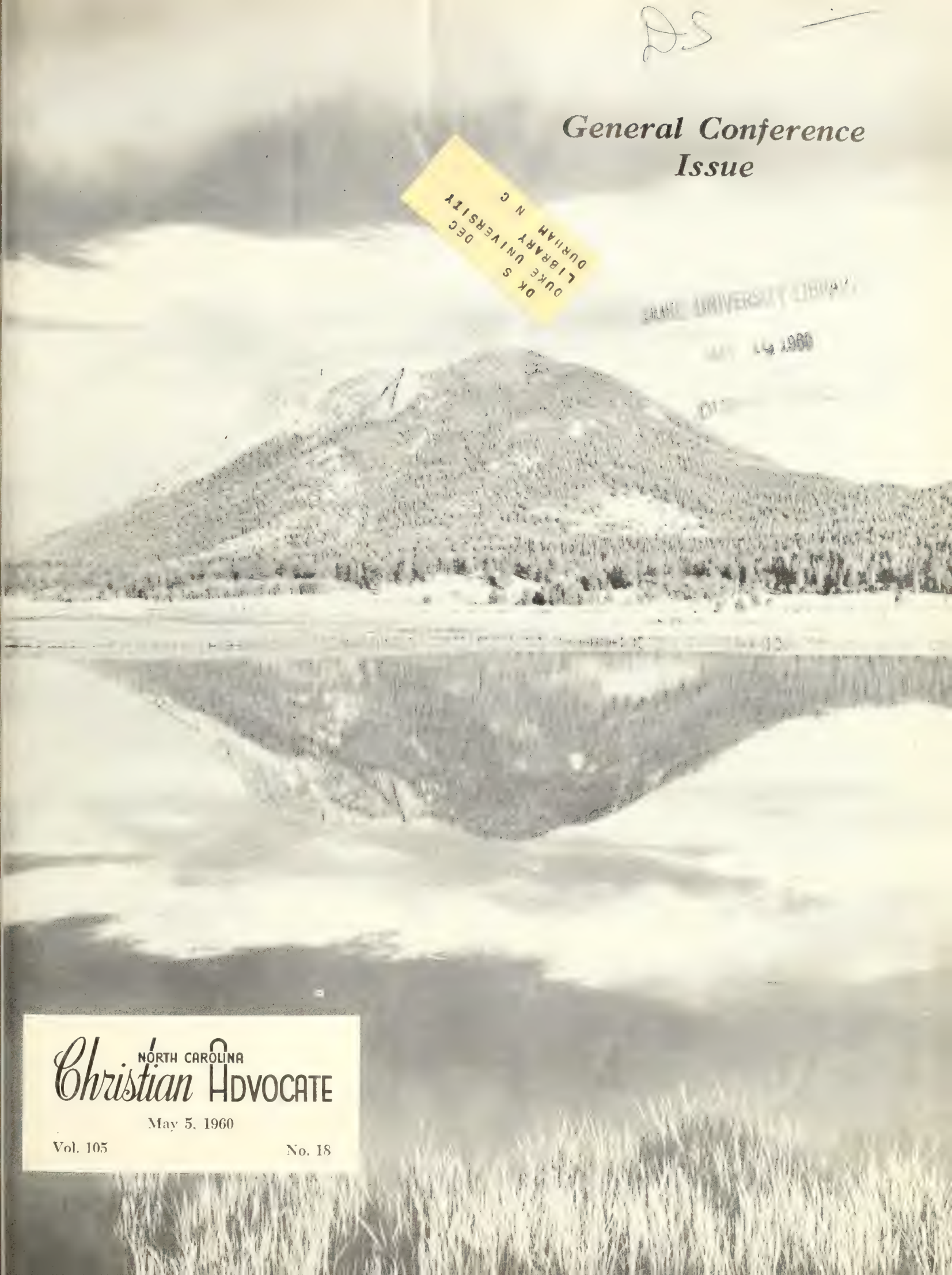
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# LETTERS

## No Prodding

I wish to commend you most heartily for your splendid editorial appearing in the April 21st edition under the caption "General Conference Faces The Race Problem." It is timely and thought provoking. Its expressions are couched in terms of Christian charity as well as logic that from my way of thinking cannot be refuted. The solution to the problem presented is with Father Time—and he should not be prodded into too quick action. A repetition of 1844 would be most tragic for the cause of Christian endeavor represented by the great Methodist Church. I strongly commend the article to the favorable consideration of not only our delegates to the General Conference but to all of our conscientious, considerate and judicious people as well.

Sincerely yours,  
LUTHER HAMILTON

## Carolina Briefs

☐ JUDY KIKER, president of the MYF of Hopewell Methodist Church, Peachland Circuit, attended the Washington-United Nations Seminar which was held April 19-23.

☐ JOHN CLAY of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Charles W. Clay, Methodist missionaries in Brazil, was elected president of the senior class at Randolph-Macon College.

☐ A BRASS baptismal bowl, presented to Devon Park Church, Wilmington, by Mr. and Mrs. Pete Jones, and a dossal curtain, pulpit and lectern scarves given by the WSCS, were dedicated on a recent Sunday.

☐ THOMAS S. MYERS of Mooresville, North Carolina, has been elected president of the student government at Randolph-Macon College. Myers is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. H. P. Myers of Mooresville.

☐ THE LENTEN SELF-DENIAL offering which was placed on the altar on Easter Sunday morning by the members of the West Jefferson Church amounted to \$311.00. This was a special mission offering which is to be divided between the Ward Memorial Church, Hong Kong, and the circuit of the Rev. John Stroud in Manzanillo, Cuba.

☐ THE REV. JAMES MILLER of Westford Church, Concord, was the preacher for revival services at North Kannapolis Church during Holy Week which resulted in the addition of 18 new members, according to Mrs. Marvin Pressley, church reporter.

☐ THE SEVENTH annual conference on Church Administration, Southeastern Jurisdiction, will be held on August 15-19 at

Lambuth Inn, Lake Junaluska. Church managers, treasurers and chairmen of commissions are invited. Those who expect to attend should make reservations at the Lambuth Inn, as soon as possible, according to the announcement of Dr. D. Trigg James, executive secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Council.

☐ DR. J LEM STOKES, II, president of Pfeiffer College, has announced the appointment of Mr. W. Lawrence Rhyne of Salisbury to the position of Assistant Professor in History at Pfeiffer College, effective September 1, 1960. Mr. Rhyne is a native of Gastonia County, North Carolina. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina where he received his A.B. degree in History, B. S. degree in Library Science, and M.A. degree in history and Political Science.

☐ THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE on "The Minister and Troubled People" will be held in three different cities of the state during May 3, 4, 5, under the sponsorship of the Committee on Institutional Ministry of the North Carolina Council of Churches. Dr. Richard A. Goodling of Duke University will be the featured speaker and group sessions will be provided for special emphases. The Rev. Paul W. Atiken is chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements. The sessions will be held in the Madison St. Baptist Church, Goldsboro (May 3); First Christian Church, Greensboro (May 4) and in First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, (May 5). All sessions will begin at 9:30 a.m.

## Two Retired Ministers Have Died

During recent weeks two retired ministers from the North Carolina Conference passed away. News of their death came to the ADVOCATE office through local newspapers.

Dr. Hubbard Braxton Porter, 73, who had spent many years as a pastor in Parkton, Lillington, Warrenton, Henderson, Wilmington, Durham, Wilson, Raleigh and Troy, had made his home in Durham since his retirement. At one time he was pastor of Duke Memorial Church, Durham, and, later, superintendent of the Durham District. He had served as a trustee of Duke University for several years. The funeral was held in Calvary Church, Durham, by Dr. C. D. Barclift.

The Rev. Ernest G. Cowan, 74, retired member of the North Carolina Conference, died April 16. He had made his home near Pittsboro since retirement. He had served churches from one end of the state to the other, and his last pastorate was in the Bonlee and Goldston area.

(No further information was available at the time of going to press.—Editor)

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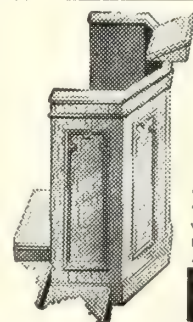
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# Redistricting the WNC Conference

By BISHOP NOLAN B. HARMON

Your Bishop and Cabinet expect to present to the next session of the Western North Carolina Conference (June 8-12, 1960) a plan to re-district the Conference. This will call for thirteen districts instead of the present eleven. This move follows out a recommendation made by the Conference four years ago, asking that a re-districting plan be formulated.

The matter was held up for a time due to the shift over in episcopal administration and the opening of a new quadrennium. In 1957, however, the Conference renewed its recommendation and considerable time was subsequently spent in the endeavor to work out a re-districting plan upon a long-range basis. At the Conference of 1958, however, the Cabinet reported that it did not feel it advisable then to make just one new district, but that further study would be given to the entire matter.

This further study has progressed, and at the last session of the Conference, I announced that we would endeavor during the year to work toward a wise and statesmanlike re-districting plan. This has been done, and the proposed plan is herein outlined and will be properly presented to the Conference at its coming session.

The imperative need for such a plan is the fact that the Western North Carolina Conference is growing in size and numbers, especially in the Piedmont section. In the District Superintendents' Conference last summer at Lake Junaluska, it was found that the Western North Carolina Conference had more very large districts than any other conference of the South. Winston-Salem has 65 charges; Greensboro, 72; Thomasville, 72; Charlotte, 72; Gastonia, 62; and Salisbury, 63. Over the whole Methodist Church, the average number of charges per district is 42, with the number of individual churches in each district, 69. In the Southeastern Jurisdiction, there are 154 district superintendents' districts, averaging 41 charges in each, with 79 individual charges per district (Methodist Fact Book, 1960, page 60). As our conference has a great number of circuits, and large ones at that, we find that since we have eleven districts and 1103 churches, there are on an average of 100 churches to a Western North Carolina Conference District.

Since geographically the Waynesville and Asheville Districts cannot be in-

cluded in a re-districting plan (nor can the Marion District to any great extent), the plan to be presented calls for the following realignment through the Piedmont section. It is as follows:

The *Charlotte District* is to be divided. The Methodist churches within Mecklenburg County will constitute the Mecklenburg District, plus seven charges now in the Gastonia District (Mount Holly; Aldersgate and First; Hill's Chapel; New Salem-Field; Riverbend-Snow Hill; Rock Springs; and Stanley) just across the Catawba River and closely allied to Charlotte. These seven added to Charlotte will relieve the Gastonia District somewhat, and compensate the Charlotte District for the realignment of its churches in Union and Anson Counties. Thus the Charlotte District, now 72 charges, will thus become 51; and the Gastonia District, now 62, will become 55.

A new *Tri-Counties District* will be formed of Union and Anson Counties, now in the Charlotte District, with Stanly County now in the Salisbury District. This will consist of 40 charges, with Albemarle, Monroe and Wadesboro as important centers in the new district.

The *Salisbury District*, now 63 charges, will after the realignment of Stanly County, be reduced to 45, with a further adjustment upon the Iredell County side to be worked out by those interested and involved.

The *Thomasville District*, which now contains 72 charges, will hold together the churches in Davie and Davidson Counties with certain adjustments to be worked out around the northern border. It will consist of 43 charges.

A new district will be formed, known as the *High Point District*, consisting of the southern part of Guilford County and all Randolph County (47 charges). Here and there adjustments will be called for where there are charges which for strong and compelling reasons, prefer to be or should be on one side or the other of the new district line.

The *Greensboro District*, now 72 charges, will thereby become 55, with much of Guilford County Methodism going into a district of its own.

The *Winston-Salem District*, now 65 charges, will, after certain adjustments are made on the side of the *North Wilkesboro District*, become 59 charges. Bunker-Hill-Sandy Ridge charge, near

the New High Point District, most likely will prefer to be in the new district.

The *North Wilkesboro District*, which has been a weak district in the conference, is to be strengthened by certain strong charges now in the Winston-Salem District becoming a part of it. Here again, mutual consent and good will must be obtained by all the parties involved.

Such in general is the Re-districting Plan. Its acceptance, and more important still, its operation, will depend to a large extent upon the foresight and understanding of our laymen in those charges involved; and also upon a clear long-range view on the part both of ministers and laymen as to what our conference ought to be. A small opposing minority can block this plan — not because they have a legal right to do so under our Discipline, but because of my own and our Conference's great desire that there always be harmonious conference brotherhood. I think, therefore, that we would all stop any proposed move where local churches or communities indicate that they are greatly disturbed by it. The brethren involved in all these moves do have a right to give their judgment upon matters at issue, and certainly they have a right to know in advance exactly what is proposed.

I have faith, however, in the Western North Carolina Conference and in the ministers and laymen of the conference, to believe that when they see what we are trying to do for the conference on a broad, long-range plan, local wishes and desires will be unselfishly put aside in favor of the forward march of our 255,000 Methodist people. We are building not for ourselves now, but for Carolina Methodism as it is to be in years to come when our present fine and stalwart ministers, laymen and laywomen, who are now carrying on the work, shall have joined the great Conference triumphant above and have left the Conference and churches we now love into other hands.

The truth is, the Annual Conference re-districting is really not a matter of "moving" any particular church into a new alignment, for churches do not *move*. The churches in Stanly County or Randolph County or along the Catawba River will remain exactly where they have always been, and their people will continue to go about the work of their respective churches just as usual. Re-districting simply means that a new district superintendent will be coming around to charges put into the new districts, and that district-wide meetings

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# EDITORIALS

## The Battle is Over Until Next Time

With the vote which adopted the Report of the Study Commission, the much publicized battle over the jurisdictional system has been settled for four more years. There will be no change in the jurisdictional structure; there will still be a Central (racial) Jurisdiction which will be administered by Negro leaders; Negroes will continue to be represented on all general boards and commissions; the Central Jurisdiction will still elect its own bishops who will continue to preside over their own conferences; there will be no chance that any Negro minister will be forced on any white congregation and vice versa.

Now that the smoke is beginning to clear away, we should be able to see that the action of the General Conference, which, while almost certainly necessary for the continuance of union, was no triumph for anyone, but a desperate compromise which must have come out of a feeling that anything was better than division. The Church was saved, but that was all.

Still sitting on our doorstep is the old problem, and that problem is this: Can Methodism continue to do its best work in mission fields around the world while being represented as a denomination which adheres to a Jim Crow attitude?

As a matter of fact, as Bishop Harmon and others have pointed out, it is not really segregated in the fullest sense. We honor our Negro brethren in the church; we give them voting privileges and more than generous representation. But there's the rub! It is that feeling of patronage that is hurting us, as Negroes and whites. The one who patronizes and the one who is patronized are both uncomfortable.

Negro Methodists do not complain about their treatment in General Conference or in board meetings; they are accepted as brethren. But many of them are willing to give up their privileged positions in the church administration in exchange for acceptance as just ordinary individuals. They have said that what they wanted was not more big jobs and titles, but equal treatment with other Methodists on the local level, and that is what we cannot promise to give them, under the present circumstances.

This is the meaning of the vote in General Conference. Even those Southern Methodists who desperately fear any tampering with the present system

cannot be comfortable over the situation or happy over the total outcome.

Yes, we are glad that the church is once more undivided, but there are some who feel, down deep in their hearts, that when we sing that song of triumph we must choke a bit when we come to the words, "all one body we." Are we one in charity and understanding of each other's problems?

Our suggestion to anyone who honestly feels that we are doing our best to be Christian in race relations is merely this: Try to imagine what you would feel, were you a member of another race, if you saw a sign on a church which said, "All are Welcome" and knew that it meant to add, "Except those whose color isn't white."

Yes, we have done the best we could, under the circumstances, but nobody is kicking up their heels with joy. The next four years must be years of growing understanding and growing brotherhood between the races or we face the downfall of our present civilization.

## Are The Newsmagazines Telling Us The Truth?

Up to last week we were inclined to believe most of what we read in *Newsweek*. We thought that, while less colorful than *Time*, this weekly was dependable.

But we don't think so now.

You see, we happened to know the inside of a story which appeared in *Newsweek* and we know that in three paragraphs of supposedly factual matter there was not one word of truth.

The story in question dealt with the visit of Vice-president Nixon to the Associated Church Press conference in Washington recently. The reporter made quite a tale of it. According to his story a representative of the ACP called up Mr. Nixon early in the morning and very timidly and apologetically asked if it would be possible for the Vice-president to stop in at the Conference for a few minutes. Mr. Nixon sent word that he would do his best. Then at noon, while the editors were eating their "meat loaf" dinner, Mr. Nixon arrived, unescorted and unexpectedly.

Now the only trouble with that story is that it simply isn't so.

In the first place, Mr. Nixon was invited to speak some months previously

by the Secretary, Dr. Lippard. He replied that if he could, and asked that he be contacted again. This was done a short while before the Conference and he was still a bit uncertain, but would do his best. On the night previous to his scheduled appearance, he sent word that he would be there at 12:45. Dr. Lippard jubilantly announced the fact to the editors and told them to expect the Vice-president along about the last course in the luncheon. That disposes of the allegation about the apologetic voice on the phone. No one called Mr. Nixon that morning, and his visit was not unexpected but very much publicized.

In the second place, he didn't come unannounced and unaccompanied for the ever-present Secret Service men were right there beside him as he entered the hotel (We have a picture to prove it).

And finally, that \$5 luncheon wasn't meat loaf!

Actually the whole story was a part of the present "line" being pursued by some reporters which seek to play up the imaginary rift between the President and Mr. Nixon and all the dramatic hoopla about the poor church editors was but an introduction to a slanted interpretation of the Vice-president's remarks which, as we remember the speech could not have been deduced from what Mr. Nixon said.

Which all goes to prove that you can't always believe all you read in the best magazines.

## Why They Get Bigger

A 15-year-old Bessemer City (N. C.) boy has astonished scientists with his experiments on plants. Sandy Carson, high-school sophomore, after six months of experimentation, has what he thinks is proof that rock-and-roll music will make plants grow taller and healthier.

Sandy planted five sets of beans, and after they had sprouted, gave each a daily dose of music. Number One got a half hour of rock-and-roll, and the others "heard" modern jazz, classical symphonies, Dixieland jazz or no music at all. According to the *Gastonia Gazette*, Sandy says that rock-and-roll plants flourished, while three others showed varying degrees of growth. The one which received no music at all was stunted in comparison to the first four.

Well, now we know why today's children are outstripping their parents in growth—or do we?



# Actions of the 1960 General Conference

(Reported up to press time)

(In the absence of direct reports from our General Conference correspondent, Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, the following summary of the action of the first four days of the General Conference Session has been compiled by the editor from the pages of the Daily Advocate and from press releases. An article by Dr. Weldon will appear as soon as it can be secured.)

## Bishops See Religious Slump Ahead in Nation

In the traditional Episcopal Address given at the beginning of the General Conference in progress at Denver, Colorado, the bishops of The Methodist Church struck a note of mild pessimism as they confessed that there were signs that America's religious revival had passed its crest.

They believe that U. S. churches, which have enjoyed a phenomenal boom in membership since World War II will have to work harder at "taking the gospel to those who no longer come to us."

They appealed for "outreaching" evangelism by churches which have become complacent with easy success. This was the central point of the voluminous address which was read to the conference on Wednesday night by Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, Texas. Other subjects touched upon at varying length included birth control, aid to parochial schools, the liquor traffic, attacks on Protestant clergymen and racial divisions within the church.

On the subject of birth control, the bishops asserted that "scientifically approved methods of birth control" were endorsed as the only practical solution to the population explosion.

Aid to parochial schools was criticized, as was the liquor industry.

Defending vigorously the National Council against recent attacks, the bishops called these attacks "viciously false" and said that it was regrettable that these slanderous statements have come from individuals and groups which call themselves Christian. They characterized as an "incredible blunder" the publishing of "baseless charges" in the Air Force Reserve manual.

Urging the 788 delegates to avoid a church-splitting fight over the racial issue, they threw their influence on the side of the report of the special 70-member commission which recommended that the present jurisdictional structure be maintained.

## General Conference Retains Jurisdictional Plan

After a stormy session which lasted through Thursday and Friday of last week, the delegates to the General Conference of The Methodist Church, meeting in Denver, Colorado, overwhelmingly approved the report of the commission which had been set up to study the matter of whether or not to retain the present setup of four geographical and one racial jurisdictions. (The report was reviewed in these pages recently by Bishop Nolan B. Harmon.)

Several attempts to set a timetable for doing away with the Central (Negro) Jurisdiction were defeated, and the plan finally approved provides for the retention of the five jurisdictions and the encouragement of gradual absorption of Negro churches wherever such is desired, which has been the policy of the Church during the past four years.

Dr. Harold A. Bosley of Evanston, Ill., long an advocate of fair and just treatment of Negro members, declared: "When we have tried it (this plan) and have failed, and God forbid that it fails, then it's up to the conference of 1964 to see that other means are brought into existence."

The Rev. Loyd F. Worley of Hartford, Conn., had called for definite and early steps to integrate the church's all-Negro administrative unit. But the overwhelming vote for the commission report indicated that the delegates feared that any more drastic measures might result in the splitting of the denomination, and felt that it would be better to go slowly.

The Rev. L. E. Crowson of West Virginia voiced this fear when he said, "If some extreme proposition is accepted, we're in the process of seeing the breakup of the church." He called attention to the fact that the press has given a false picture of the Methodist Church as being segregated and sought to amend the report to emphasize that there was to be no basic change in the Central Jurisdiction. This, however, was defeated.

Edwin Jones of Charlotte introduced a motion to have the Central Jurisdiction absorbed into northern and western jurisdictions, and Dr. Ira B. Loud, Negro delegate from Dallas, appealed to him

to withdraw his motion. The move was defeated, however.

Previously, an African delegate, Jasper Machiri of Mutambara, Southern Rhodesia, and the Rev. Charles Golden of Philadelphia, one of the secretaries of the Board of Missions, appealed to the conference to set 1968 as the deadline for the absorption of the Central Jurisdiction under the present plan of voluntary integration of the conferences. The African delegate said such a deadline would save Methodism from world dishonor. Other delegates pointed out that, under the present legislation, The Methodist Church is hindered in its missionary work among colored races by the impression that it is not willing to allow full participation by colored people in church affairs.

This, others pointed out, was a false picture of our church, for the Negro members are represented upon all boards, commissions, and the episcopacy in much more than proportionate ratio. The Church, they insisted, was not "segregated," except in some local congregations.

One of the frequent admonitions by Charles C. Parlin, well-known New York lawyer and chairman of the 70-member commission which presented the report which was finally adopted, was: "Let's keep this thing voluntary; let's not push people around."

## Parlin Clarifies Issues in Report of 70

Charles C. Parlin, chairman of the Commission to Study the Jurisdictional System, addressed the General Conference on Thursday prior to the consideration of the report.

"Our commission of Seventy," he said, "had a mandate from the General Conference of 1956. It was three-fold."

"We were told to hold hearings with the six jurisdictions. We were to study the system and its relationship to the future of The Methodist Church. Third, we were to develop courses of action directed toward greater inter-racial brotherhood and the spirit of Christian love, and, lastly we were to report to the delegates of the 1960 Conference three months in advance. This we have done."

He pointed out there were "two things that this report is not. It is not a theo-



logical treatise . . . Secondly, it is not a statement of the position of The Methodist Church on race. The General Conference of 1956 made its own statement and it is in the Discipline. . .

Mr. Parlin, who is a noted lawyer, revoted much of his address to a review of the history of The Methodist Church and its relation to the race question. He pointed out that The Methodist Episcopal Church was split in two by the slavery question, resulting in the formation of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and a long period of acrimony between the two sections. Noting that, during the period of negotiation looking toward reunion, all of the plans for unification were based upon some sort of a regional or jurisdictional system," he explained that this was because the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was a minority group and was not willing to come into union unless they were guaranteed some basic rights.

"The Negro congregations at that time consisted of 19 Annual Conferences—" Mr. Parlin said, and explained that these were all in the Church North, and represented some 300,000 members. There were, he said, two possibilities, to continue them in the Northeast and North Central jurisdictions or to group them together as a jurisdiction. This latter was done.

"That had some interesting effects. The rights of minorites, which had been worked out primarily for the Southern group now applied to the Negro group and they became the beneficiaries of these formulae for representation."

He noted that the Negro members of the Central Jurisdiction, numbering approximately 360,000 "represent 3.6 per cent of our total membership and yet they have on the high echelons of the church a representation of approximately 16.7 per cent."

"Now let it be said that the Negroes did not enjoy this Plan of Union . . .

Mr. Parlin pointed out that the Report of the Seventy recommended no change in the powers of the regional jurisdictions but in recommendation number 5 for the holding of Jurisdictional Conference at the time and place of the General Conference sought to make it possible for a discussion of transfer of bishops across the lines. Thus the bishops need not be tied to their jurisdictions to the extent that they have been.

Speaking of the possible disintegration of the Central Jurisdiction, he pointed out that in every jurisdiction the Negro

members are in "a very small hopeless minority."

Referring to the difficulties in satisfying everyone, Mr. Parlin told of attacks on him from both sides of the fence because of distorted ideas which seemed to come from hasty reading of newspaper headlines. These reports usually omitted any reference to the possibility of absorption of the Central Jurisdiction by transfer of individual churches and congregations from one jurisdiction to another, upon invitation. This is provided for in existing legislation.

Mr. Parlin continued, "Because with Article 9 (segregation) is voluntary; the Negro Church can move out if they want to . . . but if it has become a symbol of segregation to an extent that you have got to get rid of it just because it is a symbol, even though there is no basis for that symbol; then I think the solution is a transfer over to the North Central Jurisdiction . . ."

But then he pointed out difficulties in this solution and said that if the time should come when that is desired the Church would be pleased, but he did not think that the Commission had any right to put pressure upon the Central Jurisdiction or the North Central Jurisdiction. "The Report," he said, "is based on working forward on all these problems, but on a voluntary basis."

In closing his speech, Mr. Parlin referred to a proposal which he understood was going to be presented and would ask for a deadline on the matter of doing away with the Central Jurisdiction. "I say, don't do it. The Report says, don't do it. The genius of this report, . . . is that everything is voluntary. Segregation is something that is required by law. When something is voluntary, it is not segregation. I say, let's keep this voluntary; let's not push people around."

Following the address by Mr. Parlin, Dr. C. Cooper Bell of Virginia, addressed the Conference on the report, touching especially upon the recommendation making it easier to transfer bishops from one area to another. Opening his remarks with a survey of the work of the Commission, he touched upon the notion that Methodism is a segregated church.

"What is there," he asked, "in the Discipline of the Methodist Church that prohibits any man, woman, or child because of color to join any Methodist Church? It is not there, and I can name you a Southern Conference today where there are Negro members in a white church in good standing. There isn't any-

thing in our law about that. Whether you go to Wisconsin or Florida, we cannot legislate the action of local people; but where is the law. There is nothing there."

He pointed out that, theoretically, any Negro boy might grow up to become the president of the United States, but expressed doubt that it might happen. "But in the Methodist Church today any little Negro boy upon any street or in any field in America can raise himself to a Bishop in this Church; and he can become the president of the Judicial Council of this Church, and that has been done."

"We had those things," he continued, "and the newspapers may unjustly accuse us in this thing; but over the nation, in delegation after delegation, I have said, 'You come to me with a better solution that will not use force and that this Commission has not worked on and I give you my word of honor, I will have it called at once to consider your plan.'"

## Over 100 Reporters Cover General Conference

More than 100 newspaper and radio and TV men and women were busy sending out reports of Methodism's General Conference last week.

According to the DAILY ADVOCATE, the press, radio and TV contingent included representatives of five overseas publications. Bishop Ferdinand Sigg of the Central and Southern European Conference, a former newspaperman and church editor, represented the Schweitzer Evangelist. Mrs. Ralph Dodge, wife of Bishop Dodge of Southern Rhodesia, was present as editor of the African Christian Advocate. Other representatives were from Sweden and Norway.

## Bishop Kennedy Succeeds Bishop Franklin

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy of the Los Angeles Area was elected president of the Council of Bishops at its meeting preceding the opening of General Conference. He succeeds Bishop Marvin A. Franklin of Jackson, Miss. Bishop Roy H. Short of Nashville was re-elected secretary for another term. He succeeded Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam to that post in 1956.

Bishop Paul E. Martin of Little Rock, Ark., was named president-designate for 1961.

During the Council meeting, Bishop Bachman G. Hodge of Birmingham, was



elected president of the Southeastern Jurisdiction's College of Bishops, and Bishop Paul N. Garber of Richmond, secretary.

## Jurisdictions May Meet With General Conference

Tied in with the report of the Committee of Seventy were several changes in the method of holding Jurisdictional Conferences and the consecration of bishops.

According to legislation passed by the General Conference last week, delegations to Jurisdictional Conferences and the General Conference may be the same and the meetings of the Jurisdictional Conferences may be held at the time and place of the General Conference meeting.

The legislation, according to newspaper reports, provides that, in case any jurisdiction prefers to meet separately, that meeting must be held not more than 60 days prior to the General Conference.

Also provided is that bishops elected by the Jurisdiction will be consecrated by the General Conference and not, as previously the custom, at the Jurisdictional Conference sessions.

Bishops may be transferred from one jurisdiction to another if both jurisdictions agree to such a transfer and the bishop consents.

These changes were made as a part of a conciliatory move. The Northern delegates had previously gone along with the South on the adoption of the report of the Committee of Seventy and had retained the Jurisdictional system, which most of them had not favored. The compromise will allow more freedom to those jurisdictions which would like to move across jurisdictional boundaries in selecting their presiding officers. Under the new rule, the bishops are not fettered to one part of the country, yet no bishop can be assigned to an area out of his jurisdiction against the wishes of the conferences involved. (This would serve to allay any fears, such as those expressed by opponents of integration, that the General Conference might assign a Negro bishop to a Southern white conference. Under the new legislation, this could not be done without the consent of the conferences involved.)

The change in time of meeting for the Jurisdictional Conferences will make it possible to elect bishops before the General Conference and to facilitate changes in boundaries. (This change will, of course, not effect the conferences to be held this year.)

As pointed out above, those jurisdic-

tions which prefer to hold their meetings separately and in their own section of the country will be allowed to do so, although, as Dr. Lester Rumble of Atlanta said, "if Northern and Western Jurisdictions met at General Conference time, there might be some implication that Southerners were being contrary if they did not follow suit."

(Editor's Note: Further reports from the General Conference will appear in this paper next week, together with editorial comment on the entire session.)

## North Carolina Men Elected Gen. Conference Secretaries

The secretaries of the two North Carolina Conferences were elected to the staff of the General Conference last week in Denver.

The Rev. W. Carleton Wilson of Raleigh was given the place of Journal Secretary, and the Rev. Charles D. White of Kannapolis was made Calendar Secretary. Both men served on the General Conference staff in 1958.

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## Wall Named Managing Editor Of Christian Advocate

Chicago. — The Rev. James M. Wall, an associate editor of Methodism's *Together* magazine, has been named managing editor of the *Christian Advocate*, bi-weekly publication of The Methodist Church for ministers and church leaders.

Announcement of this appointment was made by Leland D. Case, editorial director of *Together* and the *Christian Advocate*. Wall, who assumes his new duties June 1, replaces Newman S. Cryer, who will join the Methodist Board of Lay Activities and edit *The Methodist Layman*.

The Rev. Mr. Wall will continue to work with some of *Together's* special departments in this new position. An ordained minister, he is a member of the North Georgia Conference. He has been with *Together* since August of 1959.

Dr. T. Otto Nall, a member of the Minnesota Conference, continues as editor of the *Christian Advocate*, a position he has held since 1956. Plans approved by Methodism's 1956 General Conference resulted in the rebirth of the *Christian Advocate* — a Methodist publication since 1826 — as two monthly magazines: *The New Christian Advocate* and *Together*, a church family magazine. When the *New Christian Advocate* became a biweekly in October, 1959, it dropped the "new" from its title.

## Liquor Traffic On Television

By H. C. DAVIS

One of the most disturbing elements that I face as a minister, is the fact that many fine people are allowing liquor traffic to flow into their Christian homes. Even though many Christians are disturbed by the beer advertisements which flood their television screens they are doing little about it. Many have accepted it as something that we have to learn to live with, even though it is having an effect on our young people.

Many people become aware of the danger that surrounds them only after a crisis has struck their lives. Even though the liquor advertising on television seems harmless now, in years to come it will help present a crisis in the lives of many of our young people.

For instance, there was John, who was in his freshman year at college. He was the son of an average layman, and had been brought up in the church. As most young people do, he found his first few months at college very exciting. Then came what is known in college as "rush week" and John was "rushed" by some of the social clubs. During the week he attended a number of parties at which beer was served. Both at the first and second party John found it fairly easy to refuse drinking beer. But during the third party he noticed that nearly "everybody was doing it." So he asked himself what difference would it make if he did drink; after all, nearly everyone does, and it is practically an accepted thing. So he gave in. The little spark of resistance which had been instilled in him perhaps by a Sunday School teacher, his minister or parents had been crushed by the propaganda that had been fed into John's life, not just during those rush parties, but all through his early life and teen years — propaganda such as roadside signs, magazine advertisements, the liquor traffic on television, and a small group of friends, who assured John that it was all right to drink.

John could be the son of any layman or minister, because all of our children will at one time or another be confronted with the very same challenge that confronted this young man. The resistance of our young people must be strong enough to overpower the propaganda, which we as parents have allowed to infiltrate them.

Is there anything that we as parents can do about it. Yes, there is. We can help stamp out the liquor traffic. The members of the Woodleaf Charge will soon be faced with a challenge. A challenge put to them by their temperance committee. Each member of the charge will be asked to turn channels or turn their TV sets off, during the showing of a program sponsored by the liquor industry. Letters will be written to the local television stations informing them that we no longer will allow this filth to come into our homes. Petitions, too, will be sent to the television stations. Special prayer services will be conducted. Many other steps will be taken also in order to make the public aware of what the liquor traffic on television is doing to our people.



# Lucifer Reads the Advocate

By CHARLES E. OWEN

Brimstone Avenue  
Bottomless Pit, Eternity

Dear Editor:

Since I recently was able to communicate with many of my devotees by means of the CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, may I take this opportunity of expressing myself on issues vital to my kingdom and livelihood.

You can't imagine how happy I was to hear that there are those who would make your paper a promotional organ for the cabinet, the boards, and committees of the conference. I want you to know how much I favor this plan. Whenever and wherever it has been tried, the work of my kingdom has been blessed and advanced.

In the Texas Conference where this plan is in use, I have only glowing reports of the results. In that conference, the paper is sent to every pastor and official in every local church. But that worries me very little, for I know that down at the "grass-roots" level no one reads the organ, and that thrills me and leaves me overjoyed. True the cabinet, the heads of the boards committees and commissions read the paper, because they find their pictures and names in reports of their meetings frequently. But you know that neither I nor my agents have ever worried much about the multitude of pronouncements and resolutions made at this level.

I have been very much concerned and alarmed about the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. I suspect that you are not orthodox. Too many people in the local churches read what you write, and many of your articles are the topic of general conversation at meetings. You know there must be something wrong when one is so popular. True, I have gained comfort in that I have been able to keep subscriptions down in most local churches. However, I am saddened that so many Methodists pass on their copies to neighbors instead of burning them.

You are also entirely too personal in too many articles. It's all right to speak of Methodism in glowing general terms, but do you think it necessary to mention people's names and activities at some of the more insignificant churches such as Dimstreet and Crabtree Praire? That is playing to the grandstand. This type of news could easily be left out; furthermore, it encourages too many people to read avidly the rest of the paper, and you know how that bothers me. So if you must have personal news items, confine them to "big names" in the conference, preferably preachers, and to the First churches. I must concede that your "In Passing" is deadly.

I am also concerned about the fact that you may continue publishing devotional material and the Children's Page. Ministers don't read these, but unfortunately the people do, and that hurts my work. Another thing that bothers me is your editorial page. Again I suspect that you are not entirely orthodox. If the people should find out that you are not always reflecting the opinions cut and dried and handed down, I shudder to think what that would do to

your subscription campaign. Play it safe, and stay away from controversy. Don't be critical about anything in the program of the Methodist church, because the people may have some of their own suspicions and ideas confirmed, and begin to think for themselves.

I hope that you understand my point of view, and I believe you know how I stand.

With a desire to use every means in the service of my kingdom, I am

Your deceitful serpent-friend,

LUCIFER

## Durham Minister Awarded Dempster Fellowship

The Rev. Jefferson H. Campbell of Durham, now a graduate student at Duke University, has been awarded the Dempster Graduate Fellowship by the Board of Education of The Methodist Church.

Mr. Campbell, who formerly lived in Beaumont, Texas, plans to continue graduate study at Duke. He has a bachelor of arts degree from Southern Methodist University and bachelor of divinity degree from S.M.U.'s Perkins School of Theology. He has served two pastorates in Texas.

## News Notes

THE REV. JOE L. TROLLINGER of Reidsville will lead the revival services at the Robbinsville Church, assisting the pastor, the Rev. C. W. Sartin, May 8-13.

THE ANNUAL home coming day will be observed at Asbury Church, Lincolnton, June 5, and all former pastors, members and friends are invited, according to the pastor, the Rev. G. N. Dulin. The program includes Sunday School at 9:45, morning worship at 11:00, lunch at 12:30, and an afternoon session of singing and messages from former pastors and visitors.

ON EASTER SUNDAY morning 47 persons were received in the membership of the Jonesboro Heights Methodist Church, Sanford, by the pastor, the Rev. Alfred L. Chaplin, as the climax of a Visitation Evangelism Revival. Only 7 of the 47 were transfers from other Methodist Churches, while 35 were received on profession of faith, of whom 15 were children; 10 young people and 10 adults. A total of 61 members have been received in the church during the current conference year.

When Jesus began His ministry, His message ran: The Kingdom of God is at hand, repent (Mark 1:15). Even the call to repentance is in itself a gospel. It implies that men can really turn to God; they are not helpless automats in a world of immoral determinism.—James Moffatt, D.D.



A Mental Health Workshop will be held at Aberdeen Methodist Church, May 17, at 7:00-9:30. Dr. Robert Fink, Mental Health Consultant of the State Board of Health will address the meeting on the theme, "How to Deal With Your Tensions, and Recognize Signs of Mental Illness."

Discussion groups will be led by Dr. Clyde Johnson, Department of Psychology, N. C. State College; Miss Mary Hayes, Health Education Section, State Board of Health; Dr. Fink; Mr. Paul Curtis, Chief, Psychiatric Social Work, State Board of Health; and Dr. George Adams, Educational Director, N. C. State Alcoholic Rehabilitation Program, who will give special attention to this problem.

Chairman of planning for the Workshop is the Rev. Fred Still of Red Springs, Fayetteville District Director of Adult Work for the North Carolina Methodist Conference Board of Education.

## National Publications Elect New Editors

Newman S. Cryer, Jr., managing editor of *Christian Advocate*, has been elected to the General Board of Lay Activities, Chicago. He will edit *The Methodist Layman* and all other published materials of the board. Replacing him on the *Advocate* staff will be the Rev. James M. Wall, associate editor of *Together* magazine. A native of Alabama, Cryer was formerly editor of *The Pastor*, monthly magazine for pastors. Wall is a member of the North Georgia conference and has held pastorates in Georgia and Illinois.

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## BEYOND SET OF SUN

While air can carry fragrance  
And light can pierce the dark,  
While day can break in stages round the earth,  
Tho you and I be vagrants  
And life a tiny spark,  
Death cannot be the wages of our birth!

So, out beyond the woodlands,  
Beyond the set of sun,  
Beyond the fenced borders of our sight,  
In faintly understood lands,  
Long ere our life is done,  
We build Eternal Mansions out of Night!

— SNEED OGBURN



# Women In the News

## WNC CONFERENCE

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



### Waynesville District Meeting

Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt of Charlotte, Secretary of Christian Relations of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference, was guest at the meeting of the Waynesville District W.S.C.S. on April 21 at the Cherokee Methodist Church.

Four new officers were elected and five re-elected for second terms. The new officers are Mrs. Francis McFarland of Lake Junaluska, recording secretary; Mrs. Paul Heafner of Sylva, Youth Work; Mrs. C. A. Bales of Robbinsville, Literature and Publications; and Mrs. W. L. Turner of Waynesville, Supply Work. Those re-elected were Mrs. J. E. Barrett of Sylva, vice-president; Mrs. T. B. McLean of Whittier, secretary of Promotion; Mrs. Clyde R. Hoey, Jr., of Candler, Spiritual Life; Mrs. R. T. Houts of Murphy, Missionary Education; and Mrs. C. O. Newell of Lake Junaluska, Wesleyan Service Guild.

The installation service was conducted by the Rev. Frank Smathers, district superintendent.

Mrs. Glenn Hipps of Lake Junaluska, chairman of the Haywood Subdistrict, was presented a life membership by Mrs. James Fowler, Jr., as a gift from the women of her subdistrict.

Miss Vera Falls, deaconess, told of the new craft room in the Keener Parsonage near the Cherokee Church.

Other features of the program included a pledge service, conducted by Dr. Nettie Perrette, a welcome by Mrs. Jessie Fuller, vice-president of the Cherokee society, music, and a devotional message.

### Thomasville District Meeting

The women of the Thomasville District had a program on "Open Doors" at their district meeting held on April 21 at Center Methodist Church in Welcome.

Every subject on the program was on the theme of "Open Doors," and the program itself was made to resemble church doors.

Dr. J. Lem Stokes II, president of Pfeiffer College, spoke on "Preparation for the Open Door." Mrs. W. F. Redding, Jr., district treasurer, spoke on "Stewardship—Key to the Open Door." Mrs. Carl Judy spoke on "Korea—An Open Door," and Mrs. F. J. Stough, district secretary of Spiritual Life, presented a meditation on "The Lure of Open Doors."

Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford of Asheboro, president of the W.S.C.S. of the Western North Carolina Conference, conducted the installation service.

Mrs. J. Frank Spruill of Lexington was in charge of the service of Remembrance and Mrs. Reid Rich, district secretary of Promotion, presented the master report.

Music for the day's program was presented by the Pfeiffer College Quartet.

Mrs. Walter I. Gibson, district president, presided. Her concluding message was, "The challenge to us Methodist women—an open door into every land so that the Man of Galilee might enter into the hearts of all people everywhere."

### Pfeiffer College Holds 75th Anniversary Dinner

Dr. Charles Carroll, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, "praised Pfeiffer College for the contribution it is making as a liberal arts college, especially in the field of teacher—education," says *Pfeiffer Notes* in a story on the 75th Anniversary Dinner held at the college in March.

President Lem Stokes made a report on the progress of the \$200,000 drive being conducted by the friends of the college to meet a four point development program for the college: student scholarships, faculty salary supplements, need classroom teaching equipment and library books, periodicals and equipment.

Paul Erwin of Charlotte chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Lem Stokes II, president, and Dr. Walter I. Gibson, vice-president, are leading the drive.

On April 14 a total of \$78,216 had been reported.

Several members of the W.S.C.S. are on the Board. These include Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, of Lewisburg, Tenn., president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service; Mrs. C. P. Hardin of Bristol, Va., and Mrs. T. Otto Nall of Evanston, Ill., vice-presidents of the Woman's Division, Mrs. David E. Cathcart of Lakeland, Fla., president of the W.S.C.S. of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, Mrs. John Hoyle, Jr. of Gastonia, a member of the Board of Missions, Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford, Miss Una Edwards, Mrs. J. W. Pavne, and Mrs. J. A. Spence of the Western North Carolina Conference.

## NC CONFERENCE

By MARY GARDNER



### Mrs. Henninger Attends White House Conference

The 7,602 delegates to the Golden Anniversary White House Conference on Children and Youth were engaged in what has been termed "the greatest single undertaking of our time in behalf of our young people."

The participants at the Washington, D. C., meeting, March 27-April 2, included nominees of state and national organizations, 700 young people, national leaders, and 500 guests from 73 countries. Among the delegates was Mrs. J. S. Henninger, of Chapel Hill, N. C., secretary of children's work, N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The Conference had for its purpose "to promote opportunities for children and

youth to realize their full potential for a creative life in freedom and dignity."

It is a startling fact that automation, population explosion, economic pressures, nuclear findings, medical research, mass communications between nations, shifts in cultural patterns have brought more changes affecting children than any previous period in history, the delegates were told. These changes have had a tremendous influence upon individuals, families, and communities.

Considering the many areas of concerns affecting today's children and youth, The White House Conference sought to "find those lasting values which constituted a core of stability in the midst of change."

### N. C. Conference WSCS Pledge to WDSCS Increased

The Pledge Service conducted on Wednesday evening during the recent Annual Meeting of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service was significant in both content and implications, for with the monetary pledges for 1960-61 were added pledges of time and talents to the cause of missions.

Led by the conference treasurer, Mrs. L. C. Vereen, participants in the service included the nine district presidents and treasurers (or their representatives), and the entire congregation. Clothed in choir robes, each district president and treasurer lighted her candle from the candle on the altar, the entire group forming a cross inside the chancel.

District pledges totaling \$142,300—an increase of \$2,150.00 over 1959-60—included: Burlington District, 12,000; Durham District, \$12,800; Elizabeth City District, \$11,000; Fayetteville District, \$16,750; Raleigh District, \$18,500; Rocky Mount District, 16,800; Wilmington District, \$11,500; Wesleyan Service Guild, \$14,000.

During the Pledge Service a candle for World Bank burned for 30 minutes, signifying five gifts of \$96.00 each for upholding the work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service around the world for that period. Mrs. H. A. Davis, treasurer, Southeastern Jurisdiction WSCS, announced one gift each from Burlington and Durham Districts, and three gifts from Fayetteville District, the latter given by the men of Page Memorial Methodist Church memorializing Mrs. LeRoy Addison Cunningham and Miss Mabel Garriss, and one honoring the members of the WSCS Page Memorial Methodist Church.

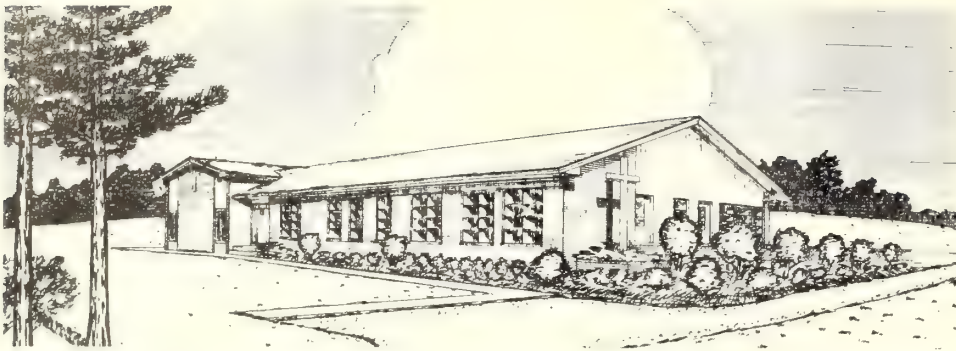
### Raleigh District Elects New Officers

Mrs. P. C. Perdue of Louisburg was elected president of the Raleigh District Woman's Society of Christian Service at its annual meeting held at the Fairmount Methodist Church, Raleigh, April 21. Mrs. Perdue succeeds Mrs. D. H. Sutton of Raleigh.

Other new officers-elect are Mrs. John W. Crawford, Raleigh, vice-president; Mrs. W. H. Moss, Jr., Henderson, secretary of missionary education and service; and Mrs. D. H. Sutton, chairman, committee on nominations. Holdover officers include Mrs. C. T. Johnson, Raleigh, secretary of promotion; Mrs. W. M. Bryan, Raleigh,

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An attractive brochure printed in color tells the story of the proposed new Wynnewood Park Church in Raleigh. It shows the plans for the first unit, which is an educational building with fellowship hall and classrooms, to cost an estimated \$47,500. The congregation plans to raise \$16,500 by personal pledges.

The site of the church has been donated by a church family and the Raleigh City Board of Missions, the Ten Dollar Club, plus the aid that is expected from the National Board of Missions is expected to take care of the rest of the needed money.

The congregation, under the leadership of the Rev. Jack Crum, has worshipped in a converted barn for the last four years.

## N. C. Missionaries Featured In Time Magazine

"Time" magazine's Easter issue carries a picture of the Rev. Burr Baughman, of Hendersonville, N. C. He is shown giving a reading lesson to children in Kapit, Sarawak, Borneo. Mr. Baughman is heading up the comprehensive Christian literacy literature program among the Ibans of Sarawak. This picture accompanied an article, "Christian Missionaries from St. Paul to 1960", which was the "cover story" and lead article in "Time" for April 18. The picture section and article covered the work of all types of Christian missionaries, Protestant and Roman Catholic.

The Rev. J. Harry Haines, of Rockville, Maryland, a Methodist, was shown distributing milk to slum children in Kuala Lumpur, Malaya. Mr. Haines spoke to the Western North Carolina Annual Conference on the Board of Missions program five years ago.

## National MYF Commission To Meet August 15-20

The National Methodist Youth Fellowship Commission will hold its annual meeting Aug. 15-20 at Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln. Donald L. Baldwin of Drew University Theological School is president of the commission. "The issues of the day in society and church demand vigorous attention to the Christian imperatives," said Baldwin and the Rev. Joseph W. Bell, director of the Board of Education's youth department, in a joint statement announcing the meeting. Bell is staff adviser of the national commission.

## Increased Budget Voted By Louisburg College Trustees

Increases totaling \$31,600 for additional faculty, increases in faculty salaries and installation of a pension plan for the faculty were adopted by the Board of Trustees of Louisburg College at the spring meeting held recently on the campus. These increases will bring the operating budget for next year upward of \$500,000.

In the meeting presided over by Dr. James E. Hillman of Raleigh, president of the Board, the group also voted to continue negotiations for the erection of a men's dormitory and the renovation in 1961 of the W. R. Mills High School property which has been purchased recently. The Board also voted to increase maximum enrollment for 1960-61 term up to 500, providing housing for students can be found.

Dean John B. York presented a long range program on behalf of the faculty which included recommendations for an enrollment of 600 and additional facilities including a library building, faculty apartment building, addition to the girls' dormitory and other facilities.

The Board, in addition, elected returning faculty members and also elected new faculty members including Avery Dennis, Raleigh, to teach chemistry and mathematics; Gunter Sommer, Durham, to teach Bible; Meade Nehrig, Philadelphia, Pa., to teach history; and Mrs. John Pernell, Louisburg, to teach in the Business Department.

The Board also elected the Rev. W. N. McDonald to be co-ordinator of student activities; S. Allen de Hart as director of testing and guidance; and Robert Stanley to be business manager, all of whom have served as members of the faculty for

several years. Roland Home was named assistant to the president.

Officers of the Board re-elected include Dr. Hillman, president; Dr. Edgar B. Fisher of Burlington, vice-president; A. E. Henderson, Franklinton, secretary; Mrs. Genevieve Perry, recording secretary.

H. M. Hardy of Warrenton was named as a member of the Board of Trustees. The Board also re-elected Dr. C. W. Robbins as president of the college.

## Women in the News

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treasurer; Mrs. L. R. Harris, Macon, Christian social relations; Mrs. W. P. Cranford, Raleigh, spiritual life; Mrs. Hawley Cobb, Raleigh, student work; Mrs. T. H. House, Manners, youth work; Mrs. J. H. Taylor, Linden, children's work; Mrs. J. Kerr Harris, Macon, supply work; Mrs. Herman Winberry, Louisburg, missionary personnel; Mrs. Roy Wrenn, Raleigh, chairman public relations, and Mrs. W. T. Cline, Raleigh, secretary Wesleyan Service Guild. The Rev. N. W. Grant, host pastor, conducted the installation service.

## Japanese Student Seeks Christian Growth

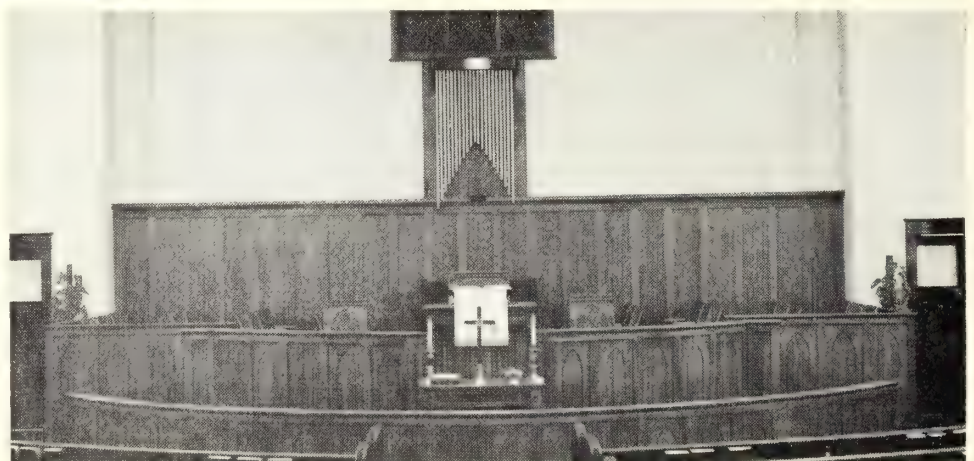
A young Japanese graduate student recently enrolled at East Carolina College, Greenville, and a frequent visitor at the Methodist Student Center, has declared his two-fold reason for coming to America: "First, to further my Christian experience, and second to further my education."

A graduate of Aouama Gakuin University, Tokyo, Hideo Kusama is a recent convert to the Christian faith. He learned of the Wesley Foundation program from David Swain, formerly of Chapel Hill, and now Director of the Wesley Foundation in Tokyo.

Miss Mamie Chandler, Director of the Methodist Student Center has posed the challenging question: "What are we going to give this young Japanese student and others like him in their search for more knowledge and experience of the Christian faith?"

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Keep thyself from the occasions, and God will keep thee from sin.—Portuguese.



The sanctuary of Park Avenue Church, Salisbury, was recently remodeled at a cost of approximately \$8,000. This included enlarging the choir loft, refinishing woodwork and buying new chairs and carpet. New lighting equipment was given by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cook.





Rev. and Mrs. Clyde S. Boggs who will lead the 1960 N. C. Methodist Conference European Youth Caravan this summer from June 6th to August 19th.

The Rev. Mr. Boggs is pastor of First Methodist Church, Clinton, N. C.

## 1960 NC Caravan Plans For European Trip

Members of the European Caravan from the N. C. Conference met in Clinton, April 22-24, for an orientation program. The Rev. and Mrs. Clyde S. Boggs, counselors for the 1960 group, and the Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Stevens of Rockingham, counselors of the 1959 group, were in charge of the program. Also present were former counselors of the last ten years, the executive secretary of the Conference Board of Education, Dr. C. P. Morris, and the Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Page of Fayetteville, who will conduct the 1961 Caravan.

The Methodist European Youth Caravan is a missionary project sponsored by the Board of Missions and the Board of Education of the North Carolina Annual Conference. The caravan seeks to bring its members into direct personal fellowship with the Methodist people in Europe. The caravaners live in the homes of the people, conduct worship services, lead fellowship meetings and work with their hands to improve church buildings and facilities.

Through this personal contact the caravan expects to share in an exchange of Christian witness, to build a bridge of understanding and true friendship between Methodism in America and Europe, to give encouragement and lend a helping hand to churches working under difficult circumstances and continue to share this experience after returning home.

The caravan will travel in England, go from London to Germany and Austria (places of work projects); from there to such places as Italy, Switzerland, France and Holland.

A member of the caravan must be a person of Christian character, with emotional maturity, who has completed at least one year of college, preferably, two. Equivalent business experience may substitute for this.

The caravan will sail from New York on the S. S. Groote Beer, June 6, 1960, and return on the same ship August 19, 1960. The members of the caravan are: Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Boggs of Clinton, N. C.; Miss Nancy Allen of Rockingham, N. C.; a W.C.U.N.C. student; Miss Frances Bell of Beaufort, N. C., a Salem College student; Mr. Hugh Cameron of Roanoke Rapids,

N. C., a High Point College student; Mr. Albert Capehart, Jr., of Richmond, Va., a Pfeiffer College student; Mr. Millard C. Dunn, Jr., of Fayetteville, N. C., a Duke University student; and Miss Grayson Waldrop of Greenville, N. C., a Duke University student. Miss Mary Allen, a W.C.U.N.C. student, from Rockingham, N. C., is alternate caravaner and will go in 1961.

## Redistricting

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may be called from one place instead of another, and general statistics will be reported differently.

As to district parsonages, the charges which go into the new districts where there are not any district parsonages, will bring with them, if they wish to be technical about it, whatever equity they now have in their present district parsonages. Such equity can be worked out upon a proportionate basis, given time, but it should be also worked out rather carefully, and with no desire to embarrass immediately the districts being left. I should hope that the conference itself as a whole may help the new districts get started.

I am assured by the World Service Commission of the conference that it will not be difficult to finance the two new districts, and it is felt that with the stronger supervision which may be given to every local church through this readjustment, the two new district superintendencies will soon make their own strength felt in developing the work entrusted to them.

As it now is, our district superintendents have more than they can properly

look after. Administration grows larger and larger all the time, and bids fair to increase as Methodism continues to grow. A district superintendent with sixty charges is supposed to hold two hundred and forty Quarterly Conferences during the year — four to each charge. The Church allows (and our D.S.'s see) the advantage of cutting down on the mid-year Quarterly Conferences where they can. Nevertheless, with all that, Methodism today as always, looks to each district superintendent to supervise his own district and to supervise it well. The Church has no place in its economy for an inadequately supervised district. We should like to see our present able district superintendents give much more time to the smaller places, and to counselling with ministers, and looking after those causes which are weak. They can do this much better if they have 45 or 50 charges to administer rather than 65 or 70.

We are endeavoring here to outline broadly the plan as we have it, asking that it be carefully considered. Where needed adjustments or good suggestions occur to our people, let these be passed on to the respective district superintendents who in turn will represent them before the Cabinet. As I indicate above, a strong minority may block this plan in any particular locality, and a large enough minority block it from going into effect over the conference as a whole. I hope, however, that such will not happen, and believe that we are planning wisely and well for the future. Ideas, suggestions and opinions will be welcome.

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## Methodism's Ministry for College Students

By DALLAS MALLISON

Serving 13,000 Methodist students in 58 Tar Heel colleges and 34 Schools of Nursing, the Inter-Conference Commission on Student Religious Work thus has one of the very largest ministries in the history of Methodism in North Carolina, the scope, significance, and possibilities of which are little understood by the constituencies of the two sister conferences in this state which support this far-flung program.

"The Inter-Conference Commission on Student Religious Work is concerned with providing an adequate program of student religious activities for all Methodist college students in North Carolina," declared the Rev. Howard Wilkinson, chaplain to Duke University and chairman of the Commission.

This extensive program of college student work is guided by a state-wide executive who is called the State Director of the Methodist Student Movement of North Carolina. He is the Rev. William M. Wells, Jr., who maintains state headquarters in Greensboro. The office of State Director went on a full-time basis for the first time in 1957. The Rev. Mr. Wells succeeded the Rev. J. Robert Regan, Jr.

The Commission is supported and administered jointly by the Western North Carolina Conference and the North Carolina Conference, both of which have equal representation, lay and clerical, on the Commission.

In addition to Chairman Wilkinson, other officers include: the Rev. Troy J. Barrett of Zebulon, vice-chairman; and Dr. C. P. Morris of Durham, secretary-treasurer.

The Commission operates along two broad general lines from the standpoint of organization and administration. The two general divisions or groups of work are the Wesley Foundation units and the Methodist Student Fellowship chapters on individual college campuses. The first group are more or less confined to the public or state-supported institutions and the second group, to private and church-related institutions. Both types of agencies exist for the same purpose, namely, to serve the religious needs of Methodists on college campuses.

At the present time there are MSF groups or WF units on 25 Tar Heel college campuses. In addition the Commis-

sion cooperates in the inter-denominational program being carried on at the remaining colleges in the state.

An extensive program of activities for our Methodist students includes many varied avenues of expression and participation, such as worship, religious instruction, personal guidance and counseling, recreation, dramatic activities, leadership training, and evangelism. One important aspect of the program includes inter-collegiate relations between Methodist students. Cooperative relationships

exist between the MSF groups and the WF units and the local "Y's" and other religious agencies and churches serving the local college campus.

The Commission is operating on a budget of around \$50,000 annually, virtually all of which has been coming from the two conferences and their agencies such as the Woman's Societies of Christian Service. At its Minneapolis meeting in 1956, the General Conference set up a goal of thirty cents per member per year for the support of student religious work. If this goal were reached there would be available each year a total of approximately \$133,500 for this work.

Money is needed to provide adequate facilities especially at the University of North Carolina, Chairman Wilkinson said. The present 1,700 Methodist stu-

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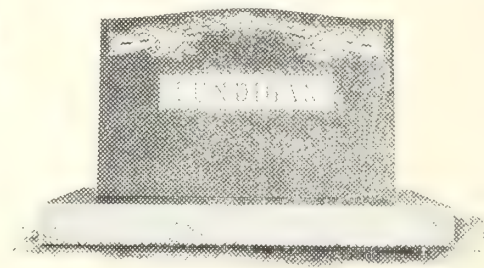


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dents at Chapel Hill are expected to reach the 2,700 mark or even more in ten years. Existing Methodist facilities at the State University campus are outmoded and insufficient to take care of present needs let alone the expected minimum 1,000 increase in students. Other denominations, particularly the Baptists, Presbyterians, and Episcopalians, have already constructed or are planning to construct modern religious centers at Chapel Hill.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the North Carolina Conference (SeJ) has given a great boost to the campus Christian ministry by constructing the new Methodist Student Center at East Carolina College at Greenville. The present program will reach still other institutions.

During the remainder of the present Quadrennium (1956-60), we look forward to a new vigor that is arising in our student religious program," asserted Chairman Wilkinson, who is a youthful minister of unusual vigor himself. "We fervently hope that all of the pressing needs that are envisioned are met as we find more and more people becoming interested in Christian higher education. Our accredited Wesley Foundations greatly need more financial help. Local staffs must be enlarged to take care of the increasing Methodist student population."

"New centers must be built and adequately staffed and equipped at Chapel Hill, Boone, and Cullowhee if we are to keep pace with increasing enrollments and with what other denominations are doing," the minister declared.

"There is a great need for part-time staff leadership at Guilford, Atlantic Christian, Elon, Catawba, and Lenoir-Rhyne," he said. "Some financial assistance needs to be provided for several of the smaller colleges. Our centers at Duke, Wake Forest, North Carolina State, and East Carolina Colleges must be completely finished and equipped."

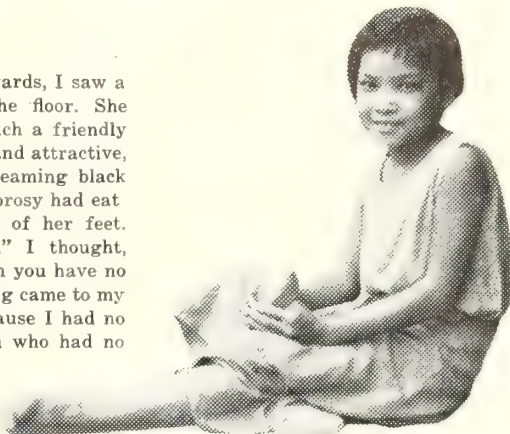
"The increasing interest that is being evidenced toward our state programs of student religious work because of the Quadrennial Emphasis upon Christian higher education greatly encourages all of us who are engaged in this field of work," the Rev. Mr. Wilkinson commented. "Our college officials look with favor upon what The Methodist Church is attempting to do to give pastoral and educational services to our students. They ask only that we provide more of the same types of services so that we might reach many more of our Methodist students enrolled or who will soon enroll in the colleges in this state."

## Pin

Passing through the wards, I saw a little girl sitting on the floor. She looked up at me with such a friendly smile. She was so sweet and attractive, I stopped to pat her gleaming black hair. Then I saw that leprosy had eaten her toes and a part of her feet. "Poor little brave girl," I thought, "how can you smile when you have no feet?" Then the old saying came to my mind, "I complained because I had no shoes until I saw a man who had no feet!" Pin (just Pin—she has no surname) is a little orphan girl, around 9 or 10, in faraway Thailand. She has never been to school but is intelligent and very winsome.

Leprosy is not hereditary but is contagious. A healthy child left with leprosy parents is certain to contract the disease. CCF helps to remove such children to school colonies and keeps them safe from leprosy's horrors. To let them remain with infected parents is like leaving children to play in a river infested with crocodiles. Yet many remain for the lack of funds to save them. CCF helps children like Pin, too, who are leprosy. She needs to have her legs amputated, her disease arrested and then, later, with artificial limbs she will be able to stand up again.

CCF also assists blind, deaf, crippled, retarded and tubercular children. But the greater number of the children are orphans, refugee or "cast off" children—normal except for their hunger, homelessness and neglect. There are children who need help because they have never eaten a full meal, never worn anything but rags. Some of them have never even been in a house. There are children who sleep on the streets and search refuse cans



—for whom a spoiled banana is a treat! In India, parents within the past two months have sold their children for as little as seventeen cents, hoping the purchaser would feed them when they could not. Children like these can be cared for in a CCF home. The cost is the same in all countries listed below—\$10.00 a month.

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# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## Marcia's Gift to Mother

After breakfast the day before Mother's Day, Marcia hugged her mother tightly.

"I love you, Mother," she whispered, as she kissed her. "I wish I had a really nice present to give you, but I don't have one, so I'll help you with your work all day. I'm big enough to do a lot of things."

"That will be fine, dear," Mother told her gratefully. "You know Aunt Mae and Uncle Jim are coming today, so I shall be very glad for your help."

Marcia knew just what had to be done without being told. First she washed the breakfast dishes.

When Mother began to prepare dinner, Marcia ran to find the very best company tablecloth. She was very careful not to rumple any of the linens in the closet, and when the right tablecloth was found, she carried it to the dining room. There she smoothed it on the table just as she had seen Mother do so many times before.

"My, what a wonderful help you are!" Mother said.

"I'll get out the best company silver, and will be very careful with your good china, too," Marcia promised as she began to set the table.

First of all she carried the bowl of roses to the dining room and set it in the center of the table. Then she placed knives, forks, spoons, plates and glasses just where they belonged.

It took a long time to do it just right, but Marcia knew it must be done slowly and carefully. When the table was finished it looked lovely. Then it was almost time for dinner, so Marcia got out the vegetable dishes for Mother, and the meat platter, and carried the bread in for her, and filled the salt and pepper shakers.

"Oh, here they come!" cried Marcia when she saw Aunt May and Uncle Jim drive up to the house.

"I never knew dinner could taste so good!" Marcia smiled as they ate the meal.

"That's because you helped to make

it enjoyable for others," said Mother as she smiled at her little daughter. "It tastes better to me, too, because you helped to get things ready."

"Then every day will be happier for you, Mother," promised Marcia, "Because every day I will help you just as I have today."

And Mother smiled at her again as she said "Thank you, my dear, for the dearest Mother's Day gift of all."

—*Sunshine for Little People*

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Be sure to add a spoonful each of gaiety that sings,  
And also the ability to laugh at little things.  
Moisten with the sudden tears of heartfelt sympathy.  
Bake in a good-natured pan, and serve repeatedly.*

—MRS. MILES A. McLEAN

## THE ORIGIN OF MOTHER'S DAY

In 1908, Miss Anna Jarvis, of Philadelphia, observed the first "Mother's Day" in memory of her own mother. Believing that others shared her feelings, she began a nation-wide movement to have the day observed. She struck a responsive cord in nearly every heart. Little by little the idea grew. The Congress of the United States set apart the day by a formal act, and the President recommended its observance in America.

It is now not only a national day, but is observed in many other parts of the world. Country after country has joined in observing the second Sunday in May each year as a day in honor of mothers.

## IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS

One day in Colorado a great stalwart tree fell. It was nearly 800 years old,

and was a mere sapling when Columbus landed at San Salvador.

It had been struck by lightning fourteen times, and had braved the storms of almost five centuries. It had defied earthquakes and hurricanes. It had laughed in scorn at the winter's blast and the snows's blizzards.

But in the end, tiny beetles killed it. They bored under the bark, dug into its heart, ate away its strong fibre, and finally—down came this mighty king of the forest!

Let's be watchful to keep "the little things" from boring into our characters and ruining our lives.—*Selected*

## MORE TRUTH THAN HUMOR

Father was not blest with the nicest disposition in the world, and rather often he was fussy and disagreeable. In the morning the toast was too brown, or the coffee was not hot enough, or something else was wrong as he prepared to hurry off to his day's work. And sometimes when he came home in the evening there was a scolding for Johnny, or a grouchy remark for Mother.

One morning when it seemed that nothing had pleased him, Johnny was unusually sober and quite depressed. After a while, when Father had gone to work, he looked seriously at his mother, and said:

"Mother, we surely made a mistake when we married Father—didn't we?"  
—*Clipped*

## Thought for the Week

A real friend is one who helps us to think our best thoughts, do our noblest deeds, and be our finest selves.

## Bible Alphabet

(Continued)

1. K..... (Ruler of a country)
2. L..... (One of the gospels)
3. M..... (Moses' sister)
4. N..... (He built a big boat)
5. O..... (Ruth's sister-in-law.)

## Answers for Last Week's Alphabet

1. Faith
2. Grapes
3. Hannah
4. Isaac
5. Joshua



# International Sunday School Lesson

FOR MAY 8, 1960

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH  
Head, Department of Religious Education, Greensboro College

## WORKING FOR PEACE

**Background Scripture:** Matthew 5:19, 21-26, 38-48

**Lesson Scripture:** Matthew 5:19, 21-22, 38-48

If we aren't successful in preserving peace, then nothing else we do matters very much; for, if we have war, little of importance will remain. This is the warning that comes to us from religious, military and political leaders, from prominent business men, from our artists, dramatists and novelists, and from the general public. All of us, by our way of life, are helping to push the world in the direction of war or of peace. "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God" said Jesus. Take a second look at the preceding sentence. It doesn't say "peace-wishers" but *peacemakers*. It assumes that peace can be created. It implies effort. We are capable of great effort in time of war. It seems to take a dramatized crisis to arouse us. Edwin Markham wrote:

God, what a world, if men in street and mart  
Felt that same kinship of the human heart  
That makes them, in the face of fire and flood,  
Rise to the meaning of true brotherhood!

But how is peace to be made? The Bible teaches that peace is the fruit of righteousness. If then, we wish to work for peace, we must work for the things that make for peace, not war.

Jesus, in the passages from the Sermon on the Mount selected for our study, deals with a number of things that make for peace. In verses 21-22 we have another example of "the principle of inwardness" to which we referred in the last lesson. According to this teaching, the old law is not enough. It is not enough merely to have a law against killing. Murder arises out of anger, therefore, to prevent murder anger must be controlled. Controlling anger, we shall refrain from insulting others. When we refrain from insulting others, peace prevails between us and them.

In verses 38-42 there is another suggestion for increasing good will; that is, do not insist upon revenge. In the Bible we have four levels of development in the teaching about revenge. First, there is *unlimited revenge*, as seen in Genesis 4:23-24. Here Lamech vows he will inflict revenge to the extent of seventy fold upon those who have wounded him. The doctrine of *limited revenge* is seen in Leviticus 24:19 where we read: "eye for eye, tooth for tooth." We move next to the third step which is *limited forgiveness*, as seen in the general belief that one should forgive up to seven times. For an example of this, see Matthew 18:21, where Peter seems to assume that seven times is sufficient. In the very next verse Jesus said: "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven." This evidently does not mean 490 times, but *unlimited forgiveness*.

In verse 43, which exhorts us to love our enemies, we have perhaps the hardest of all the sayings of Jesus. Is this possible? And upon what is it based? Jesus (see verse 45) gives the answer. It is simply: "That you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven." We are to love our enemies, then, because to do so is the natural thing for those who claim God as their heavenly Father. The kind of love that is being spoken about here is, of course, not the intimate love we share in the family. It is, rather, an attitude of active good will. It is to desire the highest good, even for our enemies. To feel this way (and to *act* this way) is, to that extent, to be "sons of our Father who is in heaven."

Verse 48, where the members of the Kingdom are urged to be "perfect" has caused considerable questioning, too. Some scholars suggest that the meaning of "perfect" in this verse is practically the same as that in Deuteronomy 18:13 which reads: "You must be absolutely true to the Lord your God" (American Translation). This, of course, is impossible in our own strength. But we don't have to go in our own strength alone. Throughout these teachings of the Sermon on the Mount, idealistic as they are, there is the assumption that the Father is present. If the Holy Spirit is not there to lend us aid and comfort, then the Sermon on the Mount is not "good news," but "bad news." As has been said "we can't flog ourselves into heaven."

## Book Review

**LIFE BEYOND THE SUNSET**, by B. C. Buell (Christian Book League. \$1)

What is it like on the other side? That question will probably never be answered fully in this world, but here is a remarkable little book which purports to be the explanations dictated by a deceased young man to his father. The young man, who died in 1939, is said to have communicated with Mr. Buell by means of automatic writing. (This is the mysterious action whereby one receives ideas seemingly from outside his own consciousness and communicates them while in a trance-like condition. The book consists of descriptions of life after death and explanations of some puzzling features of most of our theories about heaven.

Written at the dictation of his son who is now in the spirit world, the three chapters provide much food for thought and open up some new fields for speculation. Whether or not you accept this as a genuine message from another world, you will not find the teaching unorthodox or contrary to the Bible. For instance, the writer's description of hell depicts it as a place of torment, a torment which is the product of evil thoughts and an evil life.

Heaven, says the writer is what we want it to be, whatever we pictured it. Naturally it follows that some enjoy a literal translation of their dreams in a city of gold-paved streets. Others find heaven in a little cottage, and still others can't quite make up their minds for a time.

One of the most challenging thoughts in the book is the treatment of evil and its consequences. The young man who is supposed to be reporting on the after life says, "The conditions here are not as pleasant as they could be if there were not the constants stream of souls arriving who are not prepared in any way for this life. It is not so much the unprepared souls as it is the souls who have lived evil lives and have no seeming knowledge of God or a better life nor any inborn desire to become better."

Here is another quotation which appeals to me: "In your churches where the teaching certainly should start, death is seldom mentioned except during a funeral service and then, in too many cases, it is not met squarely in its true sense . . . Undue grief on the part of the family and even friends, if continued, forms a tie, a holdback, if you please, on the soul of the departed." I believe that no one will be hurt and many helped by reading this book. Whether or not you accept it as genuine revelation, or as Mr. Buell's own thoughts on the matter, it is worth thinking about. —R. P. M.

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And even when they tease,  
But in spite of my affection  
The fact must be revealed,  
Mother's music has lost perfection  
Which formerly came with ease;  
The saboteur is baby with those fingers  
on the keys.

Yet mother loves those errant fingers;  
They can wander where they please  
When mother is at her music  
Or baby is on her knees.  
For of all the old masters' melodies  
That might grace our mother's skill,  
Her greatest triumph in ecstasies,  
E'er felt on land or seas,  
Are the yet unfinished symphonies of those  
fingers on the keys.

# Unfinished Symphonies

by O. L. EASTER





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The Robert A. Taft Memorial Carillon stands near the national capitol in Washington, D. C. This unusual view was photographed in early spring.





# LETTERS

## "Renewed Life"

Dear Editor:

Please keep the good devotional materials and editorials in the *ADVOCATE*. They are what has brought renewed life to the paper and we appreciate it.

We are sorry that you are leaving the paper, but thank God that there are men who still prefer to be pastors. Our love and good wishes go with you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. J. M. ATKINSON JR. and family  
Garysburg, N. C.

## An Appreciative Subscriber

Dear Editor:

Enclosed is a check for \$3 to renew my subscription to the *Christian Advocate*.

I want to thank you and your helpers for the wonderful church paper which you have been publishing. I like it as it has been. I really appreciate the helpful Sunday School Lessons, devotionals and editorials, since I am a Sunday School teacher of young adults . . .

Sincerely,

AMY WOMBLE

Sanford, N. C.

## Another Good Friend

Dear Editor:

We look forward to receiving the *Advocate* each week and usually read it from cover to cover. The editorials and inspirational articles are especially good, and "In Passing" is always a treat.

We regret that Dr. Marshall is leaving, but hope that some capable editor will be found to carry on the good work, and that we will continue to have the *N. C. Christian Advocate* in much the same form.

Sincerely,

REBA H. LEFKO

Misenheimer, N. C.

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## NEWS NOTES

THE REV. AND MRS. JAMES E. MCNEELY, JR., and children of King, N. C., wish to announce the arrival of their new daughter and sister, Susanna Rice McNeely, age three-and-a-half, who was adopted on Friday, April 15.

THE REV. PAUL A. BRUTON, pastor of Pleasant Garden Church, Greensboro, assisted the Rev. T. G. Madison in a revival meeting during the week of May 1-7 at Carraway Memorial Church, Greensboro. Mrs. R. P. Marshall was in charge of the music.

MRS. P. L. SHORE, 70, wife of the Rev. P. L. Shore, retired member of the WNC Conference, died May 3. The funeral was held in Mount Pleasant Church, Greensboro. The Rev. Joe Ervin, pastor, and Dr. Charles Bowles of West Market St. Church, officiated, and burial was in the Mount Pleasant Church cemetery.

THE REV. FBANK CULBRETH retired member of the NC Conference, died May 4 at Fayetteville, after a long illness. He was

81. Funeral services were held at Salem Church, Fayetteville, May 5. Mr. Culbreth was born in Cumberland County, attended school in that county and at Donaldson Military Academy and Raeford Military Academy, and was graduated from Trinity College in 1907. He retired in 1940 after thirty years of service.

## Summer At Lake Junaluska

### Senior Citizens

Methodist "senior citizens" will meet here June 19-22 for the first older adult conference of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church. Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, Washington, D. C., secretary of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, is expected to be the opening speaker for the meeting. Theme of the four-day conference will be "Facing the Future with Faith." The Rev. Hawley Lynn, Rock Hill, S. C., director of the conference, gave this purpose for the meeting: "To provide guidance for people of mature years for healthful, happy, useful living, and to provide guidance for persons in local churches who are responsible for planning and administering the program for older adults."

### Leadership School

A leadership school for Methodist church school workers of the southeastern states will be held here August 1-12.

The two-week school is for conference staff members, district and subdistrict directors of children's work, youth work, general church school work, and adult work, and counselors, district superintendents, pastors, directors of Christian education, teachers, leadership education instructors, and others.

### Church School Administrators

Got a church school problem that needs solving? Then bring your troubles to Lake Junaluska August 12-14 for the southeastern Methodist church school administrators' conference. That's the invitation issued to church school superintendents, chairmen of commissions on education, membership cultivation superintendents church school secretaries, pastors, and directors of Christian education.

### Annual Campmeeting

The annual Candler camp meeting and Methodist Southeastern Jurisdiction conference on evangelism will be held at Lake Junaluska, August 14-21. The camp meeting preachers will be the Rev. Dr. Roy L. Smith, La Jolla, Calif., retired former editor of *The Christian Advocate*; the Rev. Dr. R. Edwin Kimbrough, Birmingham, Ala., superintendent of the Birmingham Methodist District; and the Rev. Dr. James L. Roberston, pastor of Clarendon Methodist, Arlington, Va. Workshops on evangelism will be conducted.

## Subscription Report

Two churches have qualified for Club Plan rate since our last report. These are Newland-Grace, Nathan Byrd, pastor, and Piney Grove on the Haywood charge, G. L. Lovette, pastor. Bellemont on Mt. Hermon charge, M. W. Warren, pastor, qualified for the Honor Roll.

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# Report from General Conference

By WILSON O. WELDON

Denver, Colorado. — Monday, May 2 — After the first five days of the 1960 General Conference, it is apparent that the discussion of the Study Report on the Jurisdictional System has involved much time and has elicited wide diversity of opinions. Early voting had brought decision to retain Jurisdictions, including Central Jurisdiction, but the Jurisdictional Conferences will meet prior to General Conference.

"The Methodists are one people," but there are extensive differences on the subject of race. So far there is no basic change in the official structure of our denomination. However, many see a trend towards more co-operation among the races and a larger emphasis upon the ideal of non-segregation.

The opening night witnessed the reading of the Bishops' Message by Bishop Wililam C. Martin of Dallas, Texas. It touched upon many facets of the church program, but does not in itself reflect the official action of the General Conference.

Projected emphasis for the new quadrennium 1960-1964 will be "Jesus Christ Is Lord," following approval of the report from the Coordinating Council. This will cover worship, evangelism, education, social relations, missions, and stewardship, and will be directed by the Council of Bishops.

A budget of 15 million dollars per year for world service was adopted, which is an average of \$1.53 per member, an increase of 22 cents per member. For the N. C. Conference it will amount to \$214,667.00, or \$1.13 per capita apportionment, and in the Western N. C. Conference it will be \$367,157.00, or \$1.44 per capita.

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon preached in one of the afternoon worship services in Trinity Methodist Church. Bishop Paul N. Garber, chairman of the General Commission on Christian Higher Education, will present the report on the notable achievements during the last four years.

In the committee organizations Dr. Lee F. Tuttle of Winston-Salem is chairman of *Publishing Interests*; Dr. W. L. Clegg of Raleigh is vice-chairman of *Judicial Administration*; Dr. Mack B. Stokes of Emory University is chairman of the committee on *Ministry*. Dr. Charles D. White, secretary of Western N. C. Conference, and the Rev. W. C. Wilson, secretary of the N. C. Conference, and are both assistant secretaries of the General Conference.

Hundreds of visitors from the South and from other sections and from other lands witness the daily transactions. Sunday was a day at rest, relaxation and worship. Delegates preached through-

out this mountain area and others visited scenic sites. Dr. George Buttrick, dean of the Harvard University chapel, preached the conference sermon Monday night, using the topic, "We Preach Christ Crucified."

More than 2,000 memorials remain to be reported on by the committees and voted upon by the delegates.

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# EDITORIALS

## The Matter is Closed

Monday, March 2, marked the end of debate on the jurisdictional controversy in the 1960 General Conference, held in Denver, Colo. By a vote of 723 to 57, the Conference accepted a constitutional amendment which would link the regional jurisdictions more closely to the quadrennial General Conference and would leave steps for racial integration on a voluntary basis.

This was what might be called a "wrap-up" vote on matters which had already been decided in point-by-point discussion of the plan presented by the Committee of Seventy.

Before the end of debate, Chester Smith, a layman from New York State, who has attended every General Conference since 1912, rose to propose that general church funds be cut off from Duke University Divinity School until that institution accepts Negro ministerial students. He was seconded by Truman L. Dodson of Washington, who expressed impatience with the slowness of integration in church schools. But the Rev. John B. Nicholson of Pensacola warned that such an action as proposed by Mr. Smith would open the way to reprisals on the part of some Southern laymen who might seek to cut off funds from the church. The proposal was defeated by a vote estimated to have been about 800 to 20.

That action reflected the prevailing mood of compromise and offers hope for the future of the church. It is probable that most of the opposition to liberalization of rules with regard to race stems from a feeling on the part of Southerners in the church that the majority is bent upon forcing the issue. As we suggested in a previous editorial, the Northern delegates have proved that they are willing to concede that the South is honest in its desire to improve conditions and to go along with a gradual approach.

One remark by the Pensacola pastor is significant. He said, "Don't pull the rug out from under the white ministers of the South who are trying their dead-level best to bring our area to a Christian understanding of this problem. You don't know what we are going through down there."

## UNENDING GLORY

*Glory of Mountain,*

*Glory of Plain,*

*Glory of Fountain,*

*Glory of Main,*

*Glory of Tree,*

*Glory of Sod,*

*Everywhere see*

*Glory of GOD!*

— SNEED OGBURN



## But There Are Other Things to Be Done

Newspaper reporters at the General Conference came to see and describe a first-class dog-fight, and some of them left as soon as the jurisdictional controversy was over. They heard the fireworks but didn't stay for the mopping-up detail.

There are other matters to be considered in the closing days of the Conference, and, as we write this, the delegates have settled down to the business of planning a four-year program, which has come to be considered absolutely necessary to Methodist progress. No longer, it seems, can we expect Methodist pastors to devote themselves wholeheartedly to the work of the ministry; they must be prodded into feverish activity with a Four Year Plan.

Whatever happens in the next few days, we may be sure that there will be some new study commissions appointed, some new directors selected, and thousands of dollars ear-marked for promotional material which will lie unread on the pastors' tables.

Perhaps it is the only way we can operate in such a hectic world. Certainly no special emphasis which will be held up during the next four years is lacking in merit. Certainly we must do more in evangelism; we must plan for co-operation; we must fight sin on every front. But, as we have asked before, could we not be left for one quadrennium to work out our own plans to suit our own parishes? No, we suppose not.

We have come a long way from the time when Wesley could sit down with his preachers and confine the business

of a conference to a consideration of religious matters and personal experience of salvation. We do not ask, "Have you been regular in your practice of private prayer? Have you been diligent to train the children in doctrine and the Christian life?" We have no time for that. We must enquire if the community survey has been made, the financial canvass completed, and the debt raised.

All these things we should do, but we should not leave the rest undone.

POSTSCRIPT: Since writing the above, we have received the full text of the Quadrennial Program as adopted by the General Conference. We congratulate the members of the Commission on a splendid job. The new Four-year Plan is really new. It is not a pressure program, but a co-operative effort, to be carried out in the spirit of old-time Methodism, which will attempt to put before the Church the needs, and secure the full participation of ministers and laymen in what will be a voluntary program of advancement in Christian living.

You are urged to read the report of this important legislation on page eight.

## Presbyterians Favor Integration in Seminaries

At the time when the Methodists were being asked to force racial integration in seminaries, Presbyterians, meeting in their General Assembly at Jacksonville, Fla., adopted a committee report which went on record as favoring such integration. This report said, in part:

"Our mission work is severely handicapped in Africa and elsewhere by our inability to educate native leaders in white Presbyterian U. S. colleges, whereas scholarships are provided for them behind the iron curtain."

Methodists can see the point in those words, and it is probable that, were it not for pressure put upon them by extremists on both sides, the seminaries, of our church, at least, would have long ago allowed the entrance of colored students. Even in the South there are few who would be so radical as to say that there is any harm in white and colored preachers attending the same school. Why should we be afraid of such a thing? The answer is that we are not afraid of such a state of affairs; we are only afraid of losing some support from wealthy men whose prejudices have blinded them to national and religious needs.



## "Let's Measure"

By A. L. FISHER

Some weeks ago during our evening meal I had a sobering experience. We had just finished and were sitting around the table talking. Our older son had eaten an especially large meal, so large that we commented on how much he had eaten. This apparently put ideas of growth into his head because he slid from his stool, came over to my chair and said, "C'mon Daddy, let's measure." Of course, I then stood back to back with my son and measured.

But, long after he had forgotten about the measuring, I was still thinking about it. We had measured physical size. My son had a goal ahead of him, that goal being to "measure up" to his father in size. I began to wonder about other things. How well was I "measuring up" as a parent? How well was I doing in my leadership? Was I the kind of example that would give him something by which to measure his life?

And even as I thought about these things, something else came into my mind. Whether I gave him the right kind of life by which to measure his, he would use mine anyway. I suddenly realized that I was the example for his life. He would become more like me with each passing day. This would mean that he become like me in temperament. If I was short-tempered, or if I had an even disposition, so would he. He would be what I am regarding honesty, profanity, politics, and, yes, most of all, religion. (How many of you will be satisfied if your children have the same religious devotion that you have, support the church just as you do, practice the teachings of the church just as you do?)

It is true that my son may possibly change in some of these areas when he becomes an adult, and I am thankful for this. I hope that he will overcome some of my weaknesses, prejudices, and doubts; but by large, he will be a carbon copy of his father. And that is me!

Yes, all of us as parents, have assumed a great responsibility in bringing children into the world. They are looking to us as the measuring scale by which they build their lives. What kind of person are you building in your child?

## The Return Current

By W. E. ISENHOUR

There is a return current in life. "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt

## THE DAY WHEN THE WORLD IS FREE

Sometimes, in the hush of the evening,  
When the day has gone to rest,  
And the birds are stilled, the world grows calm  
As a babe at its mother's breast.  
We sit by the fire and dream of the men  
That we would like to be,  
When the wars are done, the peace is won,  
And the peoples again are free.  
These dreams are bright as the morning sun,  
So full of the hope of peace,  
When every man can rejoice again,  
As the noise of the battles cease.  
Then the little peoples of the earth  
Can again walk unafraid,  
And the world can live, and God can give  
His Grace to the life He made.  
We think of mistakes, of errors made,  
Of races badly run,  
As we sit by the fire in the calm of the hour,  
Watching the setting sun.  
We ask for forgiveness for all our faults,  
Pledging that no more will we  
Be selfish, and cold and cruel to men  
In that day when the world is free.

—MRS. L. K. BENEDICT

find it after many days." (Eccl. 11:1). What we give to others—either good or bad—returns to us, sooner or later. If we do a bad deed, it comes back, or its equivalent, in hours or days or years ahead. Sometimes it may return with double force. If the very identical deed does not come back to us, something else will that may reveal to us our evil sin. We reap what we sow. God's holy Word declares it.

I remember many years ago a preacher who owed me a little debt for books, which was just and honest. I wrote him that if he couldn't pay for the books to please return them. He didn't do either, but later wrote me a very ugly letter. To this I made no reply, but left the matter with him and God. A few years passed by when he was brought up in Conference for misconduct. The Bishop reprimanded him in open Conference and he was sent away without a pastorate, and without recommendation for any kind of ministerial work. He never regained recognition in the Conference and dwindled out, so far as I know. At least I haven't heard of him in years. The return current brought back to him a let-down, unpleasantness, and a reputation that was remorseful.

Multitudes of people cast upon life's current that which is evil, sinful and

very wicked, to find that it comes back later on. It may mean a wrecked life, or a loss in health, or business, or a wretched home, or a loss of the soul, unless deeply and thoroughly repented of. Evil cast upon the waters never pays. In hurting and wounding others, one hurts and wounds himself more in the outcome.

Then casting upon the waters of life that which is good—that which pleases God—is blessed. It returns to make us happy; to uplift us in heart and soul; to bless us, perhaps, with health and strength; to refresh us when we may be weary and worn in after years, maybe when we are old and feeble. Casting upon the waters of life that which is good will return to us peace and sunshine, joy and comfort. Doing good to our fellow-men obeying and serving God, makes life worth while. Giving a loaf of blessing today to those in need may come back on the return current many times doubled. A little prayer today for the salvation of a soul, or for the benefit and uplift of a pilgrim struggling heavenward, may mean the salvation of many souls in after years, and we shall share in the wonderful reward.

Be careful what you cast upon life's current. It may circle a long, long way around, maybe sometimes taking years for it to return, but it will come back. Therefore it pays to be godly, to love everybody, to be kind and accommodating, to lend a helping hand to mankind, to win precious souls and to have the approval of God upon our lives, our time, our deeds and our influence. Amen, and praise the Lord forever.

## CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

There is a reality about religion; we find it in Christian worship. The simplicity of it all—committing one's self to moral and spiritual values, and being reassured that whatever happens, you are still morally solvent and you can go about your tasks unafraid and undismayed. Christian worship is the place where God comes with his ministry. He forgives our guilt; He quiets our hard breathing; He heals our brokenness; He pulls our hearts together by His peace. I want you to think of true worship as the place where we find courage and steadfastness. We need something to give us the capacity to hold on. In the words of the great hymn.

"Make me a captive, Lord,  
And then I shall be free."

—H. L. T.





*Andrews Chapel on the Salemburg Circuit*

## Historic Church Adds Educational Unit

Historic Andrew's Chapel Methodist Church, near Roseboro, Sampson County, has taken steps to increase its religious influence to its members and to the rich agricultural community in which it is situated, by building new Sunday School rooms at a cost of \$10,000.

On December 21, 1959, several men of the church with the pastor secured enough bricks and concrete blocks to get construction going on December 30th. The building committee called for donated labor from members and friends of the church, for there was no money to hire labor. At that time there were only \$528 in the building fund. The work was begun on faith, and all through January, February, and March the construction went forward without letup. The congregation, with the help of friends, has held suppers to raise much of the money used in buying building materials.

Andrew's Chapel has been a one-room church 112 years. About 40 years ago the people began talking about the need of additional classrooms for the Sunday School. But these ideas never quite materialized until a few of the men and women of the church decided to venture out on faith.

The new church school addition consists of four classrooms, with one room opening up for a larger room to be used for the MYF meetings. There are two restrooms, furnace room, storage room, and a hall with two entrances to the sanctuary. The construction work has been under the leadership of Bennett Gilchrist, chairman of the building committee. The congregation will receive donations from the North Carolina Methodist Conference Board of Missions and the Duke Endowment, which will be used to finish the plumbing and heating and paying off the debt incurred in building.

Andrew's Chapel, built in 1847-48, is the second building to house the Methodist congregation of this community. In 1816 a church called Parker's Meeting House was erected for the Methodist families in the neighborhood—and before that, going back as far as 1785 or thereabouts, services were held in the home of John Parker, and after his death at the home of his son, Thomas. Bishop Frances Asbury visited the fledgling church group around 1790, and preached at the Parker House, from a skeleton-type pulpit built especially for that occasion. A replica of this pulpit was present-

ed to the Roseboro Methodist Church several years ago by Burke Hall who first joined the church at Andrew's Chapel as a boy. He is a direct descendant of the Parker family. Brother Hall is now in his 80th year of age.

The Salemburg Charge is under the leadership of the Rev. William O. Connor, pastor since July 1, 1958.

## H. G. Allen Writes From Mombasa, East Africa

Dr. H. G. Allen, retired but extremely active member of the WNC Conference, has written the *ADVOCATE* from Mombasa, East Africa, telling of the progress of the tour which is taking him and Mrs. Allen into many countries in a cruise around South America and Africa.

Due to friction over the refusal of New York dock workers to unload ships from Arab ports, the Arabs have forbidden the tour ship, *S. S. Brazil*, to dock at any port, and, as a result the itinerary has been changed and the party will visit Cyprus, Naples and some Mediterranean islands.

At the time of writing, April 28, the Allens had just returned from a five-and-a-half day tour of central South Africa where Dr. Allen took many photographs which he expects to use in lectures on our mission work in that country.

"I hope," says Dr. Allen, "that some trigger-happy Arab will not start shooting

just as we pass through the Suez canal. If that should take place, I believe I would feel safer ploughing Old Beck on Jay's Ranch over in Catawba County."

## Camping Demonstration at Kerr Lake, May 13-15

A demonstration of Family Camping will be held at Camp Kerr Lake May 13-15, sponsored by the Board of Education of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church. The purpose of the demonstration is twofold: to show how families may camp with minimum expense and maximum comfort, and to gain information about the usability of Camp Kerr Lake for larger scale family camping.

Visitors are invited to drive to the Camp on Saturday or Sunday to see and talk with the camping families. A sign indicates the road on which to turn off U. S. 158 west of Middleburg. Swimming and boating will be available, with a lifeguard on duty Saturday, May 14.

Families who plan to participate in the demonstration are: Mr. and Mrs. Brigham Morgan and family, of Southern Pines; Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Johnson and Joe, of Graham; Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Amick and Gordon, of Burlington; Rev. and Mrs. Harold Minor and family of Durham.

## Family Has Perfect Attendance Record

Mr. and Mrs. Wynn Ross and daughters, Eloise, Barbara, Patsy and Diane, of Pleasant Garden, Greensboro District, have a record of perfect attendance which is outstanding, according to Pastor Paul A. Bruton, who reports that their combined totals of perfect attendance represent over a half century.

"Not only do they attend regularly, but they are active in all church activities," says Mr. Bruton. "The daughter, Eloise, is church organist and the wife, husband and Barbara are members of the choir."

Mr. Ross has not missed a Sunday School session in 32 years. Barbara and Eloise have perfect attendance for 7 years, Mrs. Ross and Diane, five years.



*St. Paul's Methodist Church, located on Trail Two, Grove Park, Burlington, announces the opening of a new parsonage, recently completed at a cost of \$14,500 furnished.*

*The new parsonage, located adjacent to the Church on Trail Two, is an eight-room ranch-style house. The front vestibule opens into a large living room with colonial fireplace. An archway leads into the dining room which is between a very livable sun room and the kitchen. The kitchen is finished in knotty pine cabinets and panelling with built-in oven and surface units. There are three large bedrooms and a den or study which opens into the front vestibule. Two baths serve the house: a full bath at the end of the hall and a half bath with shower off the master bedroom. The house is equipped with a large carport.*

*The new parsonage was constructed under the leadership of a building committee headed by Hubert M. Terrell. Other members of the Building Committee are Ralph Miller, C. B. Nance, Ivan Hinshaw, O. D. Gibbs, A. V. Amick, C. L. Welborn, T. L. Amick, Lala Stafford, John Patterson, Watus Fuquay, Bill Fogleman, Joe Shoaf, Grady Long, George Winfrey, Henry Brewer. The Rev. R. H. Stark is pastor of the church.*



## Wesleyan College Contracts Four More Buildings

**Rocky Mount, N. C.**—Contracts in excess of \$1,300,000 have just been signed for the construction of four new buildings on the campus of North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, according to President Thomas A. Collins.

Bids were accepted from T. A. Loving and Company of Goldsboro as general contractor for the cafeteria-student union building, a dormitory for men and a dormitory for women. Construction is to begin immediately with the buildings completed for occupancy in September 1961 in time for the second school year of the new Methodist College.

L. W. Hill of Tarboro, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, stated that the Board was well pleased with the bids. "These were closer to estimates than any previous contracts awarded by the College. We shall open school this September (1960) to a freshman class of resident and non-resident students, but these buildings will enable our growing College to serve an expanding circle of students from eastern Carolina."

Other contracts were signed with Embree-Reid of Charlotte for plumbing, Albemarle Heating & Plumbing of Albemarle for heating and air conditioning and Dick's Electrical of Wilson for electrical work.

The fourth contract authorized S. S. Toler and Son of Rocky Mount to begin construction of a home on the campus for President Thomas A. Collins.

The dormitories will be of brick construction, three stories in height, and will house approximately 140 students each. Designed by Lashmit, James, Brown and Pollock, a Winston-Salem firm, they will follow the eastern Carolina colonial theme of the campus now under construction.

The combination Cafeteria-Student Union building will have a cafeteria capable of serving up to 1000 students with private dining rooms for faculty or student meetings. The Student Union will offer a coffee lounge, post office, book store, plus student lounges and offices for student activities.

Mr. W. Jasper Smith, Comptroller, announced plans for the completion of the first phase of construction this summer so Wesleyan may begin this fall with the Administration, Classroom and Science buildings.

The president announced applications were being received regularly from candidates for admission to the Freshman Class this fall. He anticipates an enrollment of 125-150 freshmen and announces there are still vacancies for those who desire to be a part of the adventure in higher education.

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☞ **HOMECOMING** and Memorial Day services will be held at Tabernacle Methodist Church on the Liberty road, Greensboro, on May 15. Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, superintendent of the Winston-Salem District, will be the guest speaker at 11 a.m. Dinner on the grounds will follow. James Armstrong Jr., is the pastor.



*On Sunday, May 15, the Rev. M. C. Dunn, superintendent of the Fayetteville District, will dedicate the new Concord Church building. All former pastors and friends are invited to attend.*

*Concord is one of the historic churches of the NC Conference, dating back to 1787 when it began as a Methodist "Society" which met in a building four miles west of Norman. Organized in 1816, its first pastor was the Rev. Henry Ledbetter. This is the third building to be erected for this congregation. The first was built of logs, the second, in 1866, was made of frame construction. This burned in 1884 and the third structure was built of frame and endured to form the basis of the present new church. Renovated in 1957 with the addition of a Sunday School building, the indebtedness was paid in 1959.*

*One of the interesting features of the old church was an "upping block" which stood near the side of the church for the convenience of lady parishioners who needed help in mounting their horses. It is in the form of a slender rock with the imprint of a shoe upon it.*

*The Rev. James W. Hamilton is the pastor.*

## U. N. Official and Liberian Bishop to Speak at Bennett

**Greensboro, N. C.**—A United Nations official and a bishop of the Methodist Church are listed to give the principal addresses as Bennett College observes its eighty-seventh commencement May 29-30.

Bishop Prince A. Taylor, Jr., head of the Monrovia Area of the Methodist Church in Liberia, West Africa, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, May 29, at 4 p.m. in Pfeiffer Chapel. The commencement address will be delivered by Dr. Frank P. Graham of New York City, United Nations representative for India and Pakistan, at the ceremonies to be held on Monday, May 30, at 10 a.m. in Pfeiffer Chapel at which time degrees will be conferred upon a class of 68 graduates.

Dr. Graham will be remembered by many as the president of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he served with distinction from 1930-1949. He had been a teacher there from 1914 to 1913. From 1949-1950, Dr. Graham was United State Senator from North Carolina and later served as Defense Manpower Administrator in the United States Department of Labor. He was appointed to his present post in 1951.

Bishop Taylor, who holds a doctorate in education from New York University, has received honorary degrees from a number of colleges. He was at one time a member of the Bennett College faculty, later serving as professor in the Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia. From 1948-1956, he served as editor of the *Central Christian Advocate* and was elected to the bishopric in 1956. In 1958 he was decorated by the president of Liberia and admitted to the order of Great Band Star of Africa for distinguished service to that West African Republic.

President Willa B. Player, who will preside at both exercises, will confer degrees upon members of the class. ☛

## The Millionth Volume of The Interpreter's Bible

is now on its way to some fortunate recipient, reports the publishers—Abingdon Press of New York and Nashville.

Bound with this copy is an award certificate stating: "This is the millionth volume of the Interpreter's Bible. . ." which entitles the purchaser-user to 1) \$100 in cash; 2) a de luxe bound set of THE INTERPRETER'S BIBLE; 3) a replacement copy for the one-millionth volume (the publishers want it for the Abingdon library); and 4) when published, the forthcoming 4-volume work, THE INTERPRETER'S DICTIONARY OF THE BIBLE.

Buyers of THE INTERPRETER'S BIBLE are urged to be on the alert for the award certification, to complete the special form which accompanies it, and to mail it promptly to the publishers at 201 Eighth Avenue, South, Nashville 3, Tennessee.

## Pfeiffer Delays Summer School Opening

**Misenseimer, N. C.** (6, 1960) Registrar Kenneth D. Holshouser of Pfeiffer College announced today that the first session of summer school has been delayed to accommodate the late closing of public schools made necessary because of the snow during the winter. Mr. Holshouser announced that registration will be conducted June 6 & 7 and classes will begin on June 8 instead of the earlier date previously announced. Mr. Holshouser further indicated that courses may be added for credit as late as June 10.



# General Conference News

(Gleaned from the *Daily Advocate*)

## Ten Bishops to Retire At Jurisdictional Meetings

The General Conference paused Monday noon during its deliberations to pay honor to ten bishops of the Methodist Church who will retire within the next few weeks at the meetings of the Jurisdictional Conferences.

Addressing the bishops as they stood on the platform, Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, president of the Council of Bishops, expressed the gratitude of the church to the ten men who have served their church as ministers and bishops.

"We do not know how we will get along without you," he said, and added that "they have our affectionate wishes for the years ahead and our hope that we will have their counsel and judgment for many years to come."

Eight of the retiring bishops were present. They were: J. W. E. Bowen, Atlanta; Willis J. King, New Orleans; W. Earl Ledden, Syracuse; Arthur I. Moore, Atlanta; Frederick B. Newell, New York; H. Clifford Northcott, Madison, Wis.; and A. Frank Smith, Houston, Texas.

Bishops Moore and Smith have each served in the episcopacy thirty years.

Bishops William G. Watkins of Louisville and Bishop Dana Dawson of Topeka, Kans., were absent because of illness.

## Somebody Prayed

Special prayer vigils were held in 87 Methodist churches in 14 states during the sessions of the General Conference, according to the Rev. Leslie J. Ross, director of the Prayer Life Movement.

These churches were sent special information as to the issues before the Conference so that those who were participating would be able to pray for the guidance of the delegates on these matters.

## Parlin Presents Report on Church Union

Charles Parlin of New York, lay delegate, presented the report of the Commission on Church Union to the General Conference on Friday of the first week and proposed the adoption of the report

which calls for continuation of efforts to negotiate with other denominations regarding union. He proposed, for the committee, that the Commission be made a regular four-year commission, instead of being re-established every quadrennium. Also proposed was that the Methodist World Council be recognized as one of the denominational agencies of the Church; that the Commission on Church Union be instructed in the course of its work during the next quadrennium to continue conversations with the Protestant Episcopal Church concerning mutual recognition of ministries and inter-communion and that the Commission be instructed in the course of its work to attempt to work out a plan of organic union with the Evangelical United Brethren Church for presentation to the next General Conference.

The report was adopted.

During the discussion, Chester A. Smith of New York, voiced objection to the inclusion of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the negotiations but, according to the *Daily Advocate's* report, persisted in calling the Protestant Episcopal Church the "Methodist Protestant Church." He explained that he was opposed to any idea of uniting with that denomination for fear of causing Methodists to lose interest in temperance.

Bishop Frederick B. Newell introduced the representative of the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Rt. Rev. Robert Gibson, who heads the Episcopal commission on union. Bishop Gibson thanked Mr. Smith for introducing an element of criticism into the otherwise peaceful session and added that Mr. Smith need not fear any rapid steps toward union of the two denominations, as, after four years, little progress has been made.

Bishop Gibson reminded the delegates that their original leaders were raised up in the Church of England and that their founder, John Wesley, was a priest in that church, from which both the Episcopalians and Methodists had their origin.

Also introduced to the Conference was Bishop Reuben H. Mueller of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, who told of negotiations regarding the union of his denomination and The Methodist Church and spoke of the interest evidenced by the joint commission meet-

ings. "It is my impression," he said, "that, if the union of the two denominations depended on the Commissioners, it would not take long to effect it."

Bishop Mueller recalled the incidents surrounding the formation of his denomination and told how it started as a part of the Methodist movement among German-speaking immigrants to this country. He quoted Bishop Asbury who in vetoing the proposed merger of the two groups, said, "twenty-five years from now there will be no German used in North America and we have no money or men to be invested in that kind of a program." As a result of that rebuff, he said, the German Methodists went ahead with their own organization and modeled their church organization on that of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He reminded the Conference that when Asbury was ordained he insisted that Dr. Phillip Otterbein, leader of the United Brethren movement, participate in the ceremony.

## Blackard Introduces New Four-Year Plan

Dr. Embree H. Blackard, pastor of Central Methodist Church, Asheville, presented the new Quadrennial Plan for the Co-ordinating Council which provides for a concerted effort to lift up "Jesus Christ as Lord." He explained that the proposed program differed from other programs in that it did not propose specific goals but sought to lift up "certain major emphases which are essential, if the Church is to fulfill its appointed task."

The program calls for (1) deeper commitment to Christ, (2) greater effort in seeking recruits for the ministry and mission fields, (3) emphasis upon Christian family life, and (4) proposes that the regular and established agencies be used to carry out these objectives.

Speaking to the proposal, C. Wesley Lewis of Wyoming Conference, said, "In my judgment, this is a layman's program. I believe that the laymen of our church, now ready for the deepening of their own spiritual lives with the outreach proposed in the outline of this program, will look back at the end of four years, grateful that they entered into this program."

Bishop Richard C. Raines called attention to the fact that, while we have won more than 2,400,000 members since Union, it is true also that in 1920 twenty-three per cent of the total population was Christian and now the percentage

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# The Incredible Weapon . . .

"The incredible weapon" was a phrase used by Moscow radio in reporting Mr. Krushchev's speech to the Supreme Soviet in Moscow recently. The Premier described this latest development as "fantastic," apparently intending to reconcile the Russian people to his proposed cut in military personnel and, at the same time, to warn potential enemies that the power of the new weapon was almost beyond belief.

In reply some spokesmen have hinted at experiments which are being conducted in the laboratories of East and West, which might lead to the production of destructive forces — lethal germs and paralyzing gases — which would make the H-bomb seem almost innocuous. The mutual ending of H-bomb tests, desirable as it is, would not be a guarantee of anything like a permanent and enduring peace.

Even a temporary respite is obviously worthwhile, and may be the product of fear, but one must admit, however reluctantly, that it can only be an uncertain truce. Men cannot reach their highest potential while they are continually forced to increase their capacity to destroy possible aggressors. Nothing but the coming of a new spirit in the conduct of human affairs can give mankind the "incredible" peace for which he longs. In the wise words of Evelyn Underhill: "If this world is to be saved it can only be by the intrusion of another world into it — a world of higher truth and greater reality than that which is now submerged by the overwhelming disharmonies and sufferings of the present time."

Is there nothing which can end the hideous arms race and give man an atmosphere in which he can reshape the world in which his children can grow into a "loftier race" at peace with God and their neighbors? Whatever the details of Christian "action" may mean to individuals and groups, there is surely one major characteristic which should be accepted without question. Martin Luther, in his Table Talk, said: "Prayer . . . is a goodly Christian *weapon*." Its power is "fantastic," far beyond the power of bombs or lethal germs or brain-washing!

Does the whole Church really believe in the positive effects of prayer? If not — and we do not wonder that the world does not find perfunctory practice convincing — then we are disloyal to all we profess and artificial in our declared allegiance to our Lord.

Is not this a moment in history when the world should see the Holy Catholic Church on its knees? The Gospel tells us of peace on earth "among men of good will." The cynic points to the many trouble spots, and to the trouble makers in many lands, and, as he does so, sneers at what

seems a ridiculous phrase. This is no time for academic argument but for a realistic and sincere profession of our faith. It is the time for the whole Church to make it plain that prayer is the supreme "weapon" and that he who prays has at his command the "fantastic" resources of Omnipotence.

We often assert, almost casually, that "prayer changes things." Do we pray without ceasing because we believe that this is really true? Conferences and committees may be of value, but the peace that will endure will only come when a new spirit comes to the nations as they turn toward God. Mr. Krushchev has said: "The cardinal question, the hub of international life, is the peaceful co-existence of all States, regardless of their way of life or their political or public systems." But that word co-existence is so loosely used. It may mean we should merely tolerate one another, without any sharing of privilege, knowledge, or physical resources, still less of spiritual experience. It may imply that we shall not provoke hostility lest we endanger our own safety. The "good neighbour" means so much more than that in the teaching of Christ. It means that we *co-operate* with our neighbour in trying to understand Man's high destiny and to try *together* to realize it. Prayer does change things — and people. It might change Mr. Krushchev, and it might change us. It might transform the outlook of East and West, so that each became trustworthy. It might change the Church so that we prayed not because we were afraid but because we had faith in God to bring the world to its senses, and to lead men to a happy issue out of their present distress.

This is neither vague nor sentimental. It is the only way, but it *is* the way, and history confirms it. The men and women of prayer have wrought mighty and "incredible" changes through the centuries. Catherine of Siena, a peasant girl, changed the ecclesiastical system of her time. Florence Nightingale reshaped the hospitals of the world. Livingstone touched the heart of Africa, and others of like devotion, not least Albert Schweitzer, have done much to bring the "dark" continent to the dawn of a new day.

Can we hope, by our prayers, to transform man's outlook? Here is the word of one of the most authoritative historians of today, Professor Butterfield: "We reach a stage higher in human consciousness, and we improve our relations with the universe, if we conceive ourselves not as sovereign makers of history but as born to *co-operate* with Providence. To do that we must learn how to co-operate with our neighbour, and one human spirit may, by its prayer and love, change another." Who can say what the consequence might be if the whole world saw the whole Church on its knees?

(Reprint of an editorial from the *Methodist Recorder*, London)



# Sunday Night Belongs to the Church



The people of Highland Methodist Church, Raleigh, N. C., have rediscovered Sunday night. They delight in it, and have returned it to the Church, where it originally belonged. The conventional Sunday evening service had just about played out as it has in many churches. In rediscovering Sunday night they have discovered the family, for in reality it is family night with all members of the family in it together.

Many other churches in our conference have used the Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship in one form or another from time to time. We are glad to share this story of how one of our churches solved the Sunday evening dilemma, in the hope that it will inspire other churches to go and do likewise. Guidance and program materials are available for those who would like to start a Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship. We invite those who are using this program to write their story and send it to us with one or more good pictures for publication in the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.



*Highland Church at supper during the Sunday Evening Fellowship. The cost of the meal is \$.35 per person or a maximum of \$1.50 per family.*

"The Sunday Evening Fellowship plan of the Methodist Church was followed with adaptations. The publicity was started, teaching material ordered, and a staff appointed. We have a class for every age group. The material from Sourcebook is used in the children's division, and thus far the adult division has studied Methodism from its origin in England.

"The schedule for the evening begins promptly at 6:00 p.m. with supper provided by the church. We charge thirty-five cents per person or a maximum of one dollar and a half for family. The church supplements the cost of each dinner by five dollars. Through the wise management of our kitchen staff we have been able to serve those attending adequate meals while staying within the money available.

"Supper lasts from 6:00 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. Because of our limited facilities we are not able to have the altogether program, but go immediately from supper to the different divisions where the evening programs are presented. We close promptly at 7:30.

"The first night of our Sunday Evening Fellowship our Commission on Education prepared for one hundred. With this number prepared for, they thought they would have a surplus of food. One hundred thirty-five attended. The next week they prepared for one hundred and thirty-five, but one hundred eighty-five came. Since that beginning there has been an average of one hundred fifty present each night.

"The Sunday Evening Fellowship has been one of our most successful programs at Highland. Our people seem anxious for the type of fellowship provided at this time. It is the only time when our people are just content to sit around and talk and enjoy each other. And strange as it may seem, we are finding that we are beginning to know each other and become closer Christian friends because we have discovered each other at the church on Sunday Night."



*The Methodist Youth Fellowship participates in the Sunday Evening Fellowship. Here we see the Seniors in their regular meeting.*



*This is a session of the Adult Class at the Sunday Evening Fellowship at Highland Methodist Church in Raleigh. At the time of the picture the class was being taught by Mrs. H. Y. Jennings on the women in the life of John Wesley.*

The story of Highland Church as told by the pastor, Rev. Albert L. Fisher, follows:

"A group of ministers were talking about their work and the problems associated with that work. Among the topics discussed was the Sunday Night Service. Some of the ministers were having services, some of them were not. One man said, 'Well, I still have worship service on Sunday night, but it is rather nondescript.' He then went on to say, 'I am convinced that we have lost the Sunday Night Service.'

"This need not be the case. At Highland Methodist Church in Raleigh we have discovered Sunday night. It has come as quite a shock to some of us, but people will come to the church at night on the Sabbath. It is true that we are not having the traditional preaching service. Rather, we have a Sunday Evening Fellowship. It works! We started the series with fear and trembling for like so many we were pessimists.

"Our program began as a dream a few people had who wanted a Sunday night service at the church. The program was discussed by our Commission on Education. They liked the idea. It offered a partial solution to a problem that they were facing. The Commission on Education was troubled with the impossible task that they had of trying to give the children and young people of the church a picture of the Christian life in forty-five minutes on Sunday morning that would be sufficient to meet the challenge of the world. It cannot be done. Sunday night presented another opportunity for training. With this as the goal our plans were formulated.



# Swiss Methodism

By HERMAN O. SCHAAD\*

In 1856 Dr. Ludwig S. Jacoby, the first minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church on the European continent, heard that many German and German-speaking Swiss people lived at Lausanne without sufficient spiritual care. He sent there Ernst Mann, a devoted young man, and soon the first Methodist services in German language were held in this French-speaking town of West Switzerland. In the same year Hermann zur Jakobs-mühlen was sent to Zürich and Winterthur. Especially at Zürich he soon found large congregations. Hundreds of people gathered to hear the proclamation of the Gospel.

Today the Methodist Church in Switzerland counts 12,000 adult members. The Annual Conference has 90 ministers on its roll. It sends its delegates to the Central and Southern Europe Central Conference (Geneva Area) and of course to the General Conference. It is by far the strongest of all the Annual Conferences of the Geneva area placed under the splendid leadership of Bishop Dr. Ferdinand Sigg.

The Switzerland Annual Conference was first organized in 1886 and has now 64 pastoral charges, one of them being in France (Strasbourg, Alsace) and one in Austria (Bregenz, Vorarlberg). It is divided into two districts and has 280 preaching places. Financially, it is self supporting. As a section of world-wide Methodism it is vividly interested in the affairs and in the forthcoming of its church organization. Sometimes we think we must remind our friends that our church not only includes the very strong and fine American Methodist Church, but that for its organization it has to keep in mind the many areas outside the States.

From the beginning Zürich has been the center of Swiss Methodism. There we find six churches, the largest number of Methodist pastoral charges in a single Swiss town. A large publishing house, the *Christliche Vereinsbuchhandlung*, owned by the Annual Conference, provides the church and many other people with good Christian literature. It has its own printing plant, editing, besides books, such church papers as the weekly *Schweizer Evangelist* (Swiss Christian Advocate), a weekly paper for children, a weekly treaty, a monthly missionary paper, and others. In its annual program we find also two calendars, one of them containing daily medi-

tations similar to those in the *Upper Room*.

In Zürich are also located the training center and the hospital of "Bethany," the deaconess motherhouse. These 300 deaconesses are all trained nurses and work mostly in "Bethany"-owned or other hospitals, homes and orphanages. They only get a little pocket-money but are provided for all they need, also and especially in time of sickness and old age. This is not the only social work of Swiss Methodism. It has also an orphan-



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age and two homes for the aged. Two other homes for old people belong to single churches. "Viktoria" at Reuti-Hasliberg is a wonderful and wonderfully situated vacation home with a beautiful youth center.

Nearly all Swiss Methodist ministers are trained at the Theological Seminary at Frankfort o/Main, Germany, which is a common property of the German and Swiss Annual Conferences. One of its six professors is a member of the Switzerland Annual Conference. The seminary has a high standard of training. The course includes four years of study at the end of which the students are received as members on trial of the Annual Conference. It is still the rule that they do not marry before leaving the seminary. This year thirteen Swiss students are at Frankfort, some of them

with the aim to serve as missionaries in foreign fields.

Our Swiss Methodists are mission-minded, especially the women. In our churches there are 130 groups of WSCS with about 2,500 members. Ten missionaries originated from our churches. They work in North Africa, Belgian Congo, India and Sarawak.

As in America the pastoral assignments are made by the bishop, but there is less personal competition for pulpits, since the ministers receive their pay according to a scale established by the Annual Conference. Only a few of them can afford to have an automobile, the other ones making their pastoral calls on motorcycles, motor scooters or bicycles, by bus or street car or just on foot.

The co-operation of the Methodist Church with other Protestant groups is good. They work together in such movements as the Swiss Federation of Free Churches and the Evangelical Alliance. The church is also represented in the Swiss Federation of Protestant Churches (the Swiss branch of the World Council of Churches). Beside the strong and powerful national Protestant Church, into which every Protestant is born and of which every Protestant is supposed to be a member, the Methodist Church is a minority church. But its influence upon the religious life of the country is stronger than the number of its members may suggest.

Swiss Methodists are chiefly from the rank of the middle and lower-classes: artisans, farmers, professional people, shopkeepers, and many of today's prosperous laborers.

Maybe the Swiss preaching would appear old-fashioned to American Methodists. It is strongly backed by Bible text, many of the sermons being just Bible exposition with the aim to lead people to a personal experience. As preachers we think with Paul that we must "concentrate entirely on Jesus Christ himself and the fact of his death upon the cross" (I Corinthians 2:2; Phillip's version). Thus it is our wish to bring to the people what John Wesley himself experienced: the assurance of a full salvation by grace through faith.

\*Minister, Methodist Church, Lucerne, and Secretary of the Switzerland Annual Conference

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If you have been tempted into evil, fly from it. It is not falling into the water, but lying in it, that drowns.—*Author Unknown*.

He that hath promised pardon on our repentance hath not promised to preserve our lives till we repent.—*Quarles*.



# Woman's Society News



## N. C. CONFERENCE

By MARY GARDNER



### Mrs. Newbold Durham District Speaker

Mrs. T. S. Newbold of Rocky Mount told members of the Durham District Woman's Society of Christian Service at their annual meeting at the Oxford Methodist Church that women must keep informed in order to understand the problems of the people of the world.

The N. C. Conference WSCS secretary of status of women and secretary-elect of Christian social relations declared: "people in underdeveloped countries are seeking full rights of citizenship and educational advantages; how they achieve human rights may affect every person in America today."

Also addressing the group was Dr. Ernest Sundaram, a Crusade Scholar from Lucknow, India. Currently engaged in research work in surgery at Duke Hospital, Dr. Sundaram gave an illustrated lecture on Medical Missions in India.

"The contribution of Christian missionaries and the shaping of Indian life in modern times has indeed been very impressive," he said. "They established schools, colleges, hospitals, dispensaries, orphanages and institutions for the maimed and handicapped . . . India will ever be grateful for the service they have rendered." Concerning the future of missions in India, Dr. Sundaram said: "The harvest is plenteous, but workers are few."

Mrs. J. J. Gergen, district secretary of missionary education and service, announced a gift of \$100.00 for Crusade scholarships by the district. Miss Lizzie Gray Chandler, secretary of promotion, reported 76 local societies in the district, and 196 new members.

An adult life membership and certificate were presented to Mrs. Eugene C. Rogers, secretary of children's work.

The Rev. J. D. Young, host pastor, led the opening devotional. Mrs. J. E. Sponenburg, district president, presided.

### Town and Country Work Topic of Program

The N. C. Conference is first among the 16 annual conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction in growth in rural population, thus giving the conference a greater opportunity for service to the rural church. This is the observation of the Rev. Key W. Taylor of Roxboro in a recent address before the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh.

The Rev. Mr. Taylor, chairman of the Commission on Town and Country Work, N. C. Conference, declared: "There are 827 Methodist churches in the N. C. Conference, 565 of which are in population areas of 500 or less. It is important that the

rural churches become alive spiritually and materially.

Several major projects of the Commission on Town and Country Work, according to the Rev. Mr. Taylor, include: Division of church circuits (Making more churches to become one and two-point charges); building many new rural churches; opening closed churches; maintaining a Department of Town and Country Work at Louisville College; and leading in the movement for minimum salary scales.

"The North Carolina Conference is the leading conference in Methodism in new rural churches," the speaker asserted, "but we need to go twice as fast. The N. C. Conference is a progressive conference and the Commission on Town and Country Work is seeking to help the conference in every progressive movement. Definite signs of a great spiritual revival in the future in the N. C. Conference is the most important thing which is happening in the conference today," he concluded.

The Edenton Street Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild have very recently completed a jurisdiction study of the Gospel of Luke, with Dr. Thomas A. Langford, of Duke University, as the teacher.

A number of intangible and several tangible actions presented by the Study and Action Committee have grown out of the study, one of the latter of which was a voluntary love offering totaling \$43.00 sent to the Brooks-Howell Home for Retired Workers at Asheville, N. C.

### Burlington District

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church, Siler City, was hostess to the annual meeting of the Burlington District.

Highlighting the program were an address by Mrs. R. L. Jerome; a meditation by Mrs. Thomas Wilson, district secretary of spiritual life; a progress report by Mrs. Leroy Pickard, district secretary of promotion, and a memorial service by Mrs. Lessie Woolard.

Mrs. George Ratterman is president of the Burlington District; the Rev. Carlos P. Womack is pastor of the host church.

## W. N. C. CONFERENCE

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



### Statesville District Meeting

Dr. B. Rhett Turnipseed, grandfather of the Rev. Lonnie Turnipseed, Methodist missionary, was the main speaker at the meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Statesville District held on April 28 at Broad Street Methodist Church in Mooresville.

Dr. Turnipseed spoke on, "Our Duty to Unbelievers."

A very effective skit, "Without —the

Spirit of Christ—For All of Life," was presented by Mrs. J. E. Dooley, retiring district secretary of promotion, and all the district officers.

The Rev. P. L. Smith, pastor of the host church, presented the opening meditation and Mrs. Lee Safrit, hostess president, gave the welcoming address. Mrs. Jacob B. Golden had charge of "The Time of Remembrance" and Mrs. H. B. Lewis conducted a pledge service. A talk on public relations was made.

During the business session the district voted to assume one-half the support of Miss Jewel Lineberger of Statesville, now serving as a missionary in Liberia. This project will be \$1,500 per year for three years.

The new officers elected at the meeting are Mrs. Daniel Boone, vice-president; Mrs. W. A. Murray, secretary of promotion; and Mrs. Paul Henkel, missionary education and service; subdistrict chairmen, Mrs. Max A. Culp, for No. 1, Mrs. W. T. Tatum No. 3, and Mrs. J. G. Wilhelm of No. 4. Those re-elected for a second term are Mrs. Dudley, recording secretary; Mrs. Holt Sherill, literature and publications; Mrs. S. E. Bruce, youth work; and Mrs. Henry Brown, student work.

Mrs. J. Elwood Carroll presented honorary life memberships to three retiring officers, Mrs. J. E. Dooley, Mrs. H. B. Troutman and Mrs. Goldie Bowen, and seven life memberships to Mrs. J. D. Barnes, Mrs. O. T. Sherill, Mrs. E. E. Kipka, Mrs. Herman Duncan, Mrs. J. H. Kelly, Mrs. Joseph A. Young and Mrs. Howard A. Doyle.

Mrs. W. E. Marlow, district president, was in charge of the day's session. 325 women attended the meeting.

### Gastonia District Meeting

"There's a Light Upon the Mountains," was the theme of the annual meeting of the Gastonia District Woman's Society, held on Thursday, April 21, at the Polkville Methodist Church.

Dr. E. C. Few, superintendent of the district, gave an inspiring message, using as his subject, "He calleth his own sheep by name."

Mrs. Carl King of Salisbury was the main speaker for the day's program. She based her talk on the well-known Methodist hymn, "Jesus, with Thy Church Abide."

Mrs. M. R. Macomson led the pledge service and Mrs. Thad Ford conducted the memorial services. The Rev. G. L. Wilkinson, pastor of the host church, had the dedicatory prayer.

Mrs. John Hoyle, Jr. of Gastonia, a member of the Board of Missions, was in charge of the installation service for the newly elected district officers. These are Mrs. Wyatt Stamey, vice-president; Mrs. P. R. Shrum, missionary education; Mrs. Paul Hendricks, youth work; Mrs. Wesley Styers, literature and publications; and Mrs. Ivey Starnes, chairman of Lincoln subdistrict. Those re-elected for another term are Mrs. Charles Gunter, secretary of promotion; and Mrs. R. M. Maybin, secretary.

Mrs. B. E. Callis, district president, presented life memberships to five outgoing officers in appreciation of their dedicated service during the past eight years. These included Mrs. Edwin Ford, Mrs. Harold



Myrick, Mrs. Cleo Finger, Miss Alma Goode and Mrs. H. C. Little.

### Salisbury District Meeting

Mrs. Carl Judy, missionary to Korea, presented a vital challenge to the women of the Salisbury District at their meeting held on April 27 at Central Methodist Church in Salisbury.

The theme of the day's session, "Let there be light," was featured in the opening devotional message by Mrs. Dale Stentz and was carried through the entire program.

Mrs. F. T. Lisk led the Service of Remembrance, and Mrs. Carl King conducted the installation service for the new officers. These are Mrs. T. Fred Henry, vice-president; Mrs. R. R. Richardson, recording secretary; Mrs. John Jordan of Concord, Christian social relations; Mrs. Edwin Boone, missionary education; Mrs. David Smiley, chairman, committee on nominations; Those re-elected for a second term are Mrs. Everette Murph, secretary of promotion; Mrs. Ray Simpson, Jr., youth work; Mrs. George Moore, literature and publications.

Four outgoing officers were honored by the district. An honorary life membership was presented to Mrs. A. C. Dayvault, a life membership was given to Mrs. W. J. Bullock, and a gift was \$50.00 was made to Pfeiffer College in honor of Mrs. Franklin Shinn and Mrs. John R. Boger.

Two hundred women attended the meeting. Mrs. William J. Clayton, district president, presided at the day's program.

### Two New Societies in Waynesville District

Two new societies have been organized in the Waynesville District in recent weeks, one at Faith Methodist Church in Hazelwood and the other at Clark's Chapel on Route 2, Franklin.

The officers chosen to lead the new Faith society are Mrs. Margaret Pilarski, president; Mrs. W. O. Powell, vice-president; Mrs. Lucille Wright, secretary; and Mrs. Frances Smith, treasurer.

The officers of the Clark's Chapel group are Mrs. Charles R. Keener, president; Mrs. R. L. Ray, Vice-president; and Mrs. Roger Wells, secretary and treasurer.



### GENERAL CONFERENCE

(Continued from page 8)

of church members is sixty-three per cent, and Methodists have not kept up with some other denominations in gaining members, for our percentage of Methodists to total population was then six per cent and remains that today.

He referred to the fact that in 1926 we had approximately 2,600 missionaries. In that year, he said, we gave about the same amount for missions that we gave this year and the money was worth two or three times what it is today.

The report of the committee, as presented by Dr. Blackard, was accepted by the Conference and committed to the Council of Bishops.

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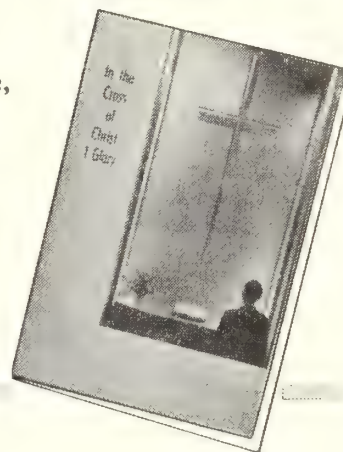
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# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## Spring in Her Heart

A warm spring breeze gently stirred the curtains at the window, and outside the trees were thick with new leaves. The world seemed to be bursting at its seams with so much new life. Spring had again touched the earth with beauty.

Ellen lay quietly in bed and watched the beams of sunlight as they fell across the room. Spring was outside, but not in her heart.

Ellen had a weak heart, caused by rheumatic fever when she was very small, and she had to spend long hours in bed. She required much rest, for she always seemed to be tired. Even on her good days she was not allowed to run and play like other children, but must stop when Mother said, "It's time to rest, Ellen."

She did not mind too much the hours spent in bed, because Mother brought her such good things to eat, and little Jimmy brought his crayons and picture books for her to color. At night, when Daddy came in from work, he always had something for "little Ellen," and sat on the foot of her bed.

He told her of the cucumber patch he had planted that day, of the rows of pole beans he had put in the ground, and of the acre planted in melons and cantaloupes.

Ellen's father was a truck farmer, and in the summer, when she was feeling well, she helped him get the vegetables ready for market.

The little girl was pensive as she thought about how good Mother and Daddy were to her, how kind were her friends at school, and Mrs. Jones, her Sunday school teacher, who often visited with her.

Mrs. Jones had taught her to love God, to know and appreciate his goodness to her. On each of her visits, Mrs. Jones talked with Ellen's mother and father and always invited them both to come to church.

Ellen's mother attended services regularly, but Daddy was curt and would not attend, even with Mother and Jimmy. Ellen knew Daddy was a good man, but he was not a Christian, and she wanted him to know and love God as she did.

This troubled Ellen, and she often talked to God about it. She and Mother

discussed it also, and Mother told her to be patient, and that perhaps time and prayer would show him the way.

But 10-year-old Ellen felt it had been a very long time that she had been asking God to change Daddy. Had He not heard her prayers?

The days and weeks went by. Spring



## GIRLS

By LOUISE C. GOOSMAN

Girls! They do the strangest things!

They're not at all like boys!

They don't enjoy the games we do,

An' choose such sissy toys,

Such as play tea sets, an' buggies.

But the silliest of all's

The one that last forever,

Called "Playin' Paper Dolls."

They've got these paper figures,

(I see no sense in that!)

An' they dress 'em up a million times

In paper dress or hat.

They have a lot of real dolls, too,

An' that don't seem so bad,

But when they break one—my, oh my!

You'd think someone was dead.

Sometimes they go all out for sports—

Jump-ropes and roller skates—

Then think they are great ath-a-letes.

(You know what skill *that* takes!)

An' girls are scared of everything

That runs or crawls or flies.

If you show 'em one wee hoppytoad

They squeal an' close their eyes.

An' if you pull a garter snake

From your pocket jest for fun,

They beller bloody-murder,

An' screamin' home they run.

But I guess that's as good a way

As any that I've found

For gettin' rid of sissy girls

When you don't want 'em around.



was turning into summer, and Mother and Daddy were busy with the vegetables.

As Ellen watched them working, she silently talked with God, telling Him how she would like to be well, how much she loved Him, and would He P-L-E-A-S-E hurry His answer about Daddy.

Sunday morning came, clear and

warm, but Ellen could not attend Sunday school because she felt very tired and had to stay in bed. She closed her eyes and lay quietly, just resting, and perhaps dreaming a little.

The presently, "Elen, dear, would you like to tell Mother and Daddy goodbye? We are leaving for church now." It was Daddy's voice she heard.

The little girl opened her eyes and looked wonderingly at her mother and father, both dressed in their best, and her joy overflowed as happy tears stood in her eyes.

"Oh, Daddy," she cried, "you have brought spring into my heart, and I feel all new inside. I'll be thinking of you and Mommy at church."

As she lay quietly thinking of her new happiness, she said very softly, "Thank you, dear God, for answering my prayer. And I'll never be impatient with You again."



## THE LITTLE CLOUD

A little cloud said to itself one day, "I can't see that there is any use of my living, for I'm so little and useless. I wish I were a bird. I would sing a sweet song and make somebody happy. Or if I were a pretty flower, people would like to look at me."

It was a warm day. No rain had fallen for a long time. The flowers were drooping, the grass brown and dead, and the little brook sad and quiet for want of water.

Soon a great many other little clouds floated along, and presently they all joined together and made one big cloud. The thunder rolled and the rain fell. The flowers raised their heads, the grass grew fresh and green, and the little brook laughed and sang. When the little cloud saw this, it said, "I was wrong. Nothing is too small to be useful."



## BIBLE ALPHABET

(Continued)

1. P..... (Jesus called him "a rock")
2. Q..... (The Israelites ate them in the wilderness)
3. R..... (Joseph's mother)
4. S..... (The strong man)
5. T..... (Number of the Commandments given by God on Mt. Sinai)

### Answers in Last Week's Alphabet

1. King
2. Luke
3. Miriam
4. Noah
5. Orpah

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# International Sunday School Lesson

FOR MAY 15

By RAYMOND A. SMITH

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## A CHRISTIAN INFLUENCES SOCIETY

Background Scripture: Matthew 5:10-16;  
13:31-35

Lesson Scripture: As above

Our lesson for today seems strangely out of harmony with our American ideal of life. Studies have shown that one of the basic desires of people in our country is to be popular. In one study it was revealed that parents would rather their children would be popular than to be good students. No wonder it seems almost impossible for people to understand Jesus when he says: "Blessed (or happy) are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all sorts of evil against you falsely on my account."

The key to an understanding of the above passage lies of course in the last few words "on my account." It is only when we are suffering for a cause which we believe to be of greater value than anything else that we can count ourselves fortunate in sacrificing for it. Jesus knew that when a person endures the insults, and even the physical harm of the persecutor, he is in the best of company—"for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you." It is when the prophets lay bare the evil of their country that their fellow-citizens persecute them. It has been said that the world hates a person who is very bad, and it hates those who are very good. It wants average people. The prophets were not average. They towered above other men both in the goodness of their personal lives and their courage in defending the truth.

"You are the salt of the earth," said Jesus. Salt has always been known as a preservative. Followers of Jesus were to be the saviors of society. They were the ones who were to keep it from rotting. There were many signs in Jesus' day that human relations (especially in great cities) were in a state of decay. How is it with our world? Can you think of ways Christians can prevent the collapse of human social organization? Take the area of citizenship, for example. What are we doing to clean up the public scandals that confront us on every hand? We need Christians, real Christians, in politics as we never needed them before. Or turn to business, or recreation, or the arts—look at all these areas of life and ask yourself how they could be changed if more of the leaders in these areas were Christians!

"You are the light of the world—Let your light shine before men." There are plenty of places where the light needs to be turned on. But it can't be turned on unless we have it. Maybe the first place to begin is with ourselves. If the innermost depths of our souls were lighted up, what would be revealed? Notice the reason for being a light-bearer. It is not for our own glory, but "that men may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven." When we live in the right manner we reflect glory upon the Creator.

The two parables discussed in this lesson have to do with the growth of the Kingdom of God—or, as Matthew prefers, "the Kingdom of Heaven." The figures of the mustard seed and the leaven are used to carry the suggestion that beginnings of the Kingdom are small. Its growth, however, is large. But it is very hard, sometimes, to see any evidence of its growth. We know how true this is. We try to discover evidences of progress in the

Christianization of the world and find it difficult to pinpoint any specific gains. We are often more impressed with evidences of the power of evil. But "the mills of God grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly small." There is comfort in the Psalmist's word: "Evil shall slay the wicked." Evil men are going "against the grain of the Universe" and will ultimately fail. Those who are working with God are sure of victory in the end, because God's purposes cannot fail.

## Book Reviews

**THE ATONEMENTS AND THE SACRAMENTS**, by Robert S. Paul.  
(Abingdon, \$6.50)

It is encouraging to note that theological books are coming from the presses in ever-increasing quantity. In this large and scholarly volume by a professor of Church History at Hartford Theological Seminary we have a comprehensive discussion on the relation of the Atonement to the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. In Part I, Dr. Paul traces the history of Christian thought from the early fathers to the nineteenth century, and, in Part II he discusses the trends and issues in British and American theology. Part III gives his theory of the Sacraments as a potential source of unity in the twentieth century church.

**WITH CHRIST IN THE UPPER ROOM**, by Lynn J. Radcliffe. (Abingdon, \$1.50)

This small volume contains more inspiration and good writing than many books of much larger compass. Dr. Radcliffe, long noted preacher and writer in the Methodist Church, narrates the story of the last day of Christ before the crucifixion.—R. P. M.

**MY HEART AN ALTAR**, by Margaret Hoyt and Eleanor Hoyt Dabney  
(John Knox Press, \$3.50)

Here is another in the never-ending stream of books under the heading of "Resources for Worship." Personally, I have felt that most of these are a waste of paper and ink. This is no exception.—R. P. M.

**RECEIVING GOD'S FULLNESS**, by Wallace D. Chappell. (Abingdon, \$2.)

Another book of sermons, this volume is written in sprightly and colloquial language, with many illustrations. Centered around the theme of commitment to Christ's call, the sermon titles indicate a practical, if superficial, treatment of modern discipleship.—R. P. M.

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## IN PASSING

### *Kneeling Spoils The Toes*

Cecil Northcott, well-known British writer, reports that a London church has conducted a very successful club for teenagers. Meeting every Thursday night for a rock-and-roll dance, the youngsters have become interested in the church services and many attend. But there is one problem, he says, for the young people complain that kneeling for prayers spoils the toes of their dancing shoes.

Those of us who are somewhat out of touch with the times may be inclined to snort that kneeling for prayer ought to do more than that; it ought to spoil their appetite for rock-and-roll!

But we might as well admit that times have changed and customs too.

Considering the fact that this teen-age club is located in the East End of London, where religious influence is almost non-existent among young people, we may withhold our criticism and thank the Lord that the "kids" have discovered even that much about prayer.

Perhaps they may, at length, find out that prayer is more important than dancing pumps, but if they do they will be considerably ahead of most of us.

### *We Have Our Problems Here*

Did you ever notice how easy it is to criticize the other fellow for doing the things that we do?

Just now, everyone seems to have gone lint-picking. I am reminded of the famous cartoon published in the *Saturday Evening Post* during the early Twenties. It came out while the Teapot Dome scandal was at its height and investigators were probing the records of public servants and political hacks. Only those of my readers who are over 50 will be able to remember much about those times. The cartoon, however would be perfectly apropos today.

It showed a cage full of monkeys, little and big, all engaged in picking fleas off one another.

As I read my mail each morning I find letters from bewildered subscribers who ask questions about charges which are being hurled at well known and respected individuals. Some of these charges are completely asinine; others are vicious in extreme. After reading the letters and trying to answer them, I feel like taking a bath, or, better yet, holding a prayer meeting.

If this keeps up we will have no time to run the government, earn a living or raise a family, and the days of the Inquisition will be upon us again.

Jesus had a word to say about such actions. He said, in free translation, "Why do you spend so much time pulling the splinter out of your brother's eye when you have a plank in your own eye?"

As it happens, I am not at all enthusiastic about some of the positions taken by some leading clergymen in our denomination and in others, but I become indignant (righteously, I hope) over the attacks launched upon good men by those

who are motivated by greed and animosity.

An oft-quoted story tells of a very rigid and righteous Methodist preacher who called John Wesley's attention to a gold ring on the hand of a young lady at a dinner party given for the ministers. "What do you think of that?" he asked acidly. And Mr. Wesley smiled and replied, "It is a beautiful hand."

### *A Word to Young Preachers*

If I were to exercise the privilege of the "aging" (that's the popular word now; you are never "aged," you're only aging.") I would give some farewell advice to young preachers—which, of course, they would disregard, as I did.

I would say, first of all, make sure that there is nothing that you would rather do than preach the gospel. If there is, do it if you can. Don't go into the ministry because it offers opportunities or because it sounds interesting or glamorous.

Second, don't expect to have an easy life or to be free from cares. St. Paul had plenty of worries, plus a "thorn in the flesh." What that was, we don't know. Some suggest that it was a wife.

Third, make up your mind that you will serve the Lord wherever you are sent, without grumbling or using a small place only as a stepping-stone.

There are plenty of other items, but those are enough. They may be brought up against me when I get my appointment in June.

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Grace is the beginning of all good; peace, the end of all blessings.—*Thomas Aquinas*.

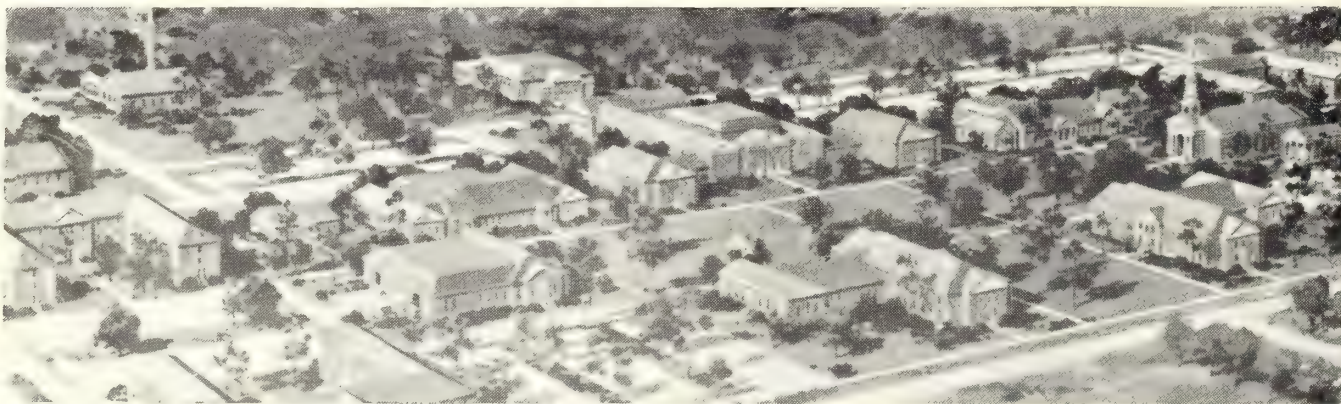
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*A rear view of the Nation's Capitol, Washington, D. C.*

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# LETTERS

## We Need A Full-time Evangelist

The greatest need of the Western North Carolina Conference is for a full-time evangelist—paid by the Conference.

You ask why? Because evangelism is the foundation of Methodism.

We are falling behind in our program of evangelism. We think nothing of spending three million dollars for education, but we say that we cannot afford a full-time evangelist in our Conference.

A good evangelist, selected and recommended by our Board of Evangelism would pay his own way, as far as that is concerned. Look what Harry Denman has done across our Methodist Church. Just think what a full-time evangelist can do in our own Conference.

Evangelize or perish! Some of our churches are perishing because we are depending on everything but the new birth. "Ye must be born again." Notice how many churches we will have in our Conference without a single conversion. The Baptist and Holiness groups are far ahead of us. It hurts me to say it, but we have become a good middle-class church. We have lost the zeal for conversion.

For the past ten years we have heard it said that "this is not the year to put in for a full-time evangelist." Some will be saying that for the next ten years!

I am for education, for I was graduated from two of the best universities in this area, but I am also for a full-time evangelist—someone recommended by the Board of Evangelism to the Cabinet and to the Conference. I do not want the job, but I do want to see this need filled.

ROBERT M. HARDEE

## Carolina Briefs

MISS SUSAN LUTZ of Shelby has been appointed educational assistant at Ardmore Church, Winston-Salem. Miss Lutz will be graduated in June from Greensboro College and will assume her duties at the church on July 1.

THE CONGREGATION of First Church, Elizabeth City, last Sunday heard a full discussion and interpretation of the budget for the coming year by leaders of the Every Member Canvass at the eleven-o'clock hour. Opportunity was given for questions and suggestions.

DR. EXCELLE ROZZELLE will be the guest preacher at the homecoming service at Fairgrove Church, Thomasville, on May 29.

FIRST CHURCH, CANTON, has increased its *Advocate* subscriptions from 12 last year to 23 this year, reports the Rev. Miles A. McLean, pastor, who gives much credit to *Advocate* agent, Mrs. Harley Stiles. This church has organized an "extended session" of the church school which meets each

Sunday evening at 6:15 and is made up of those adults who cannot attend the morning session. The group averages around 16 persons. Taylor Hawkins is the teacher.

THE REV. RALPH JACKS, Fallston pastor, was guest preacher at Central Church, Shelby, on May 8, during the absence of the pastor, the Rev. Dr. James C. Stokes, who was conducting a revival at Mr. Jack's church in Fallston.

THE REV. AND MRS. ROBERT MCKENZIE of Durham announce the birth of a son, George Robert McKenzie, III, born May 3.

HOMECOMING DAY will be observed at Salem Church, Simpson, N. C., on May 29, and all former pastors, members and friends are invited, according to the pastor, the Rev. Alton S. Lancaster. The program includes Sunday School at 10:00, morning worship at 11:00, lunch at 12:30, and an afternoon session of singing and messages from former pastors and visitors. Mr. Ernest J. Tartler from Raleigh will give a recital on the new Hammond organ.

THE REV. AND MRS. M. W. DULIN of Hawkins-Tabor Charge, Rocky Mount District, announce the birth of a daughter, Mary Kay, on May 8.

THE YADKIN COLLEGE HOMECOMING ASSOCIATION will meet, Saturday, May 21, 10:30, at the Methodist Church. Dr. Dennis Cooke, former president of High Point College, will be the speaker.

THE PARSONAGE OF FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, DALLAS, will be dedicated as a part of the homecoming ceremonies on Sunday, May 22, according to the pastor, the Rev. George H. Needham.

## "WORLD OUTLOOK" HONORS BISHOP ARTHUR MOORE

Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta, Ga., has been named "Methodist of the Year" by *World Outlook*, national Methodist magazine of Missions. The Magazine's annual award was presented to Bishop Moore by his son, Arthur, Jr., New York, associate editor of the magazine, at a dinner attended by 300 persons May 3 in Denver. The citation given Bishop Moore praised his "outstanding service to the missionary enterprise of The Methodist Church." He has headed the Board of Missions for 20 years. *World Outlook* has a circulation of about 140,000.

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Men condemn what they do not understand.—*Cicero*.

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## N. C. Conference Issue

The 22nd annual session of the North Carolina Annual Conference will meet in First Church, Rocky Mount, June 27-30. A special conference issue will appear on June 23. Reports on the Conference and the appointments will appear in the issue of July 7. There will be no paper on June 30, due to the annual holiday on July 4.

## Subscription Report

Two churches have qualified for club rate since our last report. They are Providence, Severn; and Zion, Conway. The Rev. Carl K. Wright is the pastor.

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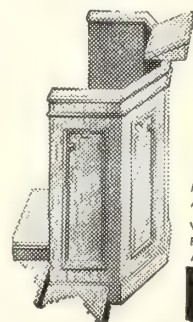
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# A Look At The General Conference

By WILSON O. WELDON

Denver, Colorado—The shoutings, spirited discussions, and many tabulations of votes by the delegates to the 1960 quadrennial General Conference are ended. Varied are the opinions and evaluations placed upon this Conference; only the years will record the abiding wisdom of decisions made.

One fact looms radiantly clear the Methodist have decided they want to maintain their fundamental structure based upon the jurisdictional system. Even those who have shouted loud and long for the removal of the Central Jurisdiction for the Negroes should be convinced now that the majority of the Negroes themselves do not want its abolition. And even those in the Northeast and North Central sections when they had opportunity to vote for its immediate dissolution declined to do so. Many are convinced that the Central Jurisdiction was not, and is not, fundamentally a structure of segregation as much as it is a guarantee of the rights of the Negroes in being represented in the Council of Bishops and upon the General Boards of the Church.

Another result from this General Conference is equally evident. The Methodist Church now, more than ever, realizes that it is a world-wide Church. John Wesley's dictum, "The world is my parish" has gained actual realization by his followers to a greater degree than ever before. This fact involves many complications. The delegates from the Philippines, Rhodesia, Sweden, and other sections of the world have their rights in discussion and their views are merged into the total decisions of the Methodists from across the United States. Thus, this General Conference has by necessity been involved in world-wide viewpoints and the whole issue of race relations, right of minorities, etc., will continue to be in the forefront of the thinking of the Church.

Some of the delegates, joined by several of the bishops, agree that this Conference did not have a high peak of inspiration and spiritual refreshment. Not all Conferences achieve this height. It can be explained upon the fact that analyses of organization and details of legislation were the main features.

Here are some of the other major decisions:

1. Authorized voting by the Annual Conference to increase the size of the

General Conference from 900 to 1400 delegates and to make the delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference also delegates to the General Conference.

2. Limited the residency of the bishops to a maximum of twelve years in any one area, the counting of the years to begin in 1960.

3. Voted study of revision of the Methodist Hymnal by the Commission on Worship, with the recommendations to be received in 1964 and final approval or disapproval to be made at that time. The vote passed by a margin of only 32 votes.

4. Named Pakistan, Southern Rhodesia, Argentina and Formosa as "lands of decision" in which Methodism will make special missionary efforts during the next four years.

5. Called for a fresh study and emphasis upon vital evangelism, and authorized continuing emphasis upon Christian Higher Education.

6. Urged the Pastors "to study and prepare for increasingly adequate marriage and family counselling."

7. Included in the list of duties of a pastor that of "searching out from among his membership and constituency young people for the ministry . . . advising and assisting them when they commit themselves to the ministry."

North Carolinians were active in the leadership of the Conference. Both Bishop Nolan B. Harmon and Bishop Paul N. Garber presided over sessions. Dr. Lemuel Clegg of Hayes Barton Church in Raleigh and Paul Erwin of Charlotte were elected to membership on the Judicial Council, the highest interpretative group in the Church.

Dr. Lee F. Tuttle of Winston-Salem was the only North Carolinian to serve as chairman of one of the legislative committees. He headed the one on Publishing Interests.

Walter Anderson of Raleigh, who is a member of the General Board of Evangelism, was active in framing reports of the Committee on Membership and Evangelism.

Edwin L. Jones of Charlotte guided the recommendations of the General Commission on World Service and Finance. He was chosen to serve on the new 36-member Commission on Inter-Jurisdictional Relationships.

Dr. Embree H. Blackard of Asheville

was re-elected a member of the Coordinating Council.

We are now off on a new quadrennium. After the meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference at Lake Junaluska, July 13-18, we shall have four new bishops and will know where all of the bishops will be stationed. May God's leadership be ours as we go forward!

## Bishop Kennedy Speaks To Church Press

Denver Colo.—(MI)—Bishop Gerald Kennedy of Los Angeles urged the church press here to deal with relevant issues and speak out for the silent people.

The episcopal leader, president of the Methodist Council of Bishops, said there is nothing worse than an innocuous church paper, utterly unrealistic and filled with sentimental tripe.

"Church papers must be more than promotional sheets. They must point out the truth and evil, and where we ought to be heading, and what we ought to be doing. I like a paper where a man speaks his mind. It gives the paper character," Bishop Kennedy said.

Bishop Kennedy addressed about 70 members and guests of the Methodist Press Association at a dinner at the Cosmopolitan Hotel held in connection with the General Conference.

"Learning how to communicate is one of our most important jobs," he said. "It's a career. And the church press comes in at the point of interpreting one section of the church to another.

"But we must not be content with second-rate papers, and second-rate performance.

"Occasionally preachers ought to ask whether anybody is listening. Church papers ought to ask whether anybody is reading. Sometimes we are tempted to prefer popularity to being the servant of the Lord. This we must resist.

"The things that really count ought to get a place of prominence in our papers. Our papers ought to light the dark places in the life of our church, and there are many dark places."

## BISHOP TIPPETT ELECTED HEAD OF CHAPLAINS' WORK

Bishop Donald H. Tippet of San Francisco was elected chairman of the Commission on Chaplains for 1960-64 at its organizational meeting in Denver, Colo., May 3. He succeeds Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington, D. C. The Rev. Dr. John R. McLaughlin was reelected general secretary of the commission, which has its officers in Washington, D. C.



# EDITORIALS

## Lessons From A Royal Wedding

Millions of Americans witnessed the wedding of Princess Margaret and Anthony Armstrong-Jones. We might point out that anyone who would like to know just how a wedding ceremony ought to proceed could take pointers from that scene in Abbey.

Now we do not mean to suggest that anyone else is going to imitate the incredible foofaraw which attended the simple ceremony, both before and after. That part is distinctively British and just as necessary for the well-being of a British soul as tea is for his body. Even an Englishman can pause in the midst of the fantastic spectacle and ask, "Is all this necessary?" But the answer is on the tip of his tongue, "Of course it is, for we love it."

Not only the British love it, but the whole world—and especially Americans, who spent millions to view it on television and, no doubt, will be treated to an even greater spectacle in color at their nearest motion picture theatre.

As we said, we would not imply that every wedding should be complete with a glass carriage drawn by gray horses—although that would be nice. What we do suggest is that all ministers, especially Methodists and Episcopalians, review the actual wedding ceremony before the altar of Westminster and imitate it in its simplicity and good taste. Remember, please, that what you saw on the screen and what you heard was not something special for the Princess; it was a normal wedding ritual, and almost identical with that provided in the Methodist Ritual. (For a good reason, too; they both came from the same source.)

We would call attention to the fact that there were no facetious remarks by the minister, no additions to the printed forms, no fancy steps for the bridesmaids and attendants. Note, too, that this was a religious ceremony and that, therefore, there was no place for secular music. "O promise Me," sung by a wobbly soprano had no place here (and has no place in our churches, either).

And, for the benefit of florists, decorators, and wedding entrepreneurs, we remind them that Westminster Abbey was not transformed into a bosky dell or a flowery bower. The great church added no elaborate decorations to make

## A Prayer For The Sick

*Fold in thy compassion, loving Jesus, those who are smitten with disease. Lay a harling hand upon the wounds of their souls, that inner peace may be their portion. Revive their failing strength and let life conquer death in their suffering bodies, that rejoicing in thy mercy they may serve Thee with grateful hearts all their days upon earth.*

it ready for what the occasion really was—a religious ceremony of the most solemn nature.

Perhaps, someone may reply that not everyone can afford to spend nearly a million dollars on parades and flowers for the streets and therefore ought to be allowed to have a little show in church. But we would answer that our friends the florists need not be cramped too much. If they aren't allowed to build opera sets in the chancel and hide the altar under a sheet, they may be content to earn their money by putting up a truly stunning array of flowers in the vestibule—where it belongs.

## Roman Catholicism: A New Emphasis

Protestants who never read Roman Catholic magazines or listen to Roman Catholic speakers are in for a surprise one of these days, for the new emphasis in that great organization is somewhat different from the one which we thought we understood. It is no longer possible for a thinking Protestant to take his ideas on the subject second-hand or for him to base his opinions on the folk-tales which were widely believed to be true twenty years ago.

One of the signs of the times is found in a new book published by Sheed and Ward, entitled, "American Catholics: A Protestant-Jewish View," which brings together for the benefit of Catholics some very frank opinions by Jews and Protestants. Another straw in the wind is found in an article by a prominent Jesuit priest in Chile, who gives his findings regarding the growing Protestant movement in that country.

Ignacio Vergara, S. J., tells of the astounding increase of Protestants in Chile: "In 1920 the number of Evangelicals in Chile was 54,000, or 1.4 per cent of the population . . . In 1952 the number was 780,000, or around 12 per cent of the population." Father Vergara goes on to prophesy that in 50 years his country will be Evangelical. (The word "evangelical" is used to denote Protestantism in South America.) He points out that there are over 3,200 Evangelical preaching stations in Chile while the Roman Catholic parishes number only 549.

What is the reason for this? The Roman Catholic author gives two reasons for Evangelical achievements. One of these is in the fact that the people find Evangelical pastors willing and eager to help anyone. He quotes one supposedly Roman Catholic as saying, "When I was sick they came and prayed for me." The second reason is that the people yearn for God, and he intimates that the Catholic clergy, either because of their spiritual inability or because of their heavy work-load are unable to bring religion to the people. He quotes again, "I did not know the Gospels, never felt saved until I came in contact with the Evangelicals."

It must not be thought that Father Vergara represents the majority of Roman Catholic priests in Chile; he does not. The official attitude of the Roman Catholic Church there, as in other places, is one of total opposition to Protestantism. (Just as the official attitude of Protestantism in this country is opposed to any compromise with the Roman Church.) But there are, we believe, many Roman Catholic priests and laymen who would agree with this highly respected scholar-priest when he says, "Among intelligent Catholics there exists a high regard for the Protestant point of view." He goes on to say, "We do not consider them heretics, nor do intelligent Protestants consider us idolaters . . . The Lord has sent us to love our enemies. How much more should not all of us who bear the name of Christ love one another."

Certainly Protestants should try to understand the attitude of such men in the Roman Catholic Church and certainly we should put out a hand of fellowship across the barrier which has grown up between us. Maybe that time will some day break down that barrier and again let us be one in love and co-operation, if not in organization.



## The Road To Suppression

Many events in the United States today reflect the trends which led to the downfall of Germany, Russia, Hungary, China and other great cultures. We should take heed before our religious activities are suppressed, our voice of freedom silenced and our liberties taken away from us.

For the past twenty years, there has been a concerted effort to discredit the Christian churches and Christian leaders of America. We need to be aware of the fact that the first and most savagely attacked targets, in nations overcome by dictators, were the churches, then the schools; books were then destroyed in an effort to curb freedom of thought, and one by one human rights were taken away.

We need to be on guard against those who use the methods employed by communist and fascist. Right here in our own beloved state, we have been subjected to smear tactics against our church and educational leaders and what are we doing about it? Have we gone so far down the road that we are afraid to speak? Are our ministers at liberty to preach the vigorous gospel of Jesus Christ? Are church publications free to report all the truth?

An example of how half-truths are used against one of our bishops who spoke at a dinner of the Congress of American-Soviet Friendship. **Omitted from the charge was the fact that the time was Nov. 8, 1942, when the United States was officially allied with the Soviet Union. Also omitted from the charge was the fact that others present at the affair included Owen D. Young, Cordell Hull, Lord Halifax, Edward Stettinius, Christian A. Herter, Senator Kenneth McKellar of Tennessee and others of our distinguished national representatives.**

Many of us remember vividly the Nazi atrocities when Hitler rode roughshod over Russia, and the United States was forced to become an ally of the Soviets in order to stop Hitler. It was during this critical period that our Federal Government asked leading statesmen and churchmen to promote better understanding between the two nations. The efforts soon fell through. Nevertheless, the accusations by the promoters of discord stem from this critical period in our nation's history. The opposition of the Church to communism is so inherent, it should not be necessary to keep reiterating that Christians abhor the atheistic evil.

The groups which keep resurrecting these old charges are opposed to the church's stand on social and moral reforms and refuse to recognize the right of the church to speak out in such matters. They confuse the real issue and create the impressions that churchmen, who follow the example of Jesus in speaking out against political corruption and human oppression, are communist-inspired subversives. Would it not be a travesty indeed, if Christian forces are compelled to keep silent on moral and social issues and leave the field clear to communists to pose as the only true friends of the down-trodden?

It isn't difficult to recognize the difference between the honest critic of the church and educational system, and those who seek to divided and discredit. The honest critic wants to see these things improved and strengthened while the agitator is bent on stirring up strife and confusion. He rarely mentions the good things about the church or the schools. Our prayer is that we may be alert to the trends and act before it is too late.

—Mississippi Methodist

## Methodist Facts

It has been reported rather freely and without foundation that The Methodist Church in the United States has lost 1,624,446 members in the past eight years. We have just examined **The Methodist Fact Book for 1960** and have come up with the following interesting figures.

In 1940, when the three branches of Methodism united, our membership totaled 7,300,187; in 1950, the membership was 8,935,647; in 1959, the number was 9,815,460 which did **not** include the preparatory members numbering 1,536,419 or a total of 11, 351, 879.

The Methodist Church has had a **net** gain of 2,515,283 since unification (not counting preparatory members) and the Southeastern Jurisdiction, alone, numbers more than the entire Methodist Episcopal Church, South did at the time of unification.

Sunday School enrollment had a **net** increase of more than 2,000,000 since unification. Another interesting fact is that 6,337,185 people joined The Methodist Church on **Profession of Faith** during this period.

This growth has taken place, notwithstanding the fact that the rolls were revised by Quarterly Conference action, when 759,909 names were removed. When a person's name is marked off by Quarterly Conference action, it means that person has been lost sight of or is

dead (not marked off at the time of death), or joined another denomination.

During the ten year period between 1949 and 1959, The Methodist Church has received 1,360,298 from other denominations; 276,389 more than we lost to other denominations. (Much of this exchange of membership between denominations is due to the fact that people marry into other denominations.)

If you want a Methodist Fact Book for 1960, see the Publishing House advertisement in this issue. We do not have to accept halftruth and innuendoes, we can know the facts for ourselves.

—Mississippi Methodist

## Pastors Deserve a Little Peace and Quiet at Home

All thoughtful and considerate church members want to help their pastor and staff members in any way they can, we believe. Pastor Lester Lane, soon to retire at Calvary Church in Asheville, in a recent bulletin mentions two practical ways that members can help church staff members.

Quoting from another bulletin, he suggests that folks having something important to say to a pastor or staff member on Sunday ought to write it down and hand it to the individual who should receive it. This gives the staff member something tangible to remind him later rather than his trying to reconstruct a comment hurriedly made at the door when everyone was going home.

Another helpful suggestion Brother Lane passes along is to refrain from calling pastors at home unless it is a matter of urgency. In an emergency, yes, but folks who work at the church should be just as free as possible from the demands of the workaday routine. They have their families and like to be with them for a while without hearing a telephone ring constantly. A pastor told us that he sat down to good evening meal recently. After the first bite, he was called to the telephone. After three consecutive calls, he finally got back to his cold supper at 6:40 p.m. Oh, yes, he had a committee meeting at the church at 7:15.

No church member would knowingly do something like this, but we owe it to our pastor and staff members to be more careful about our unnecessary intrusions into what little privacy they have at home.—*Biblical Recorder*

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God tries us that we may rise, while the devil tempts us that we may fall.

—H. C. Trumbull.



# News From The General Conference

By The EDITOR

During the last few days of the General Conference session at Denver, Col., many items were up for discussion and many others were rushed through without adequate discussion.

The 778 members of the Conference voted to establish a four-year commission to oversee gradual moves toward integration of the races in the worship and the administration of the church. This came after the delegates had adopted the report of the Commission of Seventy which provided for no change in the present jurisdictional setup. The new commission would be expected to seek ways of bringing about the gradual but orderly disintegration of the Central Jurisdiction by absorption into other jurisdictions. This could take place only where such change was desired by the various groups involved.

Expressing concern over the outbreaks of anti-semitism and anti-Catholicism in the U. S. and abroad, it is also noted persecution of Protestants on some parts of the world.

Among the more practical matters of church administration was the vote to increase the number of effective bishops in the church, by which each jurisdiction was allowed at least five bishops, instead of the four now authorized. This could mean the election of eight additional bishops in the U. S.

Hymnal revision was provided for by a measure authorizing the expenditure of \$80,000 for this purpose. Opposition to this was expressed by many delegates and the vote was close.

Resolutions were approved which upheld planned parenthood and the dissemination of birth control information, but denounced capital punishment.

## Two Tar Heels on Judicial Council

Two Carolinians were named to the nine-man Judicial Council, the "supreme court" of the Methodist Church. Dr. W. L. Clegg of Raleigh and Paul R. Ervin of Charlotte will serve eight-year terms. Mr. Ervin, a well-known lawyer, had already served on the Council and was re-elected.

The Judicial Council, which consists of five ministers and four laymen, has final authority on questions arising under the church's laws, constitution, and discipline.

## Divorce Rule Relaxed

The rule that a divorced person may not be remarried by a Methodist min-

ister unless he be judged "the innocent party" was relaxed by the 1960 General Conference, which adopted a broader interpretation. This new rule would call for extensive pre-marital counseling and specifies that a divorced person may be remarried if "sufficiently aware of the factors leading to the failure of the previous marriage" and "is sincerely preparing to make the proposed marriage truly Christian."

(Under the previous rule ministers were often unable to comply with the provisions of the law because of the difficulty of ascertaining just who was "the innocent party." The revised rule does not make such remarriage much easier, but gives a loophole for the sincerely penitent person to try again under the blessing of the Church.)

## Excerpts From The Episcopal Address

*Confused World:* What is happening almost everywhere, is a diminishing recognition of the church as a major customary institution in Western civilization. Can such a church conquer an apathetic and secularized world? This may become the capital question before us all in the not too far distant future.

*Science & Religion:* One need not disparage science and technology in order to denounce the idolatry that rests man's ultimate hope in them. The finally inescapable truth is that at the heart of all the problems that beset us, deeper than our social, economic, political and cultural perplexities, the basic one is religion.

*Council of Churches:* It is through our fellowship in the World Methodist Council, in various National Councils of Churches in many lands, and in World Council of Churches that we can most competently make the distinctive contribution which we believe Methodism owes to the larger church.

*Air Force Manual:* We register vigorous protest against viciously false statements that have been made, and are being made, concerning prominent Protestant churchmen—men of unimpeachable character, patriotism, and loyalty to Christ. We commend the Air Force for the prompt apology to the National Council of Churches for the incredible blunder of allowing some of these slanderous charges to be included in a training manual.

*The Church's Voice:* There are persons who insist that neither the church nor any of its agencies should ever speak on controversial issues in the fields of social, economic or political policy and action. To this it must be said that the whole history and practice of The Methodist Church stands against this interpretation of its role and responsibility in the world.

*The Jurisdictional System:* No solution will be acceptable that disregards the rights of any major segment of the church or which secures those rights at the expense of the church as a whole.

*Race:* Now that the race question has become explosive in every part of the world, our ministry of Christian reconciliation is effectual only as we ourselves are reconciled to God and to each other so that men of every race and nation may see and know that the Methodist people are one with other Christians in the Body of Christ.

*Peace:* We commend the international situation to the thoughtful, prayerful concern of the church and urge that the General Conference take the leadership in mobilizing Christian opinion within our connection in behalf of mutual disarmament, the prohibition of nuclear testing, and the peaceful use of atomic energy.

*Public Schools:* The Methodist Church has long been a firm advocate of free public education. At the same time, we hold firmly to the long-held conviction that the separation of church and state does not require the exclusion of religion as an essential ingredient in learning and life.

*Temperance:* Methodists have taken their stand for total abstinence. Nor do we stand alone. Indeed, there are other bodies of Christians that surpass us in their zeal for sobriety. It is time we matched them.

## REVISED BOOK OF WORSHIP TO BE TRIED IN CHURCHES

A revised Book of Worship was officially received by the General Conference and commended to local churches for experimental use during the next four years. Bishop Edwin E. Voigt of Aberdeen, S. D., heads the Commission on Worship, which made the presentation May 3. The last Book of Worship was issued in 1945. No request will be made for its final adoption until 1964. The trend of the suggested changes is toward more formal worship following patterns set in England by the church's founder, John Wesley, during the 18th century. Provision is also made for a larger use by Methodist churches of the traditional Christian year.

## SAYS CHURCH CARRIES ON IN COMMUNIST EUROPE

The Methodist churches in four eastern European countries under communist control continue to worship, work and witness, reports a European Methodist leader who is in frequent contact with those churches. Bishop Ferdinand Sigg of the Geneva, Switzerland, episcopal area says that in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Yugoslavia congregations hold regular worship services and carry on various religious activities. "It is fair to say," he adds, "that Methodist people in these countries desire fellowship and better understanding with their fellow churchmen in other lands."

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The life of the ancient Christians was the world-conquering power of their witness. Restore that life in the Church of Christ, and she will be able to restore wonders as of old.—*Adolphe Monod.*



# Methodist Student Day: A Special Day—A Special Offering

Sunday, June 12, 1960, is the date set by the General Conference for this year's observance of Methodist Student Day. The special offering received on this Sunday is the source of funds for the National Methodist Scholarship Program. Each local church in the North Carolina Conference is urged to give a place to this most important part of our Program of Christian Higher Education.

When one considers that costs for Higher Education continue to soar, one realizes that many Methodist families will be unable to meet the cost of a college education without outside help. Such help has been available in the following significant way during the past year: 477 students received National Methodist Scholarships, 48 received Graduate and Professional awards, for a total scholarship investment of \$260,096, in 525 youth. In addition, 3,038 students received \$860,640 in loans from the Methodist Student Loan Fund during 1958 and 59.

In the North Carolina Conference 13 students received National Methodist Scholarships for a total investment of over \$6,000. Last year's offering in our Conference was \$4,009. As of March 31, \$1,100 had been received by our conference treasurer for this year's offering. We are providing little over half of the money that is being used by students from our Conference. Something should be done to catch up this lag.

The students from our Conference, their home town and college are as follows.

Karen A. Carpenter, Rockingham, High Point College.

Albert E. Thompson, Hamlet, High Point College.

Linda C. Lea, Durham, Louisburg College.

B. Diane Whitt, Roxboro, Louisburg College.

Clara J. Sidberry, Wilmington, Pfeiffer College.

Sandra Kay Ball, New Bern, Greensboro College.

David E. Davis, Fayetteville, Greensboro College.

Charlotte I. Mixon, Henderson, Greensboro College.

Louise C. Aydlett, Elizabeth City, Duke University

Ann E. Coble, Durham, Duke University

Sam F. Nix, Roxboro, Duke University.

John H. Wheatly, Beaufort, Duke University.

Linda G. Robinson, New Bern, Duke University.

You can have a part in increasing our Conference support to the Methodist Student Loan Fund by making Sunday, June 12, a very special day in the life of your church. Methodist Student Day leaflets and offering envelopes for distribution to the congregation are available upon request from the Board of Education, Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn.

If your church has a unified budget and has stipulated an amount for Methodist Student Day, June 12 can nevertheless be a special day of observance and education in the local church. Many churches with a unified budget still place the envelopes in the pews or within the bulletins so that the individual worshipers may make an additional contribution to this special cause.

Remember that the Student Day offering in Methodist churches has increased by 10% during the past four years, while student enrollment has increased by 22%. Dr. Everette L. Walker, director of the Board of Education's program of scholarships and loans, said recently, "Our challenge is to keep pace with the growing college enrollments if we are to continue this service of financial aid for the deserving Methodist students, who will become the leaders for tomorrow's church and society."

By giving generously to the Methodist Student Day Offering, we open the gates to a brighter future for thousands of Methodist youth!

## Benevolence Giving Totals \$135 Million

*Denver Colo.*—Methodist have given more than \$135 million for general benevolence the past four years, the head of the church's promotion agency told the quadrennial General Conference.

The Rev. Dr. E. Harold Mohn of Chicago, head of the denomination's Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, said the total was accounted for by World Service giving which was apportioned to church members by annual

(regional) conferences and by non-apportioned sums raised through programs such as the Advance for Christ and His Church.

The report showed apportioned World Service receipts of 43.7 million dollars to date. This was compared with the 4.3 million dollars given in one year by church members 20 years ago when the three branches of the church united.

Dr. Mohn suggested that even greater gains would be needed in the future if The Methodist Church is to do its part in meeting world needs.

"The 1960's will doubtless be the most decisive decade for The Methodist Church in this century," Dr. Mohn told the 800 delegates attending the ten-day session here.

Per capita giving to the World Service increased from 59 cents in 1940 to \$1.23 during 1958-59. Per capita giving to all benevolent causes was \$3.62.

The 1956 General Conference set a four-year World Service goal of 47.2 million dollars. Dr. Mohn said his commission, in cooperation with other agencies, is "making every effort possible to reach the goal in the two months remaining in the quadrennium."

Dr. Mohn also expressed the hope that this goal would be exceeded, and said "Unless there is maximum giving, it is not possible to keep pace with increasing opportunities and responsibilities."

The delegates were asked later in the session to approve a World Service goal of 60 million dollars for the 1960-64 quadrennium.

Turning to the giving in addition to World Service, Dr. Mohn said that more than 46.6 million dollars had been given through these channels in the past four years.

## MISSISSIPPI LAYMAN GIVEN HIGH HONOR

Dr. J. P. Stafford of Cary, Miss., was named "Layman of the Quadrennium" at a dinner meeting held in Denver, Colo., in connection with the General Conference. He was chosen by vote of the 100 annual conference lay leaders in the U. S. Dr. Stafford has been lay leader of the Mississippi Annual Conference for many years and is an official of the Coordinating Council. The citation was presented to Dr. Stafford by Ray H. Nichols of Vernon, Tex., on behalf of the General Board of Lay Activities of which he is president. Five other laymen—one from each of the other jurisdictions—were also honored.

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God has promised forgiveness to your repentance; but He has not promised tomorrow to your procrastination.

—Augustine.



# College News

## Two Retire From High Point Faculty

*High Point*—Two veteran High Point College faculty and staff members will retire at the close of the current academic year.

One is Dr. C. R. Hinshaw, former dean of instruction and summer school director, now a professor of psychology. The other is Mrs. Betty S. Perry, counselor of women.

Dr. Hinshaw, a native of Randolph County, has been a member of the faculty since 1927. He holds an A.B. degree from Guilford College, an A.M. from the University of North Carolina, an M.A. from Columbia University and a Litt. D. from Western Maryland.

He has done additional work at the University of North Carolina and Duke University.

When he arrived at High Point College in 1927, there were only four buildings housing the three-year-old school. The campus he recalls, was "quite bleak—very few trees or shrubs."

Since his arrival, he has seen the student body grow from 344 to more than 1,000 and the faculty increase from 23 to 59. He has also seen a summer school program that he started a year after his arrival grow to its present status as one of the largest in the state.

Before organizing the summer school, he had been a professor of education at summer sessions of Woman's College in Greensboro. He started the summer program at High Point College almost single-handedly and remained as its director until 1955.

Dr. Hinshaw was also a leader in organizing the High Point College athletic program and in forming the North State Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. He has held every office in the conference and is now its commissioner, a post he has held for many years.

Among the many positions he has filled at the college are those of registrar, which he held during World War II; and dean of instruction, which he held from 1938 to 1955.

"I've been nearly everything here except dean of women and house mother," he recently remarked with a smile.

For 28 years he has been chairman of the academic ceremonies committee. He has presided at most formal college occasions, including the inauguration of Dr. Humphreys as president of the college in 1930. He extended invitations to the inauguration of Dr. Dennis H. Cooke as president in 1950 and presided at some of the ceremonies.

A nationally-known educator, Dr. Hinshaw is listed in "Who's Who in America."

The other retiring faculty member, Mrs. Perry, has been associated with the college since 1945.

She began her career as counselor for women in Penny Hall, a dormitory at Five Points. The dormitory was formerly part of the Methodist Protestant Children's Home.

Later she was counselor of Woman's and Susanna Wesley Halls. She is well known

throughout the state as a Methodist church leader.

## Louisburg Commencement Plans Completed

Plans for the 1960 commencement at Louisburg College, May 27-29, have been announced by President Cecil W. Robbins. Speakers for the occasion are Governor Luther H. Hodges of Raleigh, Dr. Edgar B. Fisher of Burlington, and Mr. Charles A. Dukes of Durham.

Miss Sarah Foster, of the Music Department, will present her students in a recital on Friday evening, May 27, at eight o'clock in the College Auditorium, as the first event of commencement.

Governor Hodges will speak to the graduating class at the commencement exercises to be held on Sunday, May 29, at 2:30 p.m., in the W. R. Mills High School Auditorium. The son of John James and Lovicia Gammon Hodges, Governor Hodges attended the public schools in Leaksville and Spray. He holds the A.B. degree from the University of North Carolina, as well as the honorary L.L.D. degree. North Carolina State College awarded him the honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 1955. Beginning in 1938 he became General Manager of all Marshall Field and Company mills and in 1943 became vice-president of the corporation. Active in community and civic affairs, he is a Mason, a Rotarian, has been actively associated with the YMCA, and has served with the American Leprosy Society, the N. C. Society for Crippled Children and the State Cancer and State United Fund campaigns. He is a Methodist. He became the 92nd Governor of North Carolina in 1956 and has served as chairman of the Southern Governors' Conference.

Dr. Fisher, pastor of the Front Street Methodist Church in Burlington and a member of the Board of Trustees of Louisburg College, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, May 29, at 11:00 a.m. in the Louisburg Methodist Church. After

graduating from Trinity College (now Duke) he taught school for a couple of years before entering Yale University Divinity School from which he received the B.D. degree. In 1956 High Point College awarded him the Doctor of Divinity degree. His pastorates include St. John's-Gibson; Mt. Gilead; First Church, Roanoke Rapids; Chestnut Street, Lumberton; Trinity, Wilmington; Duke Memorial, Durham; and his present charge.

Mr. Dukes, director of alumni affairs at Duke University, is the speaker for the annual Alumni Banquet to be held Saturday evening, May 28, at 7:00 p.m., in the Benjamin N. Duke College Union.

The President's Reception will close out the commencement event. This will be held in the Faculty Parlor immediately following the graduating exercises for members of the graduating class and their families and friends.

## Youth Training School Set For Kerr Lake, July 10-16

*Durham*.—The North Carolina United Christian Youth Movement, administered through the North Carolina Council of Churches, is preparing for the 1960 Southeastern Training Conference. It will be held July 10-16 at Granville Presbytery Camp at Kerr Lake near Henderson, N. C.

The training Conference is interdenominational in character and is open to all interested Christian youth leaders from Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina, and North Carolina. It serves to acquaint youth in the UCYM program on the national, state, and local levels.

The Southeastern Training Conference offers vital Christian experiences in fellowship, prayer, Bible study, and leadership, without regard to denominational lines.

For recreation, swimming, boating, and hiking facilities are available as well as many other activities to help provide a week of enjoyment.

Dr. Boyd L. Daniels will head the conference and will be assisted by the Reverend Bernard C. Meece of Wilson. Also taking part will be the officers of the North Carolina UCYM and other adult leaders.

Any interested person or group may write Box 6637, College Station, Durham, N. C. for further information.



Shown here is a picture of the new Mt. Bethel Methodist Church in the Statesville District, Harmony Charge. The construction of the church was started May 15, 1959, and on November 8, 1959, we occupied the new church with homecoming services and open house. There was a full day of worship and fellowship. The Rev. W. W. Blanton, a former pastor, was the guest speaker at 11 a.m. Rev. W. L. Harkey is the pastor of the Harmony Charge.



# Coffee Break Evangelism

During the past twenty years the coffee break has become an accepted part of American life. In factories, in offices, in stores, in mines, in forests and fields, in homes, wherever people are, once — and usually twice — a day work stops and everyone from the messenger boy to the president of the company pauses for a ten or fifteen minute coffee break.

Frankly, I enjoy it. I look forward to it. On those days when I am unable to take a coffee break, I have the feeling that I have missed out on something — mainly a few minutes of informal fellowship with those with whom I am associated.

And yet, having cast my vote in favor of the coffee break, I would still have some reservations about it.

Think for a moment if you will about the average coffee break as we know it. What are the main topics of conversation?

Wouldn't you put people high on the list? The majority of us talk about people. But how do we talk about them?

Perhaps we should be guided by these lines:

"There is so much good in the worst of us  
And so much bad in the best of us,  
That it hardly becomes any of us  
To speak ill of the rest of us—"

And then, don't we talk about things? After all we're human so naturally we talk about things.

But during a coffee break, how long has it been since you have heard someone say, "I have an idea."

It has been said, "Until a man has been used by an idea he has not begun to accomplish great things."

Well, what kind of an idea?

If you are a doctor, it might be an idea for combating disease.

If you are a salesman, it might be an idea for selling your product.

If you are a writer, it might be an idea for a new story.

If you are a Christian, it might be an idea for witnessing to someone for Christ and the Christian way of life.

Let me illustrate. Not long ago a preacher in the western part of the United States went to call on a prospective member, a woman who had not been attending church, who had never been baptized, who, to the best of his knowledge, was not even church-minded. To his surprise, almost immediately after he had entered the home, she said, "I have

been wanting to be baptized and come into the church."

When he looked amazed, she said, "This isn't a sudden decision. You see, my mother-in-law and I have coffee together several afternoons a week. Lately, she has been talking to me about making a commitment to Christ. I've liked what she has (I guess you'd call it a way of life); but, whatever it is, I'm ready to become a Christian and identify myself with the church."

A mother-in-law had an idea. She demonstrated with her life that she had something, some inner resources, and then she found a natural situation—over a cup of coffee—to talk with her daughter-in-law about the most important decision a person can make.

There is a second coffee break story which comes to mind.

A few years ago a preacher went to a new appointment. One of the first things he did was to check the membership rolls. Little by little, he managed to match names and faces. His was not a large church, about 400 members, but there was the name of a man that troubled him.

Nearly everyone, it seemed, knew this man. He was a well-liked businessman. But everyone with whom the preacher talked said it was of no use to call on him. There had been a time when he came to church, but it had been so long ago, and he was so skillful at promising visitors that he would come back and then forgetting all about it, that everyone had given up.

With that discouraging background, the preacher began calling on the businessman. At first, he received the usual stock excuses for not attending church and promises to do better, but without any apparent results. The preacher didn't argue or condemn, but he was persistent. Every few days, in mid-morning or mid-afternoon, he would stop in at the businessman's office; and they would go out for coffee. Every day he prayed for that man by name, prayed that God would show him the way to give the right kind of witness. Always he spoke to God about the man before he spoke to the man about God.

Then, one day while they were having coffee, the businessman said, "You'd really like to know why I no longer come to church?"

The preacher said, "If you'd care to tell me."

"Well," said the businessman, "I'm an alcoholic. Not many know it, but I am; and I know that an alcoholic has no place in a church."

The preacher smiled — and he can smile with his eyes as well as his mouth. "That's where you're wrong," he said. "Church is exactly where you belong." And then he added, "Anytime you feel the need of a drink, call me. We'll go to the church together, and there at the altar we'll see the thing through."

Now there have been some setbacks, but there have been some great victories. The businessman still hasn't entirely licked his problem, but at least he knows that the preacher and the church are in there with him shoulder to shoulder helping him face up to the fight he has to make.

Now, let's do some arithmetic. If we spend twenty minutes a day in coffee break, five days a week, that is 100 minutes. Not counting weekends and evenings with friends, and allowing two weeks for vacation, there are still 50 weeks. Well, 50 multiplied by 100 is 5,000 minutes. Reduced, that is approximately 83 hours of coffee break time.

Here's an idea. Supposing—just supposing that each one of us would find someone who has never made a commitment to Christ. Supposing we would start taking that person with us for coffee. And supposing that every day we prayed for him by name. How long do you think it would be before we would have the opportunity to say, "There is something I want to share with you . . ."? And then we would talk about Christ and Bible reading and prayer and what it *really* means to be a Christian.

I have an idea that it would be one of the most worthwhile experiences and experiments anyone of us ever had. Our coffee break would pay the biggest kind of dividends.

(If you would like to receive a free folder describing the nature and opportunities for personal witnessing, write to PERSONAL EVANGELISM, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.)

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## ANNIVERSARY OF EMBURY TO BE CELEBRATED

This June Methodists in many parts of America will observe the 200th anniversary of the coming to America from Ireland of Philip Embury, credited with conducting the first Methodist service in this country. A self-taught eloquent preacher, he helped to build the old John Street Church in New York City which is still standing. Embury's Bible, which he brought from Ireland, is the property of this church. It antedates the King James version, and is a late printing of the Geneva translation completed in 1580 by a group of scholars-in-exile.



# Women In the News

## Sunday Program

The delegates gathered for a coffee hour on Sunday morning in the fellowship hall of the host church.

The Morning Watch, held in the church's sanctuary and led by Miss Clarice Bowman, preceded a service of Holy Communion. Celebrants of the latter service were the Rev. J. W. Lineberger, host pastor, and the Rev. Mr. Blackburn. During the Service of Holy Communion love offerings totaling \$251.73 were laid on the altar for public health and nursing in Liberia.

The guilders attended the eleven o'clock worship service at Centenary Methodist Church, with the Rev. J. W. Lineberger preaching on the topic, "Faith in God."

Presentation of life memberships and other honorary awards and a report of the resolutions committee, Mrs. Norman C. Wood, chairman, were chief features of the closing luncheon session in the social room.

Honorary life memberships were presented to Mrs. Mary Lane, Miss Lillie Smith, and Mrs. L. C. Vereen. Gifts to the Crusade Scholarship Fund honoring Mrs. P. F. Newton and Miss Mary Gardner were announced by Mrs. Vereen. The 1960 Annual Meeting Program was dedicated to Miss Louise Clements and Miss Corinna Saunders, outgoing recording secretary and chairman of spiritual life, respectively.

The 1961 Annual Meeting will be held at the Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, next April.

## NC CONFERENCE

By MARY GARDNER



### ANNUAL GUILD MEETING HELD IN NEW BERN

The registrants representing the 2,054 members of the Wesleyan Service Guild units of the North Carolina Conference, meeting in annual session at Centenary Methodist Church, New Bern, April 30-May 1, came to grips with the timely theme "The Challenge of Our Tasks to Face." Mrs. Harriett Fralix, of Fayetteville, is the conference Guild's presiding officer.

#### Guest Speaker

The Rev. Linwood Blackburn of New York City in his address on the topic, "The Challenge of The Church in Africa," told the guilders: "Almost overnight Africa has come to life and we will come to look back and see that what is happening in Africa today effects the whole world." The Rev. Mr. Blackburn, purchasing agent for the Methodist Board of Missions and a former missionary to Africa, named as some needs of the African people in which the church might help: to create Christian leadership of government, education, health, and spiritual rootage.

"We need missionaries in every profession to go and work with the people of Africa," he declared. "The Africans are seeking a new way of life. The hope of Africa lies in the cross of Christ and the church that grew out of cross. The church is the only organization which has looked beyond man to Jesus Christ."

Miss Clarice Bowman, assistant professor, Department of Religion, High Point College, gave the meditation at the morning watch service on Sunday. She challenged the group to be more concerned with spiritual things, rather than material things. "Sometimes we substitute faith in things for faith in God," she said. "The Wesleyan Service Guild is a fellowship in which we feel a worldwide responsibility for others. Who knows whether we have come to the Kingdom for such a time as this."

#### Saturday Afternoon Session

The Saturday afternoon session featured a panel discussion on five vital problems which frequently confront Guild units. Topics for these were How Can We Make Our Monthly Programs Vital to our Purpose? How Can My Guild Enroll the Employed Woman Not Yet Reached? How Must We Confront Barriers of Occupation, Financial Standing, Social Status, and Race? How Can We Improve Lines of Communication Between the Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service? Are We Accepting Recruitment as Our Task? Members of the panel were Mrs. E. L. Glossbrenner, moderator; Mrs. H. A. Davis, Mrs. C. H. Boyd, Mrs. J. M. Carraway, and

Miss Juanita Stott. Following the panel discussion, the guilders engaged in discussion group sessions, each group using one of the five questions posed by the panel. Leaders for the group sessions were Mrs. W. C. Gardner, Miss Louise Clements, Mrs. J. M. Carraway, Miss Elizabeth Young, and Miss Jean Griffith.

Also highlighting the Saturday afternoon session were election of officers and members of standing committees and chairmen, reports, and a service of remembrance.

Mrs. Harriett Fralix was re-elected conference secretary WSG. Others elected included Mrs. Fred Lemmond, Laurinburg, recording secretary; Miss Agnes Gunter, Selma, chairman spiritual life; and Mrs. J. H. Cutchin, Whitakers, member-at-large from the WSCS.

#### Saturday Evening Session

The program for the World Federation of Methodist Women banquet held in the social room of the host church was under the direction of Mrs. L. C. Vereen. It featured a skit "To Know Him and to Make Him Known." Mrs. Vereen and Mrs. Ernest Parker, readers, were assisted by a number of other women dressed in costumes representing various countries and presenting fruits representing the fruits of the spirit of World Federation of Methodist Women: evangelism, medical work, education, literature, work with children, work with youth, home and family life, work with rural populaces, economic justice, international friendship and world peace.

During the session in the sanctuary following the WFMW banquet the guilders heard the Rev. Linwood Blackburn and participated in a pledge service led by Mrs. L. C. Vereen, conference treasurer. Pledges totaling \$14,000 to the Woman's Division of Christian Service for 1960-61 were announced by the nine district WSG secretaries.

*Four mission leaders at Winston-Salem District Meeting, left to right, Mrs. C. C. Weaver, president-emeritus of the W.S.C.S. of the Western North Carolina Conference; Mrs. J. R. Meredith, president of the hostess society, Union Ridge Church in Winston-Salem; Miss Elizabeth Callis, former missionary to Burma; and Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford of Asheboro, president of the W.S.C.S. of the Western North Carolina Conference.*



## WNC CONFERENCE

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



### Winston-Salem District Meeting

"Building Peace Through Work of the Woman's Division" was the theme of the annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Winston-Salem District held at Union Ridge Methodist Church in Winston-Salem on April 20.

Miss Elizabeth Callis, former missionary



to Burma, and Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford, conference president, were the featured speakers. Miss Callis told of need of mission workers in Burma and Mrs. Cranford told of the mission projects to which the Western North Carolina Conference contributes.

Mrs. Charles Clay, missionary to Brazil, described the move of the Brazilian capital to Brazilia, saying that the Methodist Church would have six acres of land in the new capital.

The new district officers elected at the meeting are Mrs. G. E. Brown of Mt. Airy, vice-president; Mrs. Charles Weaver, secretary of promotion; Mrs. Alton Jackson, missionary education and service; Mrs. J. W. clay, chairman of committee on nominations; and Mrs. James Bunn, public relations.

Those elected for a second term are Mrs. R. F. Jones, recording secretary; Mrs. J. C. Clodfelter, literature and publication; and Mrs. Harold Carter, youth work.

Mrs. Cranford conducted the installation service.

The District honored four of its officers by giving to them honorary life memberships. These are Mrs. A. C. Payne, Mrs. R. F. Jones, Mrs. Alton Jackson and Mrs. Van Dillon. The presentation was made by Mrs. C. C. Weaver.

Mrs. H. B. Simpson, district president, was in charge of the meeting.

### Asheville District Meeting

The women of the Asheville District voted to raise their pledges to missions a thousand dollars per year at their annual meeting held at Abernathy Methodist Church in West Asheville on May 3rd. Their total pledge is now \$17,000.

Miss Elizabeth Callis told of three Christians workers at the Methodist School in Rangoon, Burma, saying that this nation attracts many other races, for it is one of the nations in the Far East not haunted by hunger and not overpopulated.

Mrs. Hubert Carter, retiring secretary of promotion, gave a resume of the district activities, using as her theme, "Lighted Candles in Areas of Need."

The newly elected officers were installed in a service conducted by Mrs. Thomas E. Frutchey, vice-president of the W.S.C.S. of the Western North Carolina Conference. These included Mrs. E. L. Briggs of Burnsville, vice-president; Mrs. Fred Smathers of Asheville, recording secretary; Mrs. O. C. Barker of Central Church, Asheville, secretary of promotion; and Mrs. Ralph Proffitt of Cane River, literature and publications. Those reelected for second terms were Mrs. Harold Siniard of Brevard, missionary education and service, and Mrs. Tom Luther of Candler, youth work.

Mrs. C. G. Norton of Hendersonville conducted the service of remembrance for 37 women in the district who had died during the past year.

Mrs. John Hoyle, Jr. of Gastonia, a member of the Board of Missions, was a special guest at the meeting.

Mrs. T. C. Roberson, district president, presided.

250 women attended the meeting. An Officers' Training Session was held in the afternoon.

### New Methodist Flag

This summer a new flag will fly in front of the World Methodist Building at Lake Junaluska. In addition to the 50 star American flag, there will be a Methodist flag. This bears the coat of arms of the Wesley family and is to be submitted for adoption by World Methodists at Oslo, Norway, next year.—*Junaluska News*

### Recruitment Plus Information

**M . . .** Missionaries are our greatest need . . . Both here and in foreign places.

**I . . .** In His service we need ministers, doctors, nurses, and technicians.

**S . . .** Social Case and Group workers, dedicated . . . Methodist Children's Agencies, call

**S . . .** Summer Service opportunities are a challenge to all.

**I . . .** Interest in children . . . One must show skill.

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*There will never be for me  
Anything more beautiful  
Than the Good Man,*

*JESUS,  
Giving himself on the cross  
For sinners  
Like me.*

*Never will I feel  
Anything more wonderful  
Than His arms around me,  
A mere boy of twelve,  
That night as I knelt at the altar,  
My strong Dad my sponsor,  
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## The Spirit Of Chief Junaluska Still Hovers Over The Great Smokies

By E. P. HOLMES

Robbinsville, N. C.—Though traditions tell that Tsali lies buried somewhere under the waters of the great Fontana Lake—forever safe from the paleface; Chief Junaluska, with his wife, Nicie, rest on a knoll just a few blocks out of the city of Robbinsville in Graham County. He was made an American citizen before he died and became a large land owner; this land being given him by the United States Government for his bravery in turning the tide of the Battle of Horseshoe Bend into a decisive victory and saving the life of General Andrew Jackson, who was later to become President of the United States.

### Chief Junaluska

Though the name of this great Chief does not appear on many of the treaties with the Cherokee, it is due mainly to the fact that Chief Junaluska was not a warrior Chief, as many of his associates. He was a man of peace and understanding, and his counsel was much sought after, both among his own people and the United States Army. Though he was forced in the great migration of 1838 with two thousand of his own people to move into land west of the Mississippi, he was one of the first back. Records show that in this great migration of almost the entire Cherokee Nation to the West, two out of every three died of exposure, sickness, or of just a broken heart. To leave the Great Smokies and the Balsam Ranges and the Soco Gap and the Nantahala Forest and the Pigeon River and the Qualla Reservation was

just too much for these Indians, who loved their happy hunting ground. Many never did migrate for the simple fact they were never caught, and in three years, like Maeterlink's fabled bird, the whole tribe was found perched back in their native haunts among their native hills. Though Chief Junaluska lived to be way over a hundred years old, it is good to know that this man was not only recognized for his bravery and his peace loving tactics; but the North Carolina Legislature not only made him a citizen of the State but gave him a homestead of three hundred thirty-seven acres of land on the reservation.

### Indian Instincts

Yet with all his fine qualities, he was ever an Indian of the old school. Giant in stature, he dressed the part of a chief and could call and lead many Indian dances. He knew many Cherokee dialects and languages. As to illustrate his shrewdness, it is told he once traced a little Indian girl to Charleston, S. C., where she had been carried by kidnapers and sold as a slave, and regained her freedom by proving, from expert microscopic examination, that her hair had none of the African characteristics.

### The Tomb

His tomb is on the high pinnacle of a mountain. Blooming laurel and rhododendron grow about his grave in abundance. The vapor, from which the Great Smokies derive its name, is constantly moving about his last resting place. Like smoke signals, they are, as though this great Indian Chief in death,

is still speaking to his people. I am sure, could the paleface read this Indian lore, it would spell out the word —PEACE— Thus the North Carolina Methodists have well named their assembly ground: LAKE JUNALUSKA.

### BISHOPS SPEAK OUT ON SEVERAL ISSUES

In a 20,000-word episcopal address to the General Conference, read by Bishop William C. Martin, Dallas, Tex., the Council of Bishops registered a strong protest against "viciously false" statements about Protestant ministers in an Air Force manual, strongly defended Methodist participation in ecumenical council, reiterated the Methodist position on race, denied the right of the Roman Catholic Church to make its birth control position "mandatory" for Christians, sounded a call for greater evangelistic effort, urged more financial support of Methodist colleges, hit at the idolatry of scientism, and proposed four new "Lands of Decision" for missionary emphasis.

### HOPES RAISED FOR MERGER WITH E. U. B. CHURCH

Hopes were voiced at the General Conference in Denver April 29 that the drafting of a plan for organic union of the Evangelical-United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church may be completed in two years. Such a plan, when prepared, would then be submitted to the E. U. B. General Conference of 1962 and the 1964 Methodist General Conference. Final ratification by the annual conference of both bodies would probably be required before a merger would be effective. Bishop Frederick B. Newell of New York, chairman of the Methodist Commission on Church Union, reported to the General Conference on this possible union and also on "conversations" with the Protestant Episcopal Church.

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He who dallies with the tempter is lost; he who counts the cost of honesty is already dishonest; he who sets a price on his integrity has no integrity to sell.

—Author Unknown.



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# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## Randy and the Broken Cup

By F. M. H. ENTRIKIN

Randy was helping his mother with the dishes. He didn't mind drying dishes for Mother, because they often played guessing games or sang songs, and had lots of fun while they worked. Sometimes they played a racing game. Each dish was counted as a mile, and when Mother put dishes in the draining pan, she would say, "I'm a mile (or two miles, however many dishes there were) ahead of you." Then Randy would hurry to catch up with her. It was as much fun as tag.

Tonight they were singing rounds, but sometimes Randy would get mixed up and find he was singing with Mother part of the time.

Randy had just finished drying a cup. He thought he would try a balancing act, so he set the cup on his head. Holding his head erect, he took his hand away from it, and walked slowly toward the table. He was just about there when Mother saw him.

"Randy," she said quietly, "take the cup off your head. You might break it."

"No, I won't," said Randy. "I can catch it even if it starts to fall."

But he forgot just where the table leg was, he hit his toe against it, and his head jerked forward. Up went his hand quickly, but he missed the cup. It hit the edge of the table and fell to the floor, where it lay broken in several pieces.

"I didn't mean to, Mother," he said, as he knelt down to pick up the pieces.

"I know you didn't," replied Mother. And that was all she said.

Presently Randy and Mother were singing again, when Susie, Randy's little sister, came into the room. She had Randy's big new balloon that he had just blown up that morning.

"Susie," Randy said, "who told you you could play with my balloon? Put it back where you found it."

"No. I want to play with it," she said.

"Put it back right now, before you burst it," Randy ordered.

"No," said Susie, and she hugged the balloon tighter so Randy couldn't take it away from her.

But Susie's little fingernails were sharp and they dug into the balloon Pop! And the balloon was flat.

Randy shouted angrily.

"Now see what you've done. You burst it. I told you to put it up."

Susie looked at him, her eyes getting bigger and filling with tears. Randy started to jerk the balloon away from her. Then he stopped. This wasn't the way Mother had acted when he broke her cup.

He looked toward his mother. She had stopped washing dishes and was



## THIS, LORD, I PRAY

*Dear Lord, I do not ask  
That Thou should'st give me some high  
work of Thine,  
Some noble calling or some wondrous task.  
Just give me a little hand to hold in mine;  
Give me a little child to point the way  
Over the strange, sweet path that leads to  
Thee.*

*Give me a little voice to teach to pray;  
Give me two shining eyes Thy face to see.  
The only crown I ask, dear Lord, to wear  
Is this—that I may teach a little child.  
I do not ask that I may ever stand  
Among the wise, the worthy, or the great.  
I only ask that, softly, hand in hand,  
A child and I may enter at the gate.*

—Author Unknown



watching him. Randy looked away quickly.

"I didn't mean to, Randy," said Susie timidly.

Randy had a little trouble making himself say what he knew he should but finally he said, "I know you didn't, Susie."

With that Susie ran happily into the next room.

Randy looked at his mother, who gave him a big smile. "I'm proud of you, Randy," she said. "And now let's sing again while we finish our work."

—From *Presbyterian Life*



## BETTER WHISTLE THAN WHINE

As I was taking a walk, I noticed two little boys on their way to school. The smaller one stumbled and fell, and

though not much hurt, he began to whine in a babyish way—not a regular boy-cry as though he were half killed, but a little cross whine.

The older boy took his hand in a kind, fatherly way, and said, "Oh, never mind, Jimmy, and don't whine. It's a lot better to whistle." And he began the merriest kind of boy-whistle.

Jimmy tried to join in the whistle, but somehow it didn't work. "I can't whistle like you, Charlie," he said, "'cause my lips won't pucker up."

"That's because you haven't got all the whine out yet," said Charlie. "But you try a minute, and the whistle will drive the whine away."

Jimmy did try, and the last I saw of the little fellows they were whistling away down the street, as happy as could be.

—Selected



## CHUCKLES

Mother was trying to bring about a reconciliation. "Now, Janie," she said, "Billy says he's sorry he broke your doll, so I think you should make up with him."

Jane looked thoughtful. "All right," she finally agreed. "I'll forgive him, but—how about letting me take a sock at him first?"

—From *Biblical Recorder*



Helen and Johnny were having one of their arguments through the fence.

"Huh," exclaimed Helen, "just imagine your papa, owner of tailor shop, letting you run around in those ragged pants."

"Is that so?" retorted Johnny. "Well, your pop's a dentist, and the baby at your house doesn't have any teeth."

—Clipped



## Bible Alphabet

(Continued)

1. U..... (The cry of the lepers)
2. V..... (Queen of Persia before Esther)
3. W..... (What Jesus turned into wine.)
4. Y..... Joseph foretold seven ..... of famine)
5. Z..... (A mountain in Jerusalem)

## Answers for Last Week's Alphabet

1. Peter
2. Quail
3. Rachel
4. Samson
5. Ten



# International Sunday School Lesson

FOR MAY 22

By RAYMOND A. SMITH

Head, Department of Religious Education, Greensboro College

## SINCERITY IN RELIGIOUS PRACTICES

*Background Scripture:* Matthew 6:1-18;  
Luke 18:9-14

*Lesson Scripture:* Matthew 6:1-13

Our lesson today deals with the importance of motives in religious living. It is based on the Biblical truth expressed in I Samuel 16:7: "The Lord sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but God looks on the heart. We need continually to examine and re-examine our motives, especially those that have to do with our religious acts.

One of the things most often emphasized by psychologists is the hidden motives (often unconscious) that prompt us to action. They tell us that we often do things for motives other than those we wish people to think are the real ones. Many a novel and play in our time has been built around the tangled web of actions brought about by efforts of one person to deceive others. It is understandable why we should sometimes attempt to fool others; it is absurd that we should ever think we can fool God.

Jesus tells us that those who practice piety in order to impress others "have their reward." This is what they really started out to do. They succeeded, and that is the end of it. Jesus illustrates the point by referring to people who give alms only to impress others. Here is the ridiculous case of a man who blows a trumpet just before he drops a coin in the beggar's hand so everyone will look his way and behold his generosity! Jesus says we are give in secret. It is for God that we are doing this, and he needs no trumpet or anything else to remind him of what we are doing.

The same principle applies to prayer. "Our prayers must mean something to us, if they are to mean anything to God" says Maltbie Babcock. In Jesus' famous story of the two men who were praying in the temple this truth is well illustrated. The Pharisee was trying hard to impress God with his goodness, while the Publican prayed only for mercy. How foolish to think that God is impressed by our pretensions! Whenever we attempt thus to display our virtue before God we succeed only in making ourselves look silly! Jesus warns against the "heaping up of empty phrases." Some pagan worshippers attempted to overwhelm their gods with words, thinking that by doing so they would force the deities to answer their prayers. This is not the way for men to pray, said Jesus.

But Jesus didn't stop with telling men how *not* to pray; he told them *how* to pray. In that short prayer of seven sentences, and barely seventy words, Jesus gave us a prayer that has doubtless been uttered more often than any other. Many books have been written about it, and untold sermons have been preached on it. It can be prayed by a man who believes in God, no matter what his religion may be.

Note that the first part of it is in the form of a petition for the right attitude toward God—"May thy name be held sacred." Then comes the petition for the coming of God's Kingdom among men. This will happen when God's will is done on earth as it is in heaven.

Following this, there occurs the petition for the great necessities of life—bread for the body

and forgiveness for the soul. Finally there is the prayer that we may not succumb to temptation. This, in effect, is a confession of our weakness, of our utter inability to cope with the ever-present and alluring invitations to yield to the easy and to follow the line of least resistance.

The final phases evidently were not found in the prayer as it was used by the early followers of Jesus, but it is appropriate to close the prayer as it begun; that is with reference to God.

## In Memoriam

**POINDEXTER.**—On Sunday morning, March 13, 1960, R. L. Poindexter passed away at the age of seventy-one after a period of declining health.

He had a charming personality and a desire for service. He played a large part in the history of the Shooting Creek, Macon, and Franklin Churches. He was a member of the Iotla Methodist Church and was never too busy to lend a helping hand or to speak a kind word to those whom he met each day. He did all he could to bring God and the members of his church in closer contact with those around him. He was truly one who served and was constantly an inspiration to young and old alike.

He was interested in his family, community, friends, and his churches. Our love for him can't be put into words. He will never leave us, and his memory will always remain.—Mrs. Launa Poindexter.

**ISLEY.**—A native of Alamance County, Hubert Lee Isley was born Nov. 6, 1890, the son of Edwin A. and Julia Ann Clayton Isley. He attended the public schools of Alamance County, graduated from Elon College with honors, and later took a special course of study at Duke University.

He began his ministry in the Methodist Protestant Conference in the fall of 1923. When the plan of Church Union was consummated he became a member of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church and served charges in Alamance, Guilford, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Chatham, and Forsyth Counties. After thirty-two years of faithful service in the pastorate he was forced to retire because of ill health.

On January 26, 1957, he was united in marriage to Miss Oda Ferguson of Chatham County, who survives. He is also survived by one brother, William K. Isley, and one sister, Mrs. Bertie Rudd, both of Burlington, N. C.

His funeral service was held at Rich and Thompson Funeral Chapel in Burlington, N. C., on Tuesday afternoon, March 29, 1960, in charge of J. Clay Madison; assisted by C. E. Ridge, M. W. Warren, and J. M. Elliot. His body was carried to the Mt. Herman Methodist Church and burial took place in the family plot at the church cemetery.—C. E. RIDGE.

## Book Reviews

**PRAYERS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**, by Herman N. Beimfohr (Revell, \$1.95)

Books of prayers are just about as popular with the publishers are books of worship resources. This one is designed for young people, although by "young people" the author must mean those out of high school, for the thought and language of these beautiful prayers is beyond the range of younger people.

I would think that pastors might make good use of many of these prayers in

worship, and the book may be commended to all those who lead worship in adult groups —R. P. M.

**PRAYER POWER**, by Donald Earle Lewis, (Revell, \$1.50)

I wonder how many books have been written on the Lord's Prayer. Here is another to add to the collection, but a hasty perusal of its contents will show that the writer has something meaningful to say about these familiar words. The illustrative anecdotes are especially well selected and unhampered. Definitely worth reading. —R. P. M.

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## IN PASSING

### *We Ain't Got Long To Stay Here"*

As the time grows short and Annual Conference is around the corner, I am reminded that the office which has almost been my home for five years will soon be that no longer. In a few days I shall begin to pack up my books, take down the pictures of my little grand-daughter from the walls, and clear out my desk. Then I will join the crowd of preachers and laymen at the Annual Conference where I will, for the first time in several years, wait with some degree of excitement for the reading of the appointments.

It's too soon for farewell words, but I'm thinking today of all the nice things which have happened to me since coming to North Carolina—of the fried-ham biscuits I have eaten (along with the bushels of black-eyed peas and hampers of chickens) at all those church dinners and homecomings. I'm remembering the dear people who have sought me out to tell me nice things about the Conference Paper and comment on the oddities of this column. I'm recalling the two nice trips abroad which were made possible by my connection with this paper and the innumerable courtesies which came to me as editor. Perhaps, most of all, I remember the children who have listened so attentively in 550 congregation to which I have spoken, and the letters from the older people who have taken time to write me their thoughts and hopes.

I can't remember many bad things. I can't remember a single really nasty letter aimed at me, personally—unless it be the one which suggested that the writer hoped that "Mr. In Passing" would soon pass out! (That caused me some distress at the time, for it came just as I was headed for the hospital; but I later met the man who wrote it and learned that he was just being funny and didn't really long for my early demise.)

### *Some Churches Have It*

Some churches have that indefinable something which we call fellowship, and some don't. That's about as far as we can go in analysing the matter, but it is easy to find that spirit when it is present.

For four years we have been visiting Carraway Memorial Church in Greensboro, and Mrs. Marshall was director of music there for several years. Every time I stopped in for a service or preached a sermon I was instantly aware of a warmth of friendship and a community of interest. It wasn't just a welcome to the Editor, but a friendliness which seemed to extend to everyone.

Two weeks ago I had the opportunity of helping out, as Paul Bruton did the preaching and Mrs. Marshall led the singing for a revival. I filled in on three nights, just for the pleasure of being around. It's the only church that I have found, in this city, at least, where no one is a bit surprised at a little religious enthusiasm. Even a "shout" is appreciated and not unknown. Yet they are as religiously dignified as one could wish—but just not ossified. Pastor Madison takes the advice of the cowboy who sug-

gested, "Don't be always pulling back on the reins; just be easy."

I am singling out Carraway for this mention just because I know it so well. There are plenty of other congregations which have the same spirit of friendliness and religious enthusiasm. Among them is one across the town from Carraway, Centenary, where I have been conducting a spiritual life mission. Pastor Pittard knows how to direct a reverent worship service with a minimum of announcements and remarks from the leader, but there is no feeling of formality—only an impression of unhurried competence and devotional spirit.

And the ushers! Never have I seen ushers "ush" with such authority. Instead of letting the people sit all over the place, they herd them into the middle section, so that the preacher is given the illusion of speaking to a packed house. Of course, much credit goes to the congregation for some people just won't sit where you ask them to. Many an usher has been left standing, red-faced and embarrassed, at a front pew only to find that the "sheep" he was leading has slid, unnoticed, into a back seat. But it doesn't happen at Centenary.

Something happened one night that pleased me. A bright-eyed little fellow of eight had missed only one night service and his constant attention was noticeable. One night his mother handed me a note which the little lad had written to me. In it he apologized for his one absence and told me that he was enjoying the sermons very much. "I'm going to try to do what you have been telling us to do." Well, if some older people would do that, many pastors would be happy.

The other night, I preached on the need for forgiveness. When the service was over, I lingered to talk with the people and it was at least a half hour before I went out to where my car was parked in the alley behind the church. To my dismay I found that I had been blocking the way for a whole car-full of Centenary members who were, no doubt, anxious to get home. I had to take my own medicine and ask for forgiveness for my lack of consideration, but they were gracious enough to smile about the whole thing.



## WHICH WAY AMERICA?



### The Communist Way

The Communist philosophy and organization of life is no secret. Written and spoken openly in all the world, it is as follows:

1. There is no God. All life has its source in physical matter.
2. All phases of human life are determined by economic forces.
3. The individual has value only as he serves the social, or communist order.
4. The capitalistic system of economy must be totally destroyed by force and violence.

5. The only true government is the proletarian dictatorship.
6. All authority is in the Communist Party.
7. The Party must give absolute obedience to the Dictator.
8. Class warfare must be carried on until there is only one class—the worker.
9. The end—communism—justifies any means.
10. Worldwide revolution is the objective of communism.

### The American Way

The American Way of Life was wrought out under God by the Revolutionary Fathers and embodied in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. It is as follows:

1. Man is the creation of God.
2. As children of God men have certain unalienable rights.
3. Men are capable of self-government and have a right to govern themselves.
4. Government has no rightful power except what is delegated to it from men for their own welfare.
5. Government is the instrument of those who set it up and subject to criticism and change by the people.
6. Power is dangerous and the power of government must be divided, checked and balanced to prevent tyranny over the people.
7. Freedom is essential to the highest human welfare.
8. All men are equal before the Law and each has the right to Justice.
9. The primary and essential unit of society is the individual.
10. No man, or group of men, has the wisdom, or the right to regulate the thoughts and private life of the people.

### The Christian Way

The Christian Way is revealed in the Christian Gospel which contains the essence and basis of Freedom. It is as follows:

1. God is the Father of all men.
  2. All men are equal before God.
  3. All men are brothers.
  4. No man is sufficient unto himself but finds his fulfillment in cooperation with God and his fellow men.
  5. The essence and nature of God is revealed in Jesus Christ—God in the flesh and form of man.
  6. There are spiritual values which men cannot ignore and be fully men.
  7. Love is the supreme value and power in human life.
  8. Sacrifice is the law of life, and growth.
  9. Men do not live by material things alone, but by Love, Faith, Hope & Courage.
  10. The spiritual values which undergird all necessary functions of living—art, business, government, and the family.
- DR. ALMER M. PENNEWELL, *Midwest Director, Spiritual Mobilization.*



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# LETTERS

## Revival

For several months we had been having special prayer for a revival in our South Lenoir Methodist Church. Our need was great for an old-fashion Holy Ghost revival. The services were held May 2-12. The Rev. G. E. Blanchard, pastor of St. James Methodist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., was our visiting minister. He did some of the best full-gospel preaching that I have ever heard. Conviction came upon the people, and we had some wonderful altar services. There were a number that prayed through and were reclaimed. Then there were a few that sought the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and I believe obtained heart purity.

If you need some one to help you in a revival, and you want a revival and not just a protracted meeting I recommend Rev. G. E. Blanchard as being one of the best men that I know to do the work. We are expecting to use him again in the future.

F. R. DAVIS, *Pastor*

Lenoir, N. C.

## Carolina Briefs

THE MINISTERS' WIVES LUNCHEON for the Western North Carolina Conference will be held on Saturday, June 11, at 1 p.m., in the Waynesville High School Cafeteria. Tickets will be \$1.75. Please send reservations to: Mrs. John R. Hamilton, 22 Brucemont Circle, Asheville, N. C.

THE PARSONAGE of Madison Church was the scene of an open house on May 29, as members and friends gathered to view the new home of the pastor, the Rev. and Mrs. Frank Edwards.

THE REV. AND MRS. HERMAN C. BECK of Vickery - Burnetts Chapel announce the arrival of a daughter, Verna Kay, on April 2.

AN ATTRACTIVELY illustrated brochure tells the story of Granite Falls Church and its program, and shows views of the new sanctuary and educational building.

THE REVS. F. W. DOWD BANGLE AND I. L. SHAPPE were official visitors at the recent General Conference session in Denver. This was the second General Conference they had attended together and Mr. Bangle's third attendance.

THE REV. DON TURMAN of Triplett Church, now approved for mission work, will be the speaker at Catawba Church on the morning of June 5.

DR. ROBERT CHAPPELL, son of Dr. Clovis Chappell, well-known preacher and author, has given up a fine practice as a physician to go to India as a medical missionary. He gives as his reason for going into this field the fact that he and Mrs. Chappell feel that they must do something in return for



The Rev. Sam J. Womack, Jr., 44, of Lakeland, Fla., has been appointed Professor of Bible and Chaplain at Methodist College, Fayetteville. Mr. Womack received the A.B. degree from Florida Southern College, the B.D. degree from the Duke University Divinity School and will receive the Ph.D. degree from Duke University in September 1960. He is Methodist, married and has one child.

the blessings which they have received. His salary as a missionary will be less than the tithe which they had paid into their own church.

MISS PATSY MAY of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., will be associated with Ann Street Church, Beaufort, during the summer months as educational assistant, according to the church bulletin.

BISHOP NOLAN B. HARMON and Mr. Edwin L. Jones have been elected to membership on the new Commission on Inter-Jurisdictional Relations established by the recent General Conference. They will represent the Southeastern Jurisdiction, along with Dr. C. C. Bell of Lynchburg, Va., Dr. Trigg James of Atlanta, Mr. S. T. Boykin of Carrollton, Ga., and Judge John C. Satterfield of Yazoo City, Miss.

WARREN'S GROVE CHURCH on the Person Charge, Roxboro, is observing Home Coming on Sunday, May 29. The Rev. M. C. Henderson, a former pastor, will bring the message at the eleven o'clock morning worship service. Following the picnic dinner, a song service will be conducted in the church. A cordial invitation is extended to all former pastors, members, and friends of the church to return for this day of worship and good fellowship. The Rev. A. M. Williams is the pastor.

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He who goes barefoot must not plant thorns.—Proverb.

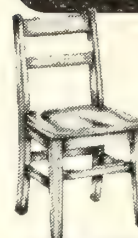
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## Announcement

Notice to ministers and delegates to the North Carolina Annual Conference to meet in Rocky Mount, June 27-30: The Entertainment Committee is eager to provide lodging and other entertainment for every minister and delegate who so desires. If a request for entertainment has not been made, please write immediately to First Methodist Church, Rocky Mount.

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## **'One Great Day of Witnessing' on Sunday, June 5, Strongly Urged**

By **DALLAS MALLISON**

"Why not have one great day of witnessing on Pentecost Sunday, June 5th?" asks Dr. Hiram K. King, N. C. Conference evangelism director in a letter to all pastors in the conference sent out recently.

Dr. King reported that many pastors have made full proof of their ministry in evangelism this year. Many inspiring accounts of victories won have been received, he said.

"Shall we not work for and expect more souls brought to our Lord during these last weeks of our conference year?" he inquired of the ministers.

Last year on Pentecost Sunday the Durham District had this program and won over 200 souls, he reported.

Just one team of two laymen went out one Sunday afternoon recently from Edenton Street Church in Raleigh and won four persons on profession of faith, he reported.

It is safe to say that two teams alone from each pastoral charge would win at least two persons, he told the pastors. He estimated that if every charge would send two or more teams on Pentecost Sunday, they could well win a total of a thousand converts — six teams could win three times as many.

Sent to the pastors was a leaflet entitled, "One Great Sunday of Witnessing," which contains five points or steps which will aid in carrying out this program. These five points are:

(1) Carefully select and enlist three groups of visitors, one for morning visitation, one for afternoon visitation, and one for night visitation.

(2) Make all visitation evangelism preparation, locating every prospect, preparing prospect and assignment cards, commitment cards, and other material, meals, and the like in advance.

(3) Morning visitors meet for breakfast at eight o'clock, are trained from section one of chart, "They went forth—two by two," visit two by two in homes of assigned prospects from nine until twelve o'clock.

(4) Morning and afternoon visitors have lunch together at 12:00 noon. Morning visitors report their victories, afternoon visitors train from chart and visit two by two in homes from two to five in the afternoon.

(5) Afternoon and night visitors have supper together at 5:30 p.m. Afternoon visitors report their experiences, night visitors are trained from chart, and visit two by two from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. They have report meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Evangelism headquarters is recommending very highly a new book on evangelism by an eminent Methodist, Dr. Mack B. Stokes, associate dean and professor of systematic theology, Candler School of Theology, Emory University. This book may be secured from Tiding Office in Nashville, Tenn., at 50 cents per copy or \$4.20 per dozen (10 chapters, 96 pages). The following sample quotations from this very worthwhile book will give a good idea of its quality and penetrating insight into Jesus' methods of evangelism.

(1) "The great concern of the Master in his specific dealings with people was to draw them into the Kingdom of God."

(2) "The one passion of Jesus was to be God's evangel."

(3) "His methods of evangelism are always to be regarded as models which his disciples of all ages are to follow."

(4) "Jesus used the scriptures, everyday experiences, illness and tragedy."

(5) "Jesus associated with all kinds of people, involved himself in man's common life."

(6) "Jesus gave himself."

Evangelism headquarters announces

that Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton, pastor of the remarkable Pasadena Community Church at St. Petersburg, Fla., will be the featured speaker for the annual conference board of evangelism's program at the annual session at Rocky Mount. This program will be given on Tuesday afternoon, June 28, starting at 3 o'clock.

### **PASTOR'S EVANGELISM CONFERENCE**

The pastors' conference on evangelism will be held from August 30 through September 1 at Louisburg College. This used to be called the Annual School of Evangelism and Week of Preaching.

One of the strongest groups of leaders that has ever participated will lead in this coming program. These include Dr. Mack B. Stokes of the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, one of Methodism's best young preachers, who will be the featured preacher. Dr. Thomas A. Carruth, formerly with the general board of evangelism and now with the E. Stanley Jones Spiritual Life Center, will be the prayer leader.

The general board of evangelism is securing for this conference a gifted rural leader for the session on methods.

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# The 1960 General Conference

By BISHOP NOLAN B. HARMON

The College of Bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction formulated at Denver a letter which is to be sent out to all pastors, who in turn are asked to make the contents available to our people in whatever way they deem wise. This letter reviews certain of the actions of the past General Conference, explains these, and I trust will set at rest certain fears which before the General Conference met were sometimes expressed. As the letter is necessarily brief, I am here writing somewhat more about the entire situation.

The fears which were expressed previous to the General Conference over the fact that the Jurisdictional System seemed to be in danger, proved to be entirely groundless. The Study Report of the Seventy firmly recommended that the Jurisdictional System be kept; and that the Central Jurisdiction, consisting of nineteen Negro Conferences linked to each other, should also be kept, pending voluntary action by all those involved. There proved to be no real objection toward keeping the constitutional structure as agreed in 1939; for, as was clear to those who have followed from the beginning the history and development of our Church organization, the Jurisdictional System cannot possibly be done away unless all Jurisdictions overwhelmingly agree to do so, by Annual Conference, not General Conference, action. The two big northern Jurisdictions, plus the Western and the Central (and of course our southern Jurisdictions), all see great values in the Jurisdictional Plan as such.

These four Jurisdictions did ask, and the other Jurisdictions acceded to their request, that the Jurisdictional Conferences themselves be allowed to meet at or previous to the time of the General Conference. An amendment to the Constitution of The Methodist Church was therefore passed by the General Conference recommending to the membership of the An-

nual Conferences of the Church that they vote for a change in the Constitution which will allow Jurisdictional Conferences, where they desire it, to meet *at or before*, and not, as is now the case, *after* the General Conference. This amendment was overwhelmingly passed by the General Conference and will probably be voted on by our Annual Conference members in June of 1961.

Some of our brethren feel that the change in the time of holding the Jurisdictional Conference provides a real threat to Jurisdictionalism as such. Certain of our Southern Conference delegations refused to vote for the amendment, feeling that Amendment XII would be the "camel's nose under the tent." Others, however, felt, and I think rightly so, that the time of holding the Jurisdictional Conference has no more to do with its powers and structural importance than the time of holding one of our Annual Conferences affects its own life and well-being. We in the Southeastern Jurisdiction can have our own Jurisdictional Conference within our Area when and as we want it previous to General Conference; or we can go along with some of the other Jurisdictions, and decide that we will have our meeting right at, or even in the middle of the General Conference of 1964 and 1968 as we may please. That is, if Amendment XII passes by the necessary two-thirds vote of all Annual Conference members.

Since the Jurisdictional Conference is the *electing* Conference, electing bishops and board members, and since the General Conference is a *law-making* body, it was felt that if Jurisdictional Conferences are to be held in connection with the General Conference, the same delegates should be members of both Conferences. Amendment XII, therefore, establishes a General Conference of between 900 and 1,400 as the outside brackets for General



Conference membership itself. If the present membership of the General Conference, somewhat less than 900, should be kept, and the Jurisdictions who desire to meet at the time of General Conference break away for two or three days and go into their own private session with their particular part of the 900 members of General Conference, it was felt that this would prove too small a Jurisdictional group to represent properly the Annual Conferences back home and wisely and representatively elect bishops. On the other hand, if 1,400 should be adopted as the outside limit — and this is actually what the 1960 General Conference ordered for 1964 (*if* the amendment carries) while the Jurisdictional Conferences would be enlarged so as to be truly representative, the General Conference itself would be huge. It is difficult to control a house of 900 members now — as some bishops at Denver found — and with 1,400 delegates sitting at their respective desks, and with 24 microphones instead of 12 available for all the men who like to make speeches — there would be real danger of ecclesiastical elephantitis. The likelihood is that the future will have to decide just what is a good figure for the General Conference. As has been the case so many times in Methodist development, whatever is useful will establish itself, and whatever is not will simply be discarded.

Dr. William R. Cannon of Emory University (North Georgia) spoke for a 900 member General Conference; Dr. Mack Stokes, another Emory professor (Holston Conference) spoke for 1,200. Mr. Charles Parlin, the very able New York lawyer who presented the report of the Commission (Newark Conference), thought that the amendment itself might not be ratified by certain of the Annual Conferences if they felt that the numerical number of those who are to vote for the election of bishops should be cut down by having a Conference of 900. As it turned out, the General Conference did select the 1,400 member number for the next General Conference.

The Northern brethren very frankly stated that they would go along with the Jurisdic-

tional Plan with the Central Jurisdiction, but that they did think they ought to be allowed to have their Jurisdictional Conferences at the time of the General Conference if it should please them to have them there; that the Southern Jurisdictions could meet whenever they pleased, before or at the General Conference — and that would be no business of others. They did feel that Amendment XII would be helpful to them. The Conference, including some of the strongest Southern delegations, agreed with them.

The spirit of this General Conference was fairly good — indeed better than those of us who went there with some trepidation felt it might be. The racial tension did color the atmosphere at many of the meetings. The Negro delegates can take part of the blame for this, for many of these saw a chance to sound off in front of each other and become “champions of their race” in this great Methodist forum. There were certain of them whom we saw were clearly speaking more to impress their brothers than to clarify the exact situation.

Our people, it is hoped, have now learned the difference between *resolutions* which are passed by a majority vote of the General Conference (printed in the back of the Discipline), and legal and structural changes which go into law in the Discipline itself. Mr. Parlin himself, in introducing the Report of the Committee of Seventy, stated that the various paragraphs in his report recommending the way that a better racial climate could be developed, were not themselves *law* but were *recommendations*, and were not mandatory upon local churches. The frank statement of this fact served to allay much opposition to the very able structural plan which he presented.

To follow through these recommendations and to implement the work of the Commission toward better racial brotherhood, an Inter-Jurisdictional Commission has been set up for the ensuing four years. This group will organize in the middle of August and see what its work is. The Southeastern Jurisdiction put

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# Program

## Western North Carolina Annual Conference

June 8-12, 1960

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, presiding

Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

*Wednesday, June 8, 1960*

- 10:00 a.m. Registration opens
- 2:00 p.m. Meeting of Boards, Commissions, Committees as called
- 3:00 p.m. Opening of Conference. Devotions—Bishop Nolan B. Harmon
- 3:20 p.m. Report of Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications, W. D. Corriher, chairman; E. H. Nease, Jr., registrar. Report of Committee on Conference Relations, J. G. Wilkinson, chairman.
- 7:30 p.m. Formal Opening of Conference. Organization
- 8:00 p.m. Conference Historical Society, G. W. Bumgarner, president. Address: Dr. J. Manning Potts, editor *Upper Room*, Nashville

*Thursday, June 9, 1960*

- 9:00 a.m. Devotions—Bishop Costen J. Harrell, Atlanta. Reception of Class into Full Connection
- 9:45 a.m. Board of Education, E. H. Blackard, chairman. Address: Dr. W. McFerrin Stowe, St. Luke's Methodist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- 11:15 a.m. Conference Brotherhood, H. G. Allen, president
- 11:30 a.m. Board of Evangelism, H. P. Myers, Jr., chairman. Sermon: Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton, Pasadena Methodist Church, St. Petersburg, Florida.
- 1:00 p.m. Adjournment
- 2:30 p.m. Organization of Quadrennial Boards "A"
- 3:00 p.m. Commission on Town and Country Work, E. H. Lowman, chairman. Address: Dr. Earl Brewer, Candler School of Theology, Atlanta.
- 4:00 p.m. Presentation of Hospital Insurance plan for Conference Claimants.
- 7:30 p.m. Ordination of Deacons. Board of Missions—Kenneth Goodson, president. Sermon: Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton.

*Friday, June 10, 1960*

- 9:00 a.m. Devotions—Bishop Harrell.
- 9:45 a.m. Study Commission on the Ministry, Douglas Corriher, chairman.
- 10:45 a.m. Commission on Christian Vocations, R. P. Gibbs, chairman.
- 11:00 a.m. Commission on Minimum Salary, R. M. Smith, chairman.
- 11:15 a.m. Commission on World Service and Finance, Herbert Wayne, chairman.
- 11:45 a.m. Board of Social Concerns, J. C. Stokes, chairman. Address: Dr. Caradine R. Hooten, General Board of Temperance, Washington.
- 1:00 p.m. Adjournment
- 2:30 p.m. Organization of Quadrennial Boards "B"
- 3:00 p.m. Television, Radio, Film Commission, D. A. Payne, chairman. Sermon: Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton.
- 7:30 p.m. Ordination of Elders. Board of Lay Activities, Edwin L. Jones, Conference Lay Leader. Address: Dr. Robert Mayfield, General Board of Lay Activities, Chicago.

*Saturday, June 11, 1960*

- 9: a.m. Memorial Service. Memorial Address: Rev. Harold Robinson, First Methodist Church, Salisbury.
- 9:45 a.m. Board of Pensions, A. G. Lackey, chairman. Recognition of Retiring Men.
- 10:15 a.m. Deaconess Board, Miss Mary Floyd, chairman. Consecration of Deaconesses.

10:45 a.m. Conference Business.

11:45 a.m. Board of Hospitals and Homes, A. C. Waggoner, chairman

1:00 p.m. Adjournment.

2:30 p.m. Conference Business. Report of Statistician, E. Paul Hamilton. Report of Treasurer, F. D. Russell.

7:30 p.m. Program for the Quadrennium.

*Sunday June 12, 1960*

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion, Memorial Chapel.

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Sermon—Bishop Harmon. Reading of Appointments for 1960-1961. Adjournment at will.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

*Thursday, June, 9, 1960*

1:15 p.m. Rural Fellowship Luncheon, Waynesville High School Cafeteria.

4-6 p.m. Pfeiffer College Tea, Gibson Cottage.

5:30 p.m. High Point College Dinner, Waynesville High School Cafeteria.

*Friday, June 10, 1960*

1:15 p.m. Brevard College Luncheon, Waynesville High School Cafeteria.

1:15 p.m. Emory University Luncheon, Edwin L. Jones Cafeteria.

4-5 p.m. Asbury College Tea, "The Asburian"

5:30 p.m. Duke University Banquet, Waynesville High School Cafeteria.

*Saturday, June 11, 1960*

12 noon Ministers' Wives Luncheon, Waynesville High School Cafeteria.

## The 1960 General Conference

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upon it ministers and lay members who can be counted upon to reflect the attitudes of our people in this time of tension; and the other Jurisdictions did the same with theirs. This Commission will have to define its own work and follow its mandate as best it can.

One matter worthy of mention struck me: The foreign delegations are taking a larger and larger part in the work of our Church. This is bound to be good on the broad field of true churchmanship. We have always had the foreign delegations, but they have been quite small and not very vocal, and were often ignored by the mind of the Conference. No longer is this true. They are now quite vocal, and indeed sometimes unwisely so. Nevertheless, it is good that Methodism which has its roots in many lands is now being fed by those roots, and let us pray that because of it, the leaves of our particular tree will indeed be for the healing of the nations.

It was not a great General Conference, but neither was it an unworthy one. I missed a sense of direction, of great driving force, of a grand purpose, which I have found in previous quadrennial meetings. There were no epochal addresses which lifted up hearts and minds to the true mission of the Church. Perhaps we did not need such at this time, but did need to get ourselves together, put our house in order, and, as is the case with a ship on a "shake-down cruise," shake down our particular geographical, racial and doctrinal components into a more compact unity. If this has been done wisely and well, then our particular ship of Zion can sail on better ballasted, on a more even keel, toward the City of our God. Let us pray so.





*Charter Members of West Nash Church*

## West Nash, Wilson Has Formal Organization Service

West Nash Methodist Church, Wilson, became a duly constituted and organized church during the recent Easter Season (April 10), "for the glory of God, the proclamation of the gospel, and the service of humanity." Participating in the Service of Organization, were Dr. Walter C. Ball, district superintendent of the Rocky Mount District, the Rev. O. L. Hathaway, executive secretary of the Board of Missions of the North Carolina Conference, and the pastor, the Rev. L. P. Jackson.

The entire congregation also had a part in the service. The last four charter members were received into the church. They were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Q. Hockaday, Mrs. Sally Leonard, and her son, Mr. Walton C. Inscoc. The eighty-four charter members were recognized and issued Certificates of Charter Membership. The anthem presented by the choir was, "Why Should He Love Me So?" And the morning message was brought by Mr. Hathaway. Dr. Ball conducted quarterly conference in which every member of the church was elected to some committee, commission or office.

Among the guests at this special service were Mrs. W. C. Ball and Mrs. O. L. Hathaway, and several members from First Methodist Church and the community in general. Attendance was estimated at 130.

Following the service, a picnic-style luncheon was served in the Fellowship Room. The Rev. and Mrs. Grady Dawson, pastor and wife of First Methodist Church, and Miss Eva McClamrock, Director of Christian Education of that church, were among the guests.

## Oak Grove Church Dedicates Fellowship Hall

Homecoming Day will be observed on Sunday, June 5, at Oak Grove Methodist Church, Bachelor Community. Dr. Cecil Robbins, president of Louisburg College, will be guest speaker at the eleven o'clock service. Following the service the new fellowship hall will be dedicated. Dr. A. J. Hobbs, superintendent of the New Bern District, will be in charge of this service.

A special program of music will also be presented during the day, and a picnic

dinner will be served to those in attendance.

They extend to all former pastors and friends an invitation to attend.

Oak Grove Church (there are three in the district) is located on the Adams Creek road, fifteen miles east of Havelock and five miles from Harlowe. It is on the Harlowe-Oak Grove Charge and the pastor is the Rev. Jack Hunter.

The church was established in 1883, the late Rev. F. S. Becton serving as the first pastor. It may be interesting to note that the size of this first sanctuary was twenty by thirty feet, and that all material was dressed by hand. Since this date, however, it has been enlarged three times and in 1938 enlarged to the present size, with three classrooms added. Rev. Johnnie Joyce was pastor and had the happy experience of laying the first brick pillar.

In 1944 with the Rev. John R. Poe as pastor the church was dedicated on Sunday,

February 20th. Rev. J. A. Russell, then District Superintendent, bringing the morning message and leading the dedication service.

The church since then has added memorial windows, new pulpit appointments, a lovely altar set, a new carpet. A heating plant was installed this past winter. The fellowship hall was begun then, and completed this spring.

The history of the church was written by Mrs. J. L. Smith and printed in the *ADVOCATE* in 1944.

## Brevard College Commencement, May 28

Commencement activities on the Brevard College campus will begin Saturday, May 28, at 1:00 p.m. with the annual Alumni Luncheon. Honored guests will be Miss Lucile Smith, Miss Dulcie Hayes and Dr. Burt W. Loomis who are retiring from the faculty this year. Speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Wayne Kernodle, '41, who is presently chairman of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at William and Mary College.

With 101 candidates for degrees, one of the largest graduating classes in the history of Brevard College will hear Dr. C. Raymond Carpenter deliver the commencement address next Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock in the Sims Campus Center Building.

At 11:00 o'clock on Sunday morning Reverend James G. Huggin, minister of the First Methodist Church of Gastonia, will deliver the commencement sermon in the Brevard Methodist Church.

Dr. Mark Depp, pastor of Centenary Church, Winston-Salem, delivered the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, May 22.



*Boger City Methodist Church celebrated its annual homecoming day on Sunday, May 15, and dedicated the new \$37,000 parsonage.*

*The Rev. J. J. Powell, former pastor, who was serving the church when the parsonage was built, preached at the 11 o'clock worship service. Mr. Powell is now pastor of Mt. Olivet Church, Concord, North Carolina. In the afternoon Dr. E. C. Few, superintendent of the Gastonia District, conducted the dedication service.*

*The Boger City church was organized as the Goodsonville Tabernacle and began as one of the churches on the Lincoln Circuit in 1921. The Rev. J. W. Combs was appointed as the first pastor and during his pastorate the first parsonage was built. Mr. Combs served the church at two different times and is presently the associate pastor. One other minister served the church at two different times. This was the late Rev. R. L. Forbis. Members of Mr. Forbis' family are still active members of the church and one of his grandsons, Johnny Lockman, has recently announced his decision to study for the Christian ministry.*

*The lovely parsonage, which was begun in the early summer of 1957 and completed the following fall, is fully furnished and is one of the finest in the entire conference. The following were members of the parsonage planning committee: Herman Howard, Carl Hartman, Howard Lawing, Ansel Bush, and Mrs. Charles Proctor. Members of the finance Committee were: G. L. Goodson, Mrs. Hunter Rhyne, Yates Wilkinson, Walter Cashion, and Kemp Finger. John Crow was the Parsonage Fund Treasurer. The present pastor is the Rev. John R. Sills.*



# Condensed Program for Twentieth Annual Meeting

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President

TUESDAY, JUNE 14

11 a.m.-2 p.m. Registration—Auditorium

*Afternoon Session*

Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford, presiding

2:20 p.m. Organ Prelude—Assembly Organist

2:30 p.m. Convening of Woman's Society of Christian Service of Western North Carolina Conference

Theme Hymn, "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

Prayer—Rev. Walter I. Miller, D.D., superintendent Charlotte District

Organization of Annual Meeting

Introduction of officers and guests

Holy Communion—Rev. Walter I. Miller, D.D., with assisting ministers

Love Offering to Brooks-Howell Home

4:30 p.m. Fellowship Tea—Charlotte District Woman's Society, Hostess

6:30 p.m. Dinner for Missionaries, Deaconesses and other workers—Lambuth Inn

*Evening Session*

Mrs. C. C. Weaver, presiding

7:45 p.m. Organ Prelude—Assembly Organist

Hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign"

Prayer—Dr. Elmer T. Clark

Presentation of Missionaries, Deaconesses and Other Workers—Mrs. Gilmer Harris

Address—"Seeking and Finding Christian Fellowship in Free China"—Mrs. Ralph A. Ward

Benediction



MRS. FRUTCHEY



MRS. CRANFORD

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

*Morning Session*

Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford, presiding

9 a.m. Organ Prelude—Assembly Organist

Hymn, "Christ for the World We Sing"

Prayer—Rev. J. W. Fowler, Jr., supt.,

Lake Junaluska Assembly

President's Message—Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford, assisted by Conference Officers

and Secretaries of Lines of Work

Business

Report of Executive Committee—Mrs. Hugh Wilkin

Report of Committee on Nominations

—Mrs. Ralph E. Bisel

Elections

Mid-Morning Break

Hymn "Jesus Calls Us"

Message, "W.S.C.S. Schools and South American Missions"—Mrs. Nolan B. Harmon

Solo

Solo

Meditation—Mrs. Ralph A. Ward

*Afternoon Session*

2 p.m. Organ Prelude—Assembly Organist

Theme hymn, "Spirit of God"

United Church Women—Mrs. J. W. Harbison

Presentation of Standard of Excellence—Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford, Mrs. John Hoyle, Jr.

Memorial Solo

Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, sung in unison

4:30 p.m. Pfeiffer College Tea for Women

Attending Conference—Gibson Cottage

7:00-7:30 p.m.—Vesper Hymn Sing by Lakeside—Glenn Draper, leading

*Evening Session*

Mrs. Thomas E. Frutchey, presiding

7:45 p.m. Organ Prelude—Assembly Organist

Hymn, "O Jesus Master"

Prayer—Dr. D. Trigg James

Address—Mrs. T. Otto Nall, vice-president, Woman's Division of Christian Service

Treasurer's Report—Miss Una Edwards

Pledge Service—Mrs. Hubert A. Davis, treas., W.S.C.S. Southeastern Jurisdiction

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

*Morning Session*

Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford, presiding

9 a.m. Organ Prelude—Assembly Organist

Hymn, "The Morning Light Is Breaking"

Worship—Mrs. T. Otto Nall

Business

The Cherokee Mission—Miss Vera Falls, deaconess

News from Pfeiffer College—Dr. J. Lem Stokes II, president

Rural Work—Miss Anita Benoy, Mount

Airy; Miss Laura Wells, Hayesville; Miss

Virginia Miller, Newland

Deaconess Association—Miss Mary

Floyd, deaconess

Hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have"

Installation of New Officers—Mrs. C. C. Weaver, president-emeritus

Emphases for 1960-1964—Mrs. Carl H. King

Benediction

### Program Committee

Mrs. Thomas E. Frutchey, *Chairman*

Mrs. Thomas E. Frutchey of Asheville is vice-president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference. She also serves as chairman of the program committee for the Annual Meeting.

Six months prior to the Annual Meeting this committee meets and plans the program of the Annual Meeting—the theme, the guest speakers, the projects to be emphasized.

After the suggestions are made, the chairman then starts on a tremendous task of program building, and the printed program given to each delegate is the result of their work. The inspiration comes in the presentation of the printed program.

Other members of this committee include Mrs. J. Elwood Carroll, Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford, Mrs. J. W. Fowler, Jr., Mrs. Hugh W. Wilkin, Mrs. M. W. White,

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MRS. HOYLE



# Program for Twentieth Annual Meeting

## Western North Carolina Conference Wesleyan Service Guild

Lake Junaluska, N. C.

June 17-19, 1960

Theme: SEEK AND FIND

Hostess: THE CHARLOTTE DISTRICT,

Mrs. J. B. Blackmon, Secretary

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

Registration at Lambuth Inn begins at 3 o'clock

4:30-5:30 Meditation Hour—Memorial Chapel

"Living in Tune"—Mrs. Florence Sherrill, Leader

8:00 p.m. Opening Session, Mrs. M. H. White, presiding

Convening of Conference

Invocation—Dr. D. Trigg James

Welcome—Rev. J. W. Fowler

Special Music—Junaluska Singers

Address—Mrs. Ralph Ward

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

9:00 Workshops at Lambuth Inn

10:15-10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 Presentation of Missionaries  
Business

Skit on Mission Studies

3:00-4:00 Informal Visits with Missionaries

4:00-5:00 Tea

6:00 Dinner—Informal Group singing led by Miss Doris Hutchinson

7:45 Hymn Sing by Lakeside—Mr. Glenn Draper, Leading

8:00 Address—Dr. Louise Branscomb

Drama—"Women of the Bible" presented by Franklin Guild

Pledge Service—Treasurers and District Secretaries

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

7:00 a.m. Holy Communion—Rev. McFarland and Rev. Mamie D. Newell

Memorial Service—Miss Alma Browning  
Presentation of Love Offering

9:00 Program Clinics

11:00 Worship Service

Sermon, Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick

### The Love Offering

The love offering takes on an added interest this year, as we want to approach the Altar at the Communion Service not only with our gifts of money, but with the added gift of Service. We would like to go to that Communion Service knowing that somewhere within our Conference there is a Registered Nurse or a student nurse, who will offer a part of her career to the sick of Congo.

This will be an opportunity for every Guilder, at the Weekend, and those at home, to make a sacrificial offering to be used for three important projects. We ask that each Guild take a love offering, and send it to the Weekend meeting by their delegate. In this way all 4,875 Guilders will be joining in these important projects:

1. Medical Work in Africa. This will be used in paying the salary for a nurse from our own Conference, if one volunteers.
2. Student Summer Service Program—The College Students who work with the Town and Country Churches in their Vacation Bible Schools.
3. A Gift of money to World Refugee Year.

### A Nurse Needed for the Sick of Congo

The Wesleyan Service Guilds want to send to the Belgian Congo a missionary nurse from this Conference. Somewhere within the Conference is a nurse, a student

nurse, perhaps, who will dedicate at least three years of her career to the sick of Congo. We must find her, won't you let us hear from you? If necessary, apply for educational aid through the Marion Lela Morris Scholarship Fund. Marlene Harmon, who is in Kapanga, Belgian Congo, as a missionary, sponsored by the WNC Wesleyan Service Guilds says: "A nurse is desperately needed for the hospital here where 500 babies were born last year—soon we will completely without a nurse unless some registered nurse will find it in her heart to dedicate a part of her career to the sick of Congo."

### OUR GUEST SPEAKERS

**Mrs. Ralph A. Ward**—A native of Illinois, the daughter of a Methodist minister. She spent her girlhood in Texas, Nebraska and Iowa. She went to China as a missionary in 1925, under the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of The Methodist Church. After her marriage to Bishop Ward, they continued to live in China until 1950. In 1951 they went to Hongkong and Taiwan. Bishop Ward died in Hongkong in December, 1958. Since returning to the United States, Mrs. Ward has lived near Hendersonville, N. C. In July 1960, she will return to Taiwan as a missionary of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of The Methodist Church.

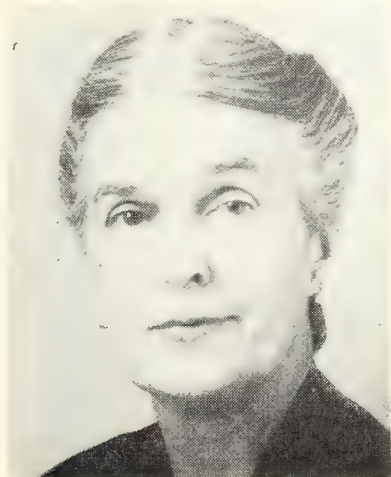
**Dr. Louise Branscomb** of Birmingham, Ala., is a Guilder, a member of the standing committee of the Guild, being the member-at-large from the Southeastern Jurisdiction. Last fall she went to Korea as a member of a team invited to go during Religious Emphasis Week in the schools of Seoul. She went at her own expense and worked principally with the medical students while there. She will share the experiences of that trip to Korea at Junaluska.

**Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick** received his A.B. degree from Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky.; his B.D. degree from Emory University, his Ph.D. from Drew University, and spent a year at Oxford University in England.

Dr. Kirkpatrick is serving for the second time as minister at St. Mark's Church in Atlanta, Ga. He has served as extension secretary of the Board of Temperance of The Methodist Church, and as chaplain of the U.S. Navy. He is a member of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church. He was a delegate to General Conference in 1952, 1956 and again in 1960, and twice a delegate to the World Methodist Conference.



DR. KIRKPATRICK



MRS. WARD

Reservation should be made direct to the Hotel of your choice at Lake Junaluska.

Lambuth Inn will be headquarters. Gate fee on arrival at Junaluska will be \$1.00—registration will be at Lambuth Inn beginning at 3 p.m. on Friday.



# News summary of General Conference

"We have stayed together and our union has stood the strain of a real test."

These were the parting words of Bishop Gerald Kennedy, Los Angeles, as the 1960 General Conference of The Methodist Church ended May 7 in Denver, Colo., after 11 days and nights of debate, deliberation and legislation.

"It may be said by the future that this General Conference became fully aware that we are a world Church," added Bishop Kennedy, newly-elected president of the Council of Bishops.

The Church's top legislative and policy-making body, numbering 788 lay and clerical delegates from around the world, had considered 2,729 memorials (petitions) submitted by their fellow-Methodists, acted on scores of reports, listened to numerous speeches, examined the Church's structure, and sharply debated several controversial issues. The prevailing mood was "Let's get down to business."

Some of the major results of the action-packed 11 days:

★ Heard the 20,000-word, traditional Episcopal Address read by Bishop William C. Martin, Dallas, Tex., reviewing the "State of the Church" and calling for renewed efforts on all fronts.

★ Approved a four-year budget of approximately \$114 million proposed by the Council on World Service and Finance.

★ Received the recommendation of the Co-ordinating Council for a 1960-64 Quadrennial Emphasis, stressing several aspects of the Church's ongoing program, and referred it to the Council of Bishops for study and implementation. The bishops are to report this fall.

★ Elected scores of bishops, other ministers and laymen to membership on general councils, boards and agencies of the Church.

★ Merged three general boards—Temperance, World Peace, Social and Economic Relations—as a new Board of Christian Social Relations with headquarters in Washington, D. C.

★ Adopted with relatively few changes, after more than two days of vigorous debate, the report of a special 70-member study commission, created in 1956, on the Church's jurisdictional system. The structure—five regional and one Negro jurisdiction—remains the same. Principal changes in the system have to do with the time and place of jurisdictional conferences, the transfer of bishops from one jurisdiction to another, etc.

★ Adopted a Constitutional Amendment (No. 12), subject to ratification by Annual Conferences, to implement changes in the jurisdictional system.

★ Created a 36-member Commission on Inter-Jurisdictional Relations to oversee the Church's continuing program aimed at eventual abolition of the Central (Negro) Jurisdiction, and achievement of a more inclusive church by promoting "interracial brotherhood through Christian love."

★ Reiterated the Methodist position on race and suggested ways and means for improvement. However, one resolution which was adopted, commending students who picketed lunch counters for their non-violence and police forces for their "professional performance" in preventing chaos, was later referred to the Judicial Council for a ruling on whether it conflicts with the Articles of Religion concerning obedience to civil law.

★ Increased the maximum membership of General Conference from 900 to 1,400, comprising henceforth delegates to both the General and the Jurisdictional conferences.

★ Limited bishops to 12 years' continuous service in an episcopal area after 1960.

★ Increased from four to five the minimum number of bishops in each of the six jurisdictions in the U. S. which, in effect, means that every jurisdiction can elect an additional bishop this year if it chooses.

★ Accepted for a four-year trial a revised Book of Worship, postponing approval or rejection until 1964.

★ Authorized the Commission on Worship to revise the Methodist Hymnal and submit its proposed changes to the 1964 General Conference.

★ Made mandatory a Board of Christian Social Concerns in Annual Conferences, and a Commission in local churches.

★ Reaffirmed the Methodist Church's relationship to the National and World Council of Churches, and endorsed a suggestion of the bishops calling for a "more thorough program of education in our churches" concerning "these agencies of Christian cooperation."

★ Expressed concern at the practice of individuals and groups "endeavoring to silence the voice of the church and the voices of individual churchmen" in speaking on controversial issues, and reiterated Methodist recognition of freedom of speech, conscience and pulpit.

★ Expressed regret that Methodists "contribute either money or leadership" to Circuit Riders, Inc., or other unofficial Methodist groups "which utilize the 'guilt by association' and 'fellow-traveler' approaches as they stir up unjustified suspicion and develop unfounded fears."

★ Called upon "any organization which has charges or accusations to make against any Methodist to make them through our church courts."

★ Restated Methodism's belief in the separation of Church and State, but pointed out that "twilight zones" involving government aid to education, hospitals, etc., present new problems. The new Board of Christian Social Concerns was directed to head a special study of the problems.

★ Amended the Social Creed to make it more forceful at several points.

★ Liberalized church law regarding conditions under which a Methodist minister may solemnize the marriage of a divorced person.

★ Established a special Commission to study "The Christian Faith and War in the Nuclear Age," the findings and recommendations to be used in churchwide study programs.

★ Reaffirmed the Methodist defense of birth control when "practiced in Christian conscience."

★ Voiced support of programs of the United States and the United Nations providing economic and technical aid to needy countries, and urged Methodist leaders to back government efforts to channel surplus food to "many of our people and millions in other lands suffering from hunger."

★ Urged Congress to liberalize immigration laws in order to admit more refugees displaced because of war or persecution.

★ Requested the Board of Evangelism and Board of Missions to continue their "Mission to America" evangelistic and church extension efforts for four more years.

★ Requested Methodists to increase their financial support of the Church's schools, colleges, universities and seminaries in view of the continuing rise in student enrollments.

★ Received a report stating that a merger of Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren churches "is much closer in sight," but that progress toward union with the Episcopalians is at a standstill.

★ Endorsed plans of the Board of Missions for special attention for the next four years to four new "Lands of Decision"—Pakistan, Southern Rhodesia, Argentina and the 23 million Chinese scattered in Taiwan, Hong Kong and Southeast Asia.

## Laymon Leaves Education Board for College Position

*Nashville, Tenn.*—The Rev. Dr. Charles M. Laymon, Nashville, editor of Methodist church school adult publications, will become chairman of the Department of Religion at Florida Southern College, Lakeland, at the beginning of the fall term.

No successor to Dr. Laymon has been selected yet, said the Rev. Dr. Henry M. Bullock, Nashville, general secretary of the Editorial Divisions of the Methodist Board of Education.

Dr. Laymon has been editor of adult publications, with headquarters in Nashville, since 1953. He is the author of several books and editor of the *International Lesson Annual*, a commentary for use with Sunday school lessons.



# North Carolina Conference Moves Ahead in Camping

By WESLEY G. BROGAN

When the camping season opens June 12 voices will echo across a new campsite of the North Carolina Conference. The Methodist Camp at Kerr Lake near Henderson will open for organized camping for the first time. Facilities will be available for thirty-two campers and eight counselors. Covered wagons and hogans will provide comfortable and safe sleeping quarters for the campers. A "Trading Post" with modern refrigeration and storage facilities will be the center from which food is secured.

The beautiful waters of Kerr Lake provide for pleasant boating, refreshing swimming, and exciting exploration. The gala colored boats of the camp will soon be dotting the waters of the lake. Soon will be heard the splash as a camper plunges into the cool waters. Almost silently will a group of campers move along the shoreline to discover water life.

Here and there set amid the beauty of the wooded land are the small camp areas where the campers will live. Seated in quiet discussion groups they will learn about God as he is revealed in the Bible and the world about them.

The inspiration found in worship around the campfire will lift them into new fellowship with God. Discoveries in crafts will lead them to have a new appreciation for the use of the natural materials about them. The hikes through the wooded lands and along the beach will bring new wonder at the way in which God has planned and created.

All of this will be in a situation designed to help campers most. Every two counselors will work with only eight campers. This provides more individual attention than any other type camping program. The simplicity of facilities and unregimented program is planned to release the camper from the tensions created by the complexities of modern living and to enable him to come to a new appreciation of God's world.

Thus will the North Carolina Conference take another step in providing good camping experiences with the opening of the camp at Kerr Lake.

The contract for a new swimming pool at camp Chestnut Ridge has been let. The pool will be 60 feet long with a surface of 1500 square feet. It will be constructed of reinforced concrete in a "Wedge" shape. The diving area eight feet in depth, will be at the small end of the wedge thus freeing the larger area of the pool for use by the beginning swimmer or the non-swimmer.

This pool is a gift of the laymen of the Durham and Burlington districts. A campaign for funds was carried on under the leadership of Dr. Frank Hanft and Mr. J. F. Rogers, lay leaders of the Durham and Burlington districts, respectively.

Added to the already excellent facil-

ities, this pool will make the campers' experience even more delightful. Swimming in small groups under the direction of a certified Red Cross lifeguard will enable the campers to receive some swimming instruction and also assure them of a pleasant and safe time.

A *Camp Leaders' Camp* was held at Camp Chestnut Ridge, April 26-29, 1960. This training session was under the sponsorship of the directors of Christian education of the Methodist churches of North Carolina in co-operation with the Boards of Education of the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences and the North Carolina Council of Churches.

Forty-two persons from the North Carolina and Western North Carolina

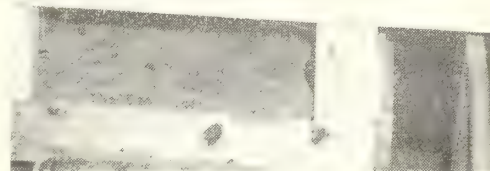


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Conferences trained at this session. The resource leaders were: George L. Blackburn, Charlotte; Henry A. Bizzell, Jr., Raleigh; Charles E. Burkett, Falls Church, Virginia; Muriel Coltrane, Nashville, Tennessee; Pat Floyd, Greensboro, N. C.; and George Rudisill, Charlotte, N. C.

Miss LaDonna Bogardus of Nashville, Tennessee, will be the resource leader for the North Carolina Conference Camp Training to be held at Camp Chestnut Ridge, June 7-10, 1960. Fifty counselors, who will be serving this summer at Camp Chestnut Ridge and the Kerr Lake Camp, will attend this session. Mr. Robert Reed will be the director of Camp Chestnut Ridge for the summer. The camp at Kerr Lake will be directed by Rev. Robert Streetman of Greensboro, N. C.

A training session for those counselors serving at Camp Don-Lee will also be held, June 7-10, at Camp Don-Lee. Thirty counselors will be training there. The conference directors of children and youth work will be the directors for the summer at this camp.



Covered Wagon Sleeping

## Increased Aid Needed for Student Loan Program

Nashville, Tenn.—Dr. Everette Walker, Nashville, director of the Methodist Board of Education's student loan and scholarship program, has urged church members to pledge full financial backing to Methodist Student Day June 12.

He said the increase in the annual special offering in Methodist churches throughout the country has not kept pace with stepped-up college enrollments and the mounting cost of attending college.

Funds from the offering go for scholarships and loans to outstanding Methodist students.

"There has been a ten per cent increase in the amount of the offering in the past four years," Dr. Walker said, "but the cost of attending college has increased 33 per cent and college enrollment has jumped 22 per cent."

"Even with the increase in the offering," said Dr. Walker, "we have been getting only \$200,000 to \$250,000 each year on this day set aside by the Methodist General Conference to emphasize Christian higher education."

A total of \$260,000 was presented in scholarships to 525 students during the last school year, and loans totaled \$860,000 to more than 3,000 students.

The scholarships and loans are open to Methodist students regardless of their vocational choice.

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# Woman's Society News

## N. C. Conference

BY MARY GARDNER

### YAUPON BEACH WSCS ORGANIZED

Approximately 18 women of the Yaupon Beach Methodist Church, in a recent meeting with Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., Wilmington District President, organized a Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Officers elected included Mrs. L. D. Hayman, president; Mrs. Fred Self, vice-president; Mrs. Guy Schuler, recording secretary; Mrs. A. L. Lewis, treasurer. Secretaries of lines of work are Mrs. A. H. Cromer, promotion and Christian social relations; Mrs. A. E. Rozar, spiritual life; Mrs. Sam Carr, youth and student work; Mrs. Kenneth Henry, children's work; Mrs. C. C. Carr, missionary education and service; Mrs. Ellen Gilmore, supply work, and Mrs. A. L. Lewis, literature and publications. Mrs. Ted Bigford and Mrs. A. A. Dixon are serving as chairman of local church activities and committee on nominations, respectively.

Yaupon Beach is made up largely of retired persons and others who have recently moved to this fast growing beach area. A number of the members of the newly organized WSCS have served in other societies before moving to the Village.

The Rev. L. D. Hayman is pastor of the Yaupon Beach Methodist Church.

### Guilders Tour United Nations

The itinerary of a recent four-day trip to New York City, sponsored by the N. C. Conference Wesleyan Guild, included a guided tour of the United Nations. The women were accompanied on the tour by Miss Mary Riddle, a deaconess from the New York office of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and Mrs. Okeke of Nigeria served as guide.

Highlighting the day's activities at UN were an informal visit with Dr. Frank Porter Graham, a member of UN staff and former U. S. Senator and president of the University of North Carolina; a briefing on UNICEF by Miss Phyllis Kotite, and the stirring Easter message of Mrs. W. Y. Edulful, Director of Information Service in the UN from the new African nation of Ghana. Mrs. Edulful is a Methodist, having studied for 13 years in a Methodist school, Angora Erudi. Her father is now president of Angora Erudi in Ghana.

The guilders also enjoyed sightseeing, shopping, a visit to Radio City Music Hall for the spectacular Easter show, and viewed the Easter parade on Fifth Avenue. They attended Easter morning worship services at the Riverside Church.

### Two Districts Hold Annual Meetings

#### Elizabeth City District

The 299 registrants for the annual meeting of the Elizabeth City District WSCS heard an address on the topic "Thy Kingdom Come," by Mrs. H. R. Odom, presi-

dent of the Fayetteville District WSCS. Sessions were held at Parker's Methodist Church, with Mrs. Joseph R. Bryant, district president, presiding.

A master report, by Mrs. Richard Peed, district secretary of promotion; a memorial service conducted by Mrs. R. L. Jerome, conference secretary of spiritual life, and recognition of recipients of life memberships during the current conference year, were among the chief features of the program.

#### Goldsboro District

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Kenansville Methodist Church was hostess to the annual meeting of the Goldsboro District WSCS.

Mrs. J. S. Henninger, guest speaker, challenged the women to be more diligent in the promotion of children's work, and emphasized the importance of family worship in the home. Mrs. Henninger of Chapel Hill is conference secretary of children's work.

The Rev. C. G. Nickens, host pastor, used the theme, "Thy Kingdom Come," for his opening devotional message. A master report was given by Mrs. Shelton Boyd, district secretary of promotion. In a pledge service conducted by Mrs. C. G. Speight, district treasurer, pledges totaling \$13,490 were made by the subdistrict leaders. This sum represents an increase of \$1,490 over the pledge for 1959-60. Mrs. Lloyd Sutton, district secretary of spiritual life, conducted the memorial service. Mrs. Cecil Pate, district president, presided.

### A Correction

A story concerning the Pledge Service held during the Annual Meeting of the N.C. conference WSCS in Wilmington last month and published in the May 5 issue of the N. C. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE inadvertently gave the name of Miss Mabel Garriss as having been memorialized in the World Bank candlelighting service by the men of the Page Memorial Methodist Church, Aberdeen. The gift memorializing Miss Garriss, as well as one other gift to World Bank should have been credited to the Rocky Mount District WSCS.

The World Bank Candle burned for 30 minutes during the Pledge Service, signifying gifts totaling \$96.00, the cost of the total program of the Woman's Division of Christian Service around the world for five minutes. Other gifts making possible the candle burning service for 30 minutes were from the Burlington, Durham, and Fayetteville Districts.

## W. N. C. Conference

BY MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

### North Wilkesboro District Meeting

Mrs. Juilan Reeves of Sparta was elected president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the North Wilkesboro Dis-

trict held at the Boone Methodist Church on April 28.

Mrs. Reeves succeeds Mrs. J. H. Council who has served as president since the organization of the North Wilkesboro District in 1956.

The other new officers elected at the meeting were Mrs. Gaither, secretary of Supply Work, and Miss Eunice Query, secretary of missionary education and service.

Miss Elizabeth Callis, who served three years as a missionary to Burma, was the main speaker of the morning session. She spoke on, "The Church Unsleping," taking the group on an imaginary trip to Rangoon, pointing out many details of the mission picture and ways that the women of the church may help.

Mrs. Ray Lowder, secretary of promotion for the Conference, spoke on *The Methodist Woman* at the afternoon session. She stressed the duties of a good secretary of promotion, and discussed many points of promotion work in the Woman's Society.

Mrs. Lee Reynolds, district secretary of promotion, outlined plans for the coming year, and urged the women to study carefully the officers' reports given to each delegate.

Mrs. G. M. Kirkpatrick had charge of the pledge service and Mrs. Preston Hughes, Jr., presented a memorial service for ten members of the Woman's Society who had died during the past year. Mrs. John Kirk, president of the hostess society, welcomed the women to the Boone church, and Rev. Preston Hughes gave the morning meditation.

One hundred thirty-five women attended the meeting.

### Marion District Meeting

Mrs. Carl King of Salisbury was the main speaker at the meeting of the Woman's Society of the Marion District held on Saturday, April 30, at Abernathy Memorial Church at Rutherford County.

Mrs. King based her talk on the day's theme, "The Spirit of Christ for ALL of Life."

The Rev. J. R. Starling, pastor of Abernathy Memorial Church, presented the opening devotional message. Mrs. John Causey of the hostess church welcomed the group and Mrs. M. G. Ervin, subdistrict leader for Rutherford county, responded.

The new officers elected at the meeting were Mrs. Claude McClure of Spruce Pine, secretary of Christian social relations; Mrs. Robert Nelson of Cliffside, secretary of youth work; Mrs. Charles Beaman of Forest City, student work; Mrs. W. E. Beaver of Spindale, recording secretary and chairman of public relations; Mrs. B. B. Byrd of Marion, secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, and Mrs. Zeb Hall of Spruce Pine, subdistrict leader for Mitchell County.

These officers were installed in a ceremony conducted by the Rev. Ernest Yountz, superintendent of the Marion District.

Others on the program included Mrs. W. T. Medlin, Mrs. Wayne Suttle, Mrs. George Clark, Mrs. Leon Butler and Mrs. Harold LeFevers.

The young people's choir of the church sang one selection.

Mrs. J. C. Rabb, district president, was in charge of the meeting.



## Charlotte District Meeting

Mrs. Carl W. Judy, missionary to Korea, presented the story of "The Light in Korea" at the meeting of the Woman's Society of the Charlotte District held May 11 at Hopewell Methodist Church in Anson County.

Mrs. Ray Lowder of Lincolnton, conference secretary of promotion, made an informal talk on the work of the secretary of promotion in the local society.

The speakers for the morning session included the Rev. John Oakley, Miss Viola Kiker, Mrs. Vernon Kiker, Mrs. M. M. Rose, Mrs. J. B. Davis, Mrs. Seth Bowen, Mrs. L. H. Everitt, Mrs. Gregory Smith and Miss Florence A. Dixon.

At the afternoon session a report of the work at the Bethlehem Center was made by Miss Margaret Hodgins, and Dr. J. Lem Stokes spoke on Pfeiffer College. Miss Florence Dixon led the memorial service and Mrs. Hugh Wilkin, recording secretary of the Conference, conducted the installation service.

Mrs. Lyle Beman, district president, presided at the day's meeting.

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## Annual Meeting, W.S.C.S.

(Continued from page 8)

Mrs. Lyle L. Beaman and Mrs. John C. Wright.

### Love Offering

One of the most sacred services of the entire Conference is the Holy Communion Service, conducted by the district superintendent of the hostess district, assisted by many Methodist ministers at Lake Junaluska.

Each year the delegates from the local societies bring a love offering from their home groups and place this offering on the altar at the Communion Service.

This year the finance committee recommended that the love offering be used for Brooks-Howell Home for Retired Deaconesses and Missionaries. This home is located on Spears Ave. in Asheville.

Plans have been made by the Woman's Division of Christian Service to build a new \$600,000 unit for the home—a three-story structure with 60 individual rooms for retired workers, a 24-bed infirmary, a dining room and kitchen that will take care of 200 persons, craft rooms, doctor's offices—everything that will contribute to the welfare of these older adults who will live at the home.

The policy of the Woman's Division is to have all necessary funds on hand BEFORE they begin actual construction of a project. For this reason, the women of the Western North Carolina Conference are anxious to donate as much as possible at the 1960 Annual Meeting—for we are honored to have this home within the bounds of the Conference.

Others must feel the need also—for Miss Mable Metzger, director of Brooks-Howell Home, says that already she has received over one hundred applications from retired workers who would love to live in the new home . . . and construction has not even started!

The women of the Charlotte District are hostesses for the 1960 Annual Meeting. Mrs. Lyle L. Beman is president and Mrs. J. B. Davis is secretary of promotion for the district.

Mrs. Beman extends most cordial greetings to the women from the other parts of western North Carolina. They have been planning for months to carry out every detail of traditional hospitality.

On the first afternoon of the meeting, when the session is over, the Charlotte women will be hostesses at a fellowship tea on the lawn next to the auditorium. Everyone is invited to come and "fellowship one with the other."

The hostesses will be on duty at all times near the registration tables, to assist in any way possible.

THEME: "Ye shall seek me and find me when you search for me with all your heart." Jer. 29:13.

## N. C. Conference MYF News

By GLENDA PITTMAN

### Louisburg Assemblies Soon to Open

In just a few more weeks another school year will come to an end and another summer vacation will begin. Once again Methodist youth will flock to the summer camps and assemblies sponsored by their church.

The first Louisburg Assembly opens on June 6 at Louisburg College. The theme of this week is Basic Christian Beliefs and Dr. Boyd Daniels, Professor of Religion at Duke University will be the Bible Forum Leader. I BELIEVE will be the text for study, which along with various instructors, will help the youth seek out what the Christian believes about God, Man, the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ, and Sin. Rev. C. S. Hubbard, pastor of the University Methodist Church in Chapel Hill is slated to be the featured speaker. Deans for the first week will be Harold Leatherman and Ethelynde Balance.

June 13 marks the beginning of the second week of Louisburg Assemblies. THE GOSPEL OF MARK will be the theme with Dr. Harold Hutson of Greensboro College as the Bible Forum Leader. Primarily, the purpose of this week will be to make the gospel live and speak to the youth. Second-phase featured speaker is the Rev. Harmon L. Smith, of Duke University Divinity School. Deans for this week are the Rev. Al Fisher, pastor of the Highland Methodist Church in Raleigh and Mrs. H. R. Odom, of Gibson.

LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD is the theme of the Louisburg Workshop which will open on June 20 for youth officers. W. A. Graham, of Chapel Hill, and Mrs. R. J. Jerome, of Elizabeth City, will serve as deans and members of the Conference Youth Council will be on hand to work with the delegates. Delegation to the Workshop will be limited to approximately one hundred fifty youth.

Registration blanks and information on these assemblies has already been sent out. About two hundred fifty youth will be able to attend each of the first two assemblies. Since many schools do not close until after the first assembly, it is urged that those who can attend the first assembly do so. In any event, space is limited. Send in your regis-

tration for one of the assemblies or the Workshop today.

These assemblies have been carefully planned. They will be an adventure and rewarding experience in Christian living for youth. Recreation and other activities are also a part of the curriculum.

### Briefs from Queen Street

Mary Louise Tyndall, editor of the *Queen Street Youth News*, received a letter from the Board of Publications in Nashville last spring inviting her to write an article using as her topic, "What My Parents Mean to Me." Mary Louise's article was selected to appear in the current issue of *Roundtable*.

On Sunday, April 24, the youth of Queen Street shared in the city-wide Armed Forces Fellowship Day observance. The churches in Kinston were host to approximately 500 servicemen from nearby military bases. Fifty of these young men were guests in the homes of people in Queen Street Methodist Church. The youth department assumed the responsibility for furnishing food for the following supper served at Fairfield Recreation Center.

A bar-b-que supper was sponsored by the MYF on Friday night, May 20, in the Fellowship Hall to raise money for the MYFund and draperies for the Senior Department.

Saturday morning, May 14, about forty-five youth left from the church to go to Camp Don-Lee to follow up the fun and excitement of the Junior-Senior held the previous evening with a weekend of fun and Christian fellowship. Robert Foster took along his movie equipment and on Saturday night the color movie "Mr. Roberts" was shown.

### Various Councils and Committees Meet

The New Bern District MYF Council held the first meeting of the new year at the Centenary Church in New Bern on Sunday, May 8.

The Kinston Subdistrict MYF Council held the first meeting of the new year in the Fellowship Hall of Queen Street Church Sunday afternoon, May 1. Program area chairmen for the new year were selected and a tentative date for a summer subdistrict fellowship rally at the Cliffs of the Neuse was selected.

The Rocky Mount District Council met April 24 in Whitakers to plan for the annual Spring Rally to be held at the Riverside Park of Rocky Mount on May 22. A slate of nominees for district office were drawn up and officers will be elected at the rally.

The Roanoke Subdistrict Council drew up a slate of nominees at the April Council Meeting to present at the Mav Subdistrict meeting when new officers will be elected. A rather favorable report was given by the visitation committee from the council that had met with two weak MYF groups on the response and interest shown by some members of the weak groups.

The Durham Subdistrict Council met on May 12 to draw up a slate of nominees and to complete plans for a Fun Festival to be held at Trinity Methodist Church on May 16 for the Subdistrict.

The Louisburg Workshop Committee met at Queen Street Friday night, April 22, and Saturday morning, April 23, to make final plans for the Louisburg Workshop scheduled for June 20-25.





# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## "I'll Walk Again"

By BETTY SWINFORD

Nancy's head was up out of the water, but the rest of her body was beneath it. Miss Keller kept working with Nancy, urging her to move her legs. Miss Keller was a hydrotherapist, but that was a word Nancy didn't try to say very often. It meant that she had been especially trained to work in heated water, helping people who had been sick. Sick like — like Nancy had been six months ago.

Miss Keller was smiling. "One of these days, Nancy, you're going to be walking again. I think you're doing fine!"

Nancy frowned and didn't answer. She didn't think she was doing so well. It had been a whole six months — half of a year — since she'd had polio, and she still couldn't so much as stand up by herself. It just wasn't fair, that's all! All her friends could walk and run and play all sorts of wonderful games — while she sat in her wheel chair and watched.

"Are we about finished for today, Miss Keller?"

The young woman smiled. "Yes, Nancy, I believe we're just about done for this morning. Come on, chin up, my dear!"

Nancy tried to smile, but couldn't quite make it. Her heart was too full of wrong feelings for a smile to be squeezed out. As soon as she was dressed her mother pushed her down the street in the wheel chair. Marlene, Nancy's best friend, walked beside them. In a way, this was a special day. Nancy's mother was taking the girls up town on the bus, and this would be Nancy's third time to ever ride a bus. The wheel chair could be folded up, so it would work out all right.

In the big bus station Nancy's mother turned. "You girls stay right here until I get the tickets and see what time the bus is coming."

Marlene sat down near Nancy's chair. "You seem awful down-in-the-dumps today, Nancy," she said.

Nancy's blue eyes looked away. "Why shouldn't I be? I was just barely able to move my legs today. It'll be a long time before I can ever walk, and even when I do there'll be braces and

crutches. It's not much fun like this, Marlene!"

Marlene's face sparkled like it so often did. "But you have Jesus with you! Think of all the kids who've had polio, and don't know Jesus in their hearts!"

Nancy felt a little bit ashamed, but she still felt a little angry inside because this thing had happened to her. "Look over there," she said suddenly. "That girl with the blonde hair. See how straight she can sit! See how beautiful she is! Maybe — maybe I could have



## MY TEACHER

By LOUISE C. GOOSMAN

*My teacher was so pretty, but my, oh my!  
Sometimes she was so solemn she nearly  
made me cry!*

*She sat so very quiet and didn't often smile,  
She seemed to be day-dreamin' most of the  
while.*

*Then one day in winter, a cold, cold day,  
A young man, very handsome, came out our  
way.*

*He opened up the door and stepped into the  
room,*

*An' my, oh my! You should-a seen our  
teacher bloom!*

*Her eyes got very starry, an' her smile came  
out,*

*An' all us little children wanted just to shout  
For seein' her so happy, cooin' like a dove;  
'Nen we all just giggled—our teacher was  
in love!*



looked that way, too, if I hadn't been crippled."

Marlene laughed. "Silly, she's probably six or seven years older than you."

"Oh, I know. But I mean when I get older, I don't think I've ever seen anyone so beautiful!"

Marlene nodded. "She's happy, too — the way you ought to be happy, Nancy, whether you have to sit in a wheel chair or not."

Nancy took a deep breath. It was plain to see that Marlene just didn't understand. Nancy kept watching the blonde-haired girl. She liked the way the older girl smiled and laughed, the soft tinkle of her voice.

Oh, but wait! The girl was going to leave. She was picking up something . . . What was it, anyway?

Suddenly Nancy and Marlene gasped in surprise. Why, the lovely blonde girl had picked up — crutches! Now she was slowly getting to her feet and walking, but — the strange girl had only one leg!

Nancy turned away. Tears spilled down her cheeks as she bowed her head. The lovely girl had only one leg! Yet she had smiled — even laughed — and sparkled all over when she talked!

Nancy started thinking how she had gone around with a long face for so long, feeling so sorry for herself! Quietly she asked God to forgive her and help her to be bright and sweet in spite of the wheel chair.

"Did you see that?" Marlene whispered.

Nancy nodded, and with a smile as bright as the sun, said, "No matter how she tries, she's never going to have but one leg. But me — Why, Marlene, just think — I'm going to walk again!"



## A THOROUGHBRED

One day, years ago, when Theodore Roosevelt was a boy, his father said to him, "Theodore, do you know what a thoroughbred is? No? Well, I'll show you. See those two dogs?" He picked up an ugly-looking low-bred pup and gave him a gentle shaking, which brought forth yelps and barks and howls. "Now, this," he said, "is not a thoroughbred."

Then he picked up a fine-looking young dog and shook him hard, but not a sound came forth. "There," said the boy's father, "there's your thoroughbred."

Then looking the boy kindly in the face, he said, "Be a thoroughbred, my boy, and, whatever happens, don't squeal!" — *Clipped.*



## The Story of Joseph

(Fill blanks with the correct words)

Jacob had . . . . . sons. He loved . . . . . best, and gave him a . . . . . of many . . . . . This made his brothers . . . . . When they got a chance, they hid him in a . . . . . , and then they . . . . . him to some traders who took him away to . . . . . The brothers stained Joseph's . . . . . with . . . . . , and told their father . . . . .

(Continued Next Week)

## Answers in Last Week's Alphabet

1. Unclean
2. Vashti
3. Water
4. Years
5. Zion



# International Sunday School Lesson

FOR MAY 29

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH

Head, Department of Religious Education, Greensboro College

## RICH TOWARD GOD

*Background Scripture:* Matthew 6:19-34;  
Luke 12:13-34

*Lesson Scripture:* Matthew 6:19-21, 24-34

Today we have the ninth in a series of thirteen lessons on "Marks of Citizenship in the Kingdom of God." Our material for study has to do with the Christian standard of values in contrast to that of the world. Actually, our question simmers down to this: What kinds of wealth are there, and what kind of wealth should the Christian be most interested in?

Jesus, in Matthew 6:19-21, clearly shows us two kinds of wealth—one is the perishable kind, the other is imperishable. Now the Christian, who is supposed to be living in the light of eternity, ought to be concerned with eternal values. We all know what the perishable values are. We have a saying: "You can't take it with you." That saying refers to houses and lands, stocks and bonds—material possessions. But there are other kinds of wealth. Dr. Roy Smith, in the International Lesson Annual, page 194, has written: "Moths and rust cannot touch honor, fidelity, character, kindness, a forgiving and contented spirit, the memory of good works, or inspiring influence extended to the world." John Wesley's dying words were not "I have left a fortune"—but "The best of all is, God is with us."

In verse 24 the point is made that we have to choose one set of values or another as dominant. This is another way of saying we not so much possess, as we are *possessed by*, certain ideals of life. Recently one of the world's richest men published a small book designed to be a guide and inspiration to others. When asked whether or not he expected to make a profit from its sale, he replied: "Certainly I do; everything I have ever done was with the idea of profit!"

"Do not be anxious" said Jesus. We are inclined to respond: "how can we help it?" The teaching is that we can help it by seeing how foolish it is. It gets us exactly nowhere. Jesus says it won't add anything to our span of life. Modern medicine says it not only will not add to it, but will actually take from it. There is still plenty of worry about money in America, in spite of the fact that we have most of the world's wealth. A young clergyman said to a banker: "I wish I had a large enough salary so I wouldn't have to worry about money." The banker replied: "Young man there are plenty of men who make ten times your salary, but they still worry about not having more."

Jesus said (see verse 32) "For the Gentiles (that is, the pagans) seek all these things." The writer once heard a bishop say: "American churches are full of baptized pagans." He must have been thinking of this teaching when he said that!

Before closing, there is one other aspect of this truth that needs to be mentioned. It is this: there is a kind of anxiety that prevades the whole human race that has nothing to do with money and material gain. We know that underneath the glittering facade of material prosperity we have in America today there is a widespread anxiety of another kind. It is the fear that life may have no meaning at all; the fear that we may be alone on this planet, and that "life is but a walking shadow . . . a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing." This is the ultimate anxiety. It is more widely prevalent than we like

to think. It can be cured only by faith in an order of life that transcends the present world of the senses. It is the way of life portrayed in the Bible—especially in the New Testament. To those who "know in whom they have believed" there opens upon their vision a new order of being—one that frees them forever from slavery to the merely temporal value-systems of this present world. These are they whose treasures are in heaven.

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# New Cherokee Co-operative Craft Center

A new co-operative Craft Center for the Cherokee Indian people has been opened in the Keener parsonage next to the Cherokee Methodist Center and the Cherokee Methodist Church.

The Craft Center will be under the supervision of Miss Vera Falls, deaconess at Cherokee.

In the Center the Cherokee women will have all kinds of articles made by Indian Methodist women on the reservation — woven rugs, hand-made quilts, beautiful baskets of all colors and designs, bead work in necklaces, bracelets and all kinds of jewelry — in short, many hand-made things that will give pleasure to the visitors and will bring remuneration to the workers.

Miss Falls said that the Craft Center will be run on a co-operative basis, so that the Indian women may receive a higher percentage of the profit than they would by another plan. The Methodist Center is interested in helping its people earn as much as possible with their craft work. The prices of articles sold must, of necessity, be in keeping with the prices on the same articles sold by other co-operative agencies in the Cherokee village.

One Indian woman, Mrs. Leuna Littlejohn, spent weeks at her loom weaving rugs to be sold at the center, and she

has a stack of fifty rugs of all colors to tempt the summer visitors.

The Keener Parsonage has an interesting history. It is the first parsonage built in that section for the very first Methodist missionary sent to the Cherokee Indians, the Rev. Ulrich Keener. It was located some distance from the Cherokee Church, but was moved to its present location to be used as a Craft Center.

It is a small two-story house of huge logs — each "story" has one room. In the downstairs room is the Craft Center — a large room with rustic log walls and an old fashioned fireplace on the side opposite the front door. The quaint old mantle over the fireplace provides an ideal display shelf for a medley of beautiful Indian baskets.



*Display of Indian baskets for sale at Center*

On the wall on either side of the room are hanging the handmade rugs woven of colors so loved by Indian weavers and craftsmen. A few old pieces of hand-made furniture are in the shop and their carefully polished surfaces catch a gleam of the morning sunshine coming into the room from the small window on either side and from the open front door.

There are glass counters on either side, and all kinds of jewelry in bead-work and in metal is on display.

In discussing the project, Miss Vera Falls says, "Our shop is a Church project on a co-operative basis to help the church people to help themselves by providing an outlet for the sale of their crafts. We are not attempting to make any profit except that which is necessary for the operation of the shop, therefore we pay to the maker of the crafts a higher per-



*Keener Craft Center*

centage of the sale price than he or she would receive from a regular shop."

All Methodist people who visit Cherokee during the coming summer months will find a visit to the Keener Craft Center a real joy.

Make it a "must" on your vacation guide.

## TV-Radio Workshop Set for Raleigh in July

*Durham*—The North Carolina Council of Churches, Durham, has announced that the first Television-Radio Workshop for religious workers of the state is to be held July 18-21, at Chapel Hill. Under local sponsorship by the state council, the University of North Carolina and the University Extension Division, the workshop is also sponsored by the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches. Charles H. Schmitz, Director of Broadcast Training of the Commission and Gordon Alderman, Program Director and Production Manager of WHEN-TV, Syracuse, N. Y., will conduct sessions in programming for mass media, production principles, broadcast policy, and other areas of broadcasting of particular interest to religious workers.

The workshop will use complete facilities of the Department of Radio, Television, and Motion Pictures of the University and two of the department's faculty members, Wesley Wallace and Elmer Cettinger who will serve as staff members. Fred Ohl of Atlanta, Director of Special Services of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. Permanent Committee on Television, Radio, and Audio-Visuals, is serving as a member of the workshop steering committee and staff.

The four day period of training is open to pastors, directors of Christian education, church executives, organists and choir directors, and to qualified workers with responsibility for communications either on the local or state level. The workshop is scheduled to open with registration on Monday, July 18, and will close at noon on Thursday, July 21.

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Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can.—*Wesley.*



*Indian woman weaving rug on loom in Center*



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## Prayer At Nightfall

*O little son, I never dreamed till now  
Your guileless smile would grow  
to frighten me  
Nor that your evening kiss upon my  
brow  
Would light the fires of my anxiety  
So that I pray an apprehensive prayer!  
Forgive me, Father, but the way is  
filled  
With lurking enemies that lay a snare  
For him who in this strife is so un-  
skilled.  
There is no room for hope unless a  
corps  
Of angels girds his armor and Your  
wrath  
Instructs his untaught weapons in a  
war  
Against the demons ambushed on  
his path.  
Let not Your disappointment at my  
sin  
Divert the Love he needs if he  
must win.*

— PAUL MOWBRAY WHEELER  
Misenheimer, N. C.





# Carolina Briefs

THE REV. AND MRS. CHARLES M. MANESS, JR. announce the birth of a daughter, Jan Patrice, on May 7, 1960. Mr. Maness is chaplain at the N. C. Sanatorium at McCain, N. C. Mrs. Maness is the former Doris Dulin. The Manesses have one other daughter, Ann Lisa, age 5.

ROPER METHODIST charge has recorded progress in many areas of Church work this Conference year. Many of the advances were brought to light during the recent reports of the committees and Commissions of the Charge at the Fourth Quarterly Conference held by the Rev. R. L. Jerome on April 24, after the morning worship hour. Brother Jerome brought the morning message and dedicated the Cross which was given in memory of Mrs. Hattie Lewis by the Roper Woman's Society of Christian Service. A fellowship lunch was held in the basement following the Conference. Reports given indicate an increase in World Service and Conference Benevolences for the next Conference year of 15%, and \$100 increase in the pastor's salary. An increase of nine was reported in the membership. Revivals were held at Mackeys with the Rev. W. S. Davenport of Rocky Mount; at Roper with the Rev. Leonard Mayo of Johnston Charge in Smithfield; and \$800 has been expended by the charge for improvements on the parsonage, \$600 for a new sewer system, and \$200 for bedroom furniture.

TWENTY-FIVE young people from the Avondale-Henrietta Charge (Rutherford County) took their annual mountain and lake trip on a recent Sunday afternoon when they climbed the rugged trail to the top of Table Rock Mountain in Burke County. Adult leaders accompanied the group. They were given a tour of First Church, Morganton, by the pastor, the Rev. Walter Lee Lanier, and also visited the new St. Luke's Church, located between Morganton and Glen Alpine at Carbon City, which is the first new Methodist congregation to be organized in the Marion district since the beginning of the Avondale Church. The group also visited Salem, Oak Hill and Mountain Grove churches and stopped for a picnic at the home of Miss Patsy Kincaid, where they also held a vesper service.

## Consecrate Two Buildings At Dilworth Church

Dilworth Methodist Church observed services of consecration and open house for two newly-completed buildings Sunday May 22. A beautiful new chapel seating 200 persons has been erected and is to be called the Terry Memorial Chapel in memory of George H. Terry. The other outstanding achievement is the completion of a large and adequate Children's Building. This building will house the entire children's educational program through the junior department. An outstanding feature

of this building is the section dedicated for the Boy Scout program.

The program of consecration included open house activities Sunday May 22 from 3:00 p. m. through 5:00 p. m.; an opening Chapel Service of Worship May 22 beginning at 3:00 p. m., conducted by the ministers of the church with Rev. Walter Miller, district superintendent of the Charlotte District of the Methodist Church; and an organ recital by Oliver Cook, the church organist, Monday, May 23, 7:30 p. m., in the new chapel. Holy Communion was observed in the Chapel Tuesday, May 24, 7:30 p. m.

The total program cost in excess of \$200,000.00

## Devon Park Completes New Addition

Devon Park Church, Wilmington, will celebrate the completion of its new addition on June 5 and will hold consecration services following the morning worship. The addition will more than double the floor space for classrooms, giving four large rooms to care for future expansion of the Church School. The exterior will be of brick to match the present building.

Valued at \$11,500, the new building will increase the total value of the church property to \$31,000, plus a modern and attractive parsonage which is valued at \$15,000.

### A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

We, the family of the Rev. Charles B. Long wish to use this means of thanking the many friends from many communities and churches he served in North Carolina for the visits, get-well cards, flowers and other evidences of love and friendship sent us during the illness and death of our loved one.

MRS. CHARLES B. LONG  
Parkton, N. C.

### DUKE DINNER

Tickets for the Conference Duke Dinner will be available at the registration desk.

Please secure your ticket at this time. Admission is by ticket only.

ROBERT H. STAMEY, *Secretary*

## Announcements

The need for clothing at the Cherokee Methodist Center continues to be urgent.

Ministers from the Western North Carolina Conference are asked to bring any articles collected for Cherokee to the Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska.

The Ministers' Wives' Fellowship of the Western North Carolina Conference will hold its annual luncheon at Waynesville High School Cafeteria on Saturday, June 11th at one o'clock. Please send reservations to Mrs. John Hamilton, 22 Brucemont Circle, Asheville, N. C. Price of luncheon \$1.75.

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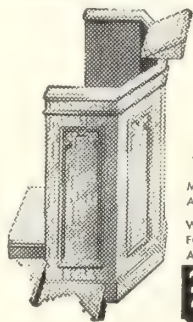
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# Family Camping in N. C. Conference

Dr. Otis G. Carnes, professor of Philosophy and English at Pembroke State College, will be the leader for the Parents Group in the N. C. Methodist Conference Family Camps at Camp Don-Lee, Arapahoe, N. C., July 17-20 and 20-23. A member of the Texas Conference, Dr. Carnes has served twelve years in the pastorate, taught at the college level in religious education and Bible, and secured his doctorate in the field of social ethics.

The subject of study for the Parents Group will be "Living Together in the Family." The study book, *Romance in Christian Marriage*, by W. Clark Ellzey, will be sent upon receipt of each family's registration.

Leaders for other groups are as follows: nursery, Miss Mary Farrar, Pittsboro; kindergarten, Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Brogan, Durham; primary, Mrs. George Newton, Durham; junior, Mrs. Otis G. Carnes, Pembroke; youth, a Duke Divinity School student not yet selected. These classes will major in activities such as handcrafts, games, hikes, etc.

Evening programs will include worship, movies, and recreation, all planned for family participation. Afternoons will be free for family activities, such as fishing, swimming, canoeing, woods hiking, and cook-outs. Director of the Camps at Don-Lee will be Rev. Harold Minor, Durham.

At Camp Chestnut Ridge, Efland, N. C., August 24-27, there will be real camping in the style that is sweeping the country. Families will live in hogans

and covered wagons, in communities of three families.

One meal each day will be served in the dining hall for groups which desire. Other meals will be cooked out in the prepared cooking areas, by each community.

Each community of three families will be led by a skilled family camper with special training for this purpose. Under his leadership this community will determine schedules, plan menus, and delegate responsibilities. Community leaders secured include Rev. J. B. Speight, Wilson; Rev. Holland Hale, Rockingham; Rev. P. D. Midgett, Oxford; and Rev. Rufus Stark, Burlington.

A representative from each community will be a member of the Camp Council, to plan all-camp activities such as campfires. There will also be opportunity for individual families and for various age groups to have time together.

Some attractive family activities will be horseback riding, swimming, hiking and nature crafts, with leadership available. No previous experience in camping is required, but a spirit of cooperation and ability to get along will be necessary for community living. Only 16 families can be accommodated.

Mrs. Robert Reed, superintendent of camps for the conference, will be director of the Camp.

Cost for each Camp will be \$6.00 registration per family, plus \$8.00 for each adult and child 10 and above, and \$4.00 for each child 9 or less, with babies free. There is no age limitation.

Registration forms may be secured from Methodist pastors, adult division superintendents, young adult class presidents or the Methodist Board of Education, Box 6667, College Station, Durham, N. C.

## Rev. A. G. Dixon Honored By Booklet of Tributes



The Rev. Arminius Gray Dixon, former president of the N. C. Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and superintendent of the M. P. Children's Home in High Point for 13 years, has been honored by the publication of a booklet of tributes from his friends and former "children."

Originally prepared as material for a Ralph Edwards show featuring Dr. Dixon, the letters and tributes were gathered together in the booklet and given the title, "This Is Your Life." Unfortunately, Dr. Dixon was unable to make the trip to California for the proposed show.

Many letters are included in the book from former residents of the Home and from those whom Dr. Dixon influenced while head of the Conference young people's work, 1917-22.

Copies of the booklet may be obtained from Mrs. Mildred L. Clodfelter, 815 Bryan Road, Thomasville, N. C.



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# EDITORIALS

## The WNC Conference

Meeting in Lake Junaluska, June 8-12, the annual session of the Western North Carolina Conference will bring together as many as 1500 delegates and visitors. Now one of the largest conferences in the Church, this administrative body will consider the year's record, establish goals for the coming year, and hear the appointments, as prepared by the bishop and his cabinet. That is (ings for the ministers). But the plan is year they will vote on the plan for two new districts.

From all indications the re-districting plan proposed by Bishop Harmon and the cabinet will be accepted with enthusiasm (some of it due, we suspect, to the fact that it provides some new openings for the ministers. But the plan is sound and very much needed. The WNC Conference is entirely too large to operate with less than 13 districts; the superintendents' load is too heavy to bear. This is not because the superintendents desire to escape work, but because of the churches' need and demand for more close supervision and consultation.

The district superintendent has become the indispensable man in Methodism. Time was when we could argue that it was possible to get along without him; that time is no longer with us. The multiplication of boards and committees, the tremendous increase in building projects, the necessity of keeping accurate records, have all conspired to deprive the D. S. of any time for the primary duties of his office—that of being a pastor to pastors and a ready counselor to local church officials.

Under the plan proposed, the districts will be reduced to an average of 37 charges each. Even this is too many for the best supervision, but it is the best which can be done at this time. We hope that the proposal will be accepted enthusiastically.

## The New "Four-Year Plan"

As readers of this page may remember, this editor has been critical of the quadrennial campaigns for quotas. We have asked that the pastors and congregations be allowed one quadrennium to devote themselves to the whole work of the church without special areas of

### TWICE VICTOR

Twice victor he who works in spite  
Of failures and of knocks,  
Till steppingstones at last are made  
Of all the stumbling blocks!

— Inez Clark Thorson

emphasis and a great campaign to raise money or to meet goals.

For a time we feared that the recent General Conference would follow the pattern set in other sessions. But we were glad to know that this did not happen. The quadrennial program adopted is something that every pastor and congregation may enter into with fervor and enthusiasm.

So far, there is no indication that it will be anything other than what it claims to be, an emphasis upon the ancient declaration of faith in "Jesus as Lord." According to one member of the Conference, this program seems to have taken fire already, and the bishops of the church are anxious to back it to the fullest extent.

Just what are the goals? They are not expressed in figures but in attitudes. The program calls for (1) deeper commitment to Christ, (2) greater effort in seeking recruits for the ministry and the mission fields, (3) emphasis on Christian family life. Such a program is as broad as the Christian witness and as deep as the love of God.

## Catholic Restrictions Eased

It is reported that the Catholic bishop of the Dallas-Fort Worth diocese this year released his parishioners from the ancient rule of the Lenten Fast, suggesting that they substitute charitable activities and greater participation in the life of the Church for the usual fasting and abstinence during Lent. That will be news to most Protestants and to many Roman Catholics who did not realize that the power to release from the Lenten fast had been given to bishops by Pope Pius XII in 1949. However, this is the first time a bishop has acted on that authority in the U. S.

Does that mean that Catholics are to be given much more leeway in observing rules than formerly? Not exactly. It does seem to mean, however, that the Roman Church is slowly changing its policy of rigid authoritarianism in ec-

clesiastical matters and adopting a policy of regional rule based upon consideration of local needs. Other changes have been the liberalization of the rule concerning the times of masses, and the gradual introduction of the use of the vernacular in the Mass. It is no longer necessary that Latin be used in all countries, and the so-called "dialogue Mass" which calls for audible participation of the congregation in prayers is becoming more and more popular.

One of the signs of the times is the way in which Protestants and Catholics are borrowing from each other, and there may be hope for a future when the lines will not be drawn as rigidly as before.

## What Is a Pulpit-er?

Looking over a recent religious magazine, we noted an advertisement offering the services of a "Prominent Florida pastor, ecumenical in spirit, able pulpiter . . ."

Now what in the name of Saint Chrysostom is a pulpiter?

Of course, we know the word. It has nauseated us for some years now, until at last this advertisement provokes us to literary eruption.

The dictionary won't help us much here; it will tell us what a pulpit is and we must go on our own from there. Assuming that we do not know that the brother is trying to tell us that he is an able preacher, let us try a little sleuthing in an effort to find out how such a word came to be.

Now there is a modern word of the same category called "gadgeteer." Like pulpiter, it is a coined word, but it does have some sense to its construction. A gadgeteer is one who loves gadgets.

Follow that trail and we will come up with a pretty good definition of a pulpiter—"one who loves pulpits."

Well, now, that is interesting. On the face of it, he may like to collect them, eat them, stand in them, or speak in them. But being an "able pulpiter" doesn't mean that he is a preacher of the Gospel.

The brother who so highly recommended himself continues his advertisement by saying "open for summer engagement—platform work, counseling, and adds, "willing to travel."

Now that statement we don't doubt for one minute.



# Methodist Home For Children Has Five High School Graduates

Receiving diplomas from Needham Broughton High School, Raleigh, North Carolina, on June 3 were five graduating seniors from the Methodist Home for Children. They were April Cox, Carolyn Horne, Carol Landis, Kay Landis and Robert McNeill. These young people have already made plans for their future careers, and are to be commended for their ambition to continue a good life as they have been taught at the Home.

April Cox came to the Home in August of 1949. She has been active both at the Home school and at Needham Broughton High School, and intends to take business training at Louisburg College. Her sponsors since her arrival at our Home have been the W. S. C. S. of Raeford Methodist Church, Raeford, N. C., Mrs. Roy Avery, correspondent. Much credit for April's fine development goes to the friendship and support of this group.

Carolyn Horne has also been at our Home since 1949, and here she has grown into the young lady receiving her diploma now. Carolyn plans to go into clerical work. Through her years here, her sponsors have remained the same, the W. S. C. S. of Norlina Methodist Church, Norlina, N. C., Mrs. Madeline Saterwhite, correspondent.

Carol Landis, together with her sister Kay, arrived at our Home in 1954. They and their brother and sisters, were a nice addition to the Home family as they shared in its work and play. Carol plans to enter business training, and Kay to go into pre-nursing, both at Louisburg College, in the fall. With unfailing faithfulness, their sponsors have continued their care through the years. Kay has been clothed by the W. S. C. S. of Hamlet Methodist Church, Hamlet, N. C., Mrs. S. R. Boyette, correspondent; and Carol by the W. S. C. S. of Centenary Methodist Church, Smithfield, N. C., Mrs. J. Herbert Fitzgerald, correspondent.

Robert McNeill came to us in 1951 from Fayetteville, N. C. He has joined actively in the Home and school life, and has achieved an excellent record at Needham Broughton High School. Recently, he was inducted into the National Honor Society, based on character, scholarship, leadership and service. In

addition, Robert has been active in the Speech Club and served this year as president. As a student winner of the United Nations speaking contest, he



April Cox  
Robert McNeill  
Kay Landis  
Carol Landis

made a tour of New York City with a group of other young people representing their respective schools as guests of the Raleigh Chapter of American Association for United Nations.

Robert is planning to attend West Virginia Wesleyan College. His sponsors have been the Wesleyan Service Guild of First Methodist Church, Rocky Mount, Corinne Searcy, correspondent. They can be very proud of their share in Robert's growth and development.



## "Blue Cards"

The secretaries of student work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service are charged with the important duty of sending "Blue Cards" when young people from their churches go to college.

These are the persons to whom Blue Cards should be sent:

*Agricultural and Technical College:* Director of Wesley Foundation, c/o Browning's Chapel Methodist Church, E. Market Street, Greensboro, N. C.

*Appalachian State Teachers College:* Director of the Wesley Foundation, Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, N. C.

*Asheville-Biltmore College:* Dr. G. L. Bushey, Asheville-Biltmore College, Asheville, N. C.

*Atlantic Christian College:* Miss Eva McClamroch, First Methodist Church, Wilson, N. C.

*Barber-Scotia College:* Director of Religious Activities, Barber-Scotia College, Concord, N. C.

*Belmont Abbey College:* Director of Religious Activities, Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, N. C.

*Bennett College:* Miss Phyllis E. Henry, Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C.

*Brevard College:* Miss Ruby Plant, Brevard College, Brevard, N. C.

*Campbell College:* The Rev. Robert Newton, Campbell College, Buie's Creek, N. C.

*Catawba College:* DCE, First Methodist Church, Salisbury, N. C.

*Charlotte College:* Miss Bonnie Cone, Charlotte College, Charlotte, N. C.

*Chowan College:* The Rev. Owen Fitzgerald, Murfreesboro, N. C.

*Davidson College:* The Rev. Russell Montfort, Methodist Parsonage, Davidson, N. C.

*Duke University:* The Rev. Arthur Brandenburg, Box 4574 Duke Station, Durham, N. C.

*East Carolina College:* Miss Mamie Chandler, Methodist Student Center, 501 E. Fifth Street, Greenville, N. C.

*Elizabeth City Teachers College:* The Rev. James Bands, Elizabeth City Teachers College, Elizabeth City, N. C.

*Elon College:* The Rev. John Graves, Elon College, Elon College, N. C.

*Fayetteville State Teachers College:* The Rev. R. B. McRae, 616 Cumberland Street, Fayetteville, N. C.

*Flora Macdonald College:* The Rev. Fred E. Still, Red Springs, N. C.

*Gardner-Webb College:* The Rev. Harold Austin, Route 3, Shelby, N. C.

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*Guilford College:* Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Devlin, Guilford College, Greensboro, N. C.

*High Point College:* Dr. Walter Hudgins, High Point College, High Point, N. C.

*Immanuel Lutheran College:* The Rev. W. H. Kampschmidt, President Immanuel Lutheran College, Greensboro, N. C.

*Johnson C. Smith University:* Dr. A. O. Steele, Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C.

*Lees-McRae College:* The Rev. Harrison Taylor, Banner Elk, N. C.

*Lenoir-Rhyne College:* Mr. Steve Shuford, Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory, N. C.

*Livingstone College:* The Rev. Edgar N. French, Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C.

*Louisburg College:* Mr. Allen de Hart, Louisburg College, Louisburg, N. C.

*Mars Hill College:* The Rev. James Thurman, Box 427, Mars Hill, N. C.

*Meredith College:* The Rev. Neal McGlamery, Wesley Foundation, 2511 Clark Avenue, Raleigh, N. C.

*Mitchell College:* Mrs. Howard Doyle, Broad Street Methodist Church, Statesville, N. C.

*Montreat College:* The Rev. John McWhorter, The Methodist Church, Black Mountain, N. C.

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# W. N. C. Conference Meets June 8-12 at Junaluska



BISHOP HARMON

With the Salisbury and Statesville Districts serving as hosts, the 1960 session of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference will convene in the George R. Stuart Auditorium at Lake Junaluska Wednesday, June 8, at 3 p. m., and will adjourn with the reading of the appointments for 1960-1961 at noon on Sunday, June 12.

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon will be serving as the presiding bishop of the Conference for his fourth term. Dr. J. Elwood Carroll and the Rev. Paul W. Townsend will be the host superintendents. The Reverend Julian A. Lindsey and the Reverend Harold M. Robinson are the host pastors. The Rev. E. Paul Hamilton is statistician, F. D. Russell is treasurer, George Smith serves as auditor, and Dr. Charles D. White is secretary.

The Conference preacher this year

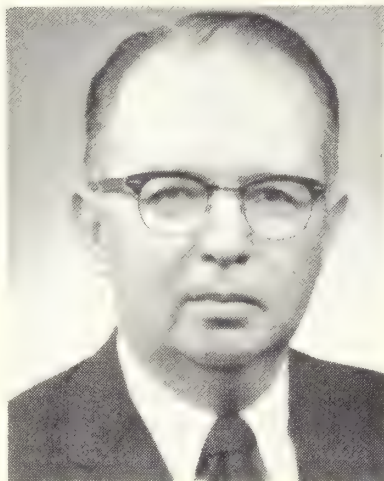


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will be Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton, minister of the Pasadena Methodist Church in St. Petersburg, Florida. Dr. Hamilton will preach at noon on Thursday, again on Thursday evening, and on Friday afternoon. These services will be under the leadership of the Board of Evangelism, Rev. H. P. Myers, Jr., chairman, the Board of Missions of which Dr. Kenneth Goodson is president, and the Television, Radio and Film Commission, headed by the Rev. Don Payne.

Returning to the Conference for his first visit since being its presiding officer will be Bishop Costen J. Harrell of Atlanta, Georgia. Bishop Harrell will bring the devotional messages on Thursday and Friday mornings. The class in full connection will be received after the Thursday's devotions.

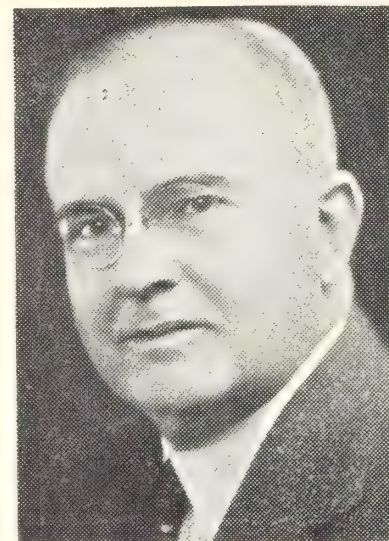
When the Conference opens on Wed-



REV. CHARLES D. WHITE

nesday afternoon, Bishop Harmon will lead a devotional period after which matters pertaining to the ministry will be presented by the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications, Rev. Douglas Corriher, chairman, and Rev. E. H. Nease, Jr., registrar, and by the Committee on Conference Relations of which Rev. J. G. Wilkinson is chairman. Wednesday evening Rev. G. W. Bumgarner will preside over the annual meeting of the Historical Society at which time an address will be delivered by Dr. J. Manning Potts, the editor of the *Upper Room*.

Thursday morning will feature the report of the Board of Education, Dr. E. H. Blackard, chairman. Dr. W. McFerrin Stowe, pastor of St. Luke's Methodist Church, Oklahoma City, will be the speaker. Reports on the program of



BISHOP HARRELL

Christian Higher Education will be given by Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, chairman, and Dr. Fletcher Nelson, director. The Conference Brotherhood of which Dr. H. G. Allen is president, will hold its annual meeting Thursday morning.

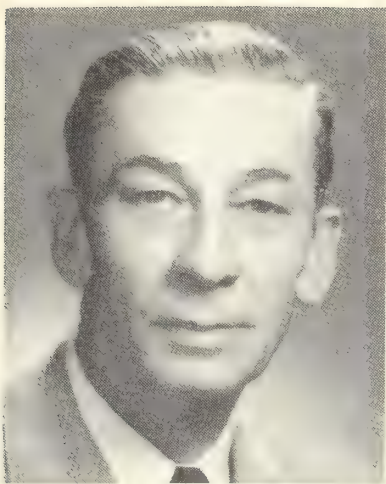
An event of great interest to the retired members of the Conference and their families will take place Thursday afternoon when a plan of hospital insurance will be presented through the leadership of the Board of Pensions.

Friday morning will find the Conference in a business session which will hear the important study report on the ministry with Rev. Douglas Corriher as chairman. Rev. R. P. Gibbs will report for the Commission on Christian Vocations, Robert M. Smith for the Commission on Minimum Salary, and Herbert M. Wayne for the Commission on World Service and Finance, bringing to the Conference the financial program



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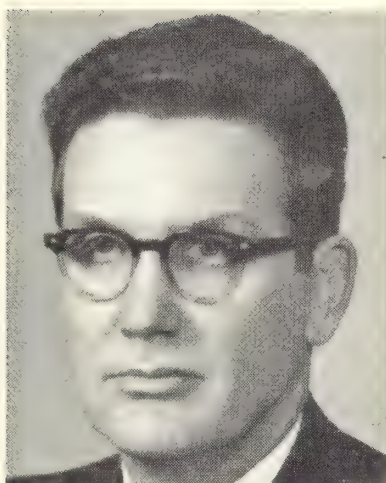
for the new quadrennium. Dr. Caradine R. Hooton of the General Board of Temperance will close the morning session as he speaks for the Commission on Social Concerns with Dr. James Stokes as chairman.

Another General Board Secretary, Dr. Robert Mayfield of the Board of Lay Activities, will address the Conference on Friday night at the annual presentation of the work of the Board of Lay Activities. Edwin L. Jones, Conference Lay Leader, will preside over this service.

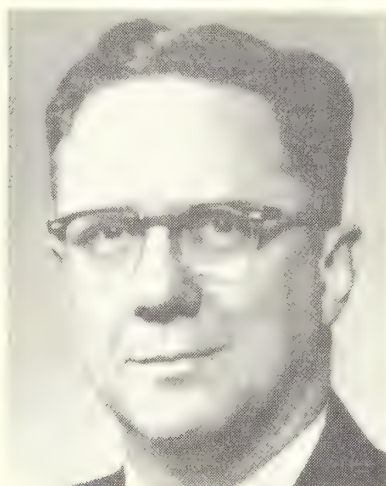
The Annual Memorial Service will be held Saturday morning with the Rev. Harold M. Robinson, pastor of the First



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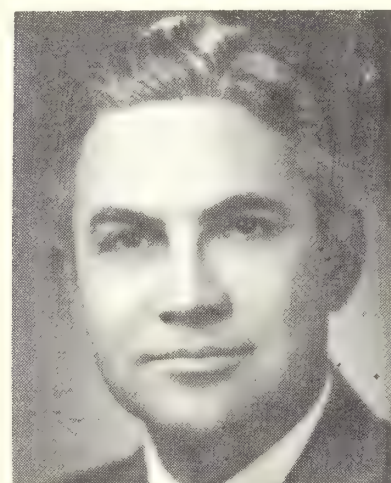


R. G. MAYFIELD

Methodist Church of Salisbury, bringing the address on the subject, "Our Responsibility to the Dead." This service will be in memory of the the following ministers, wives and widows who have died this Conference year: J. T. Bowman, James Cannon III, B. A. Culp, J. L. Ingram, H. L. Isley, R. J. Parker, R. L. Poindexter, H. H. Robbins, G. T. Rowe, S. A. Stewart, J. L. Trolinger, Mrs. J. E. Abernethy, Mrs. R. E. Hunt, Mrs. W. A. Lambeth, Mrs. A. L. Latham, Mrs. M. F. Moores, Mrs. C. H. Moser, Mrs. W. O. Rudisill, Mrs. T. G. Smith, Mrs. J. R. Short, Mrs. J. B. Tabor, Mrs. F. L. Townsend, and Mrs. J. H. West.

The men who are retiring at this session of the Conference will also be honored on Saturday morning after the Rev. Glenn Lackey presents the report of the Board of Pensions. Miss Mary Floyd will give the report for the deaconess board after which Bishop Harmon will consecrate two new deaconesses, Miss Hazel Correll and Miss Louise Robinson. The Board of Hospitals and Homes, Rev. A. C. Waggoner,

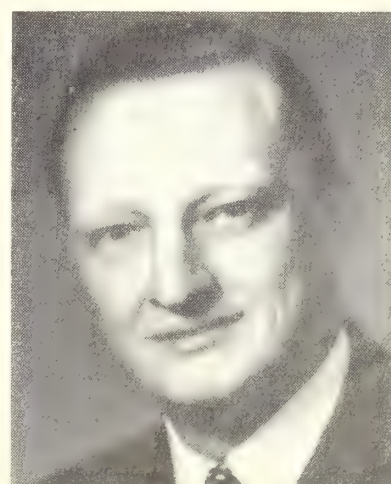
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# Women in the News

## WNC CONFERENCE

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



### New Officers To Be Elected At Annual Meeting

Eight conference officers are scheduled to be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference at Lake Junaluska June 14-16.

The committee on nominations has prepared a slate of nominees for these offices and will present the slate at the Annual Meeting for election. Five of the nominees are new, three are nominated for second terms and one is being changed.

The list of nominees was released this week by Mrs. Ralph Bisel of Badin, chairman of the committee on nominations. The officers nominated are: Mrs. Carl King of Salisbury, president of the conference; Mrs. E. D. Chandler of Asheville, treasurer; Mrs. W. T. Medlin of Spindale, secretary of children's work; Mrs. W. A. Bales of Greensboro, secretary of Christian social relations; and Mrs. Hiley J. Wise, Jr., of Gibsonville, secretary of supply work.

Renominated for second terms are Miss Mary Bethea of Pfeiffer College, secretary of student work; Mrs. H. F. Anderson of Charlotte, secretary of spiritual life; and Mrs. Garland Stafford of North Wilkesboro, secretary of missionary personnel.

Mrs. James W. Fowler, Jr., of Lake Junaluska, was transferred from the discontinued office of status of women to the place of chairman of the committee on nominations.

The executive committee of the Conference voted that this list should be published in the *Advocate* prior to the Annual Meeting.

The officers who are completing their terms of service include Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford of Asheboro, president for four years; Miss Una Edwards of Rutherfordton, treasurer for eight years; Mrs. J. Elwood Carroll of Statesville, secretary of children's work for four years; Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt of Charlotte, secretary of Christian social relations for four years; and Mrs. G. E. Brown of Mount Airy, secretary of supply work for six years.

The 1960 committee on nominations includes Mrs. Bisel, chairman; Mrs. John Hoyle, Jr., Mrs. J. W. Fowler, Jr., Mrs. H. B. Simpson and Mrs. Orell Lineberger.

#### Greensboro District Meeting

Miss Mary Bethea, dean of women at Pfeiffer College, presented a challenging message on "A Mission to Missions," at the meeting of the Woman's Society of the Greensboro District held at the Methodist Church in Draper on May 5th.

Miss Bethea reminded her group of the revolution that is taking place in many areas today and stressed the importance of

an awareness about three major concerns: the development of nationalism around the world; old religions changing so rapidly into new forms; and the development in thinking from denominational to ecumenical. She added a fourth concern — the appeal of missions should be a compelling concern.

The speaker is a deaconess in the Methodist Church and is also secretary of student work in the Woman's Society of the Western North Carolina Conference.

The Rev. A. F. Phibbs, host pastor, gave the opening meditation and Mrs. A. O. Funderburk, hostess president, presented the welcome.

Mrs. Frank Little conducted the installation service of new officers, and Mrs. E. D. Yost, district treasurer, was in charge of the pledge service.

Mrs. N. D. McNairy presented a memorial service for 44 deceased members.

Mrs. W. B. Hall of High Point, district president, was in charge of the day's program.

#### New Officers of Charlotte District WSCS

Six new officers of the Charlotte District were elected at their annual meeting held recently. Four of these were elected for four-year terms and two were chosen to fill unexpired terms. Two were re-elected for four-year terms.

The new officers are Mrs. Max Fowler of Cokesbury Church, vice-president; Mrs. Thomas Trythall of Cole Memorial Church, secretary of promotion; Mrs. Barney Crowe, secretary of missionary education and service; and Mrs. C. D. Keith of Central Avenue and Asbury, secretary of literature and publications.

The two chosen to fill unexpired terms are Mrs. Kenneth W. Horne of Wadesboro, secretary of children's work, and Mrs. John Ramsey of St. James Church, secretary of missionary personnel.

The two re-elected are Mrs. Paul Ervin of Providence Church, vice-president, and Mrs. F. R. Hayes of Dilworth Church, secretary of youth work.

#### Winston-Salem District Has Day-Apart Service

Mrs. Charles C. Weaver of Winston-Salem, president-emeritus of the Woman's Society of the Western North Carolina Conference, spoke on "Twenty Years of Progress in Our Women's Work" at the Day-Apart Service of the Winston-Salem district held on May 7th at Doub's Methodist Church.

Mrs. Weaver said in part, "Only those who love an organization are interested in its history. The Woman's Division began to function in one of the darkest hours of modern history . . . The years have brought objectively to us — we have grown into a feeling of one great program embracing 33 countries in the world."

She concluded by saying, "As we observe this 20th anniversary, let us be mind-

ful of the past, but let us not dwell there. The past is glorious, but it is past. We live in the present and we must forever face the future."

The Rev. Robert Crawley, pastor of Love Methodist Church, presented the meditation, "Growth in Prayer Life," and the Rev. Kyle Smith, host pastor, gave the morning meditation. The day's theme, "And now abideth," was presented in three sections.

Mrs. A. L. Smith, district secretary of spiritual life, was in charge of the program.

## NC CONFERENCE

By MARY GARDNER



### Y Center and Hospital Serve Koreans

By Mary Gardner

Two of Methodist missions' newer projects in Korea are meeting needs of children, youth, and adults. They are a Youth Center and a hospital in Wonju.

Miss Marjorie Yarborough, N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service representative in Korea, writes concerning the work of these two projects: "I have spent some time in Wonju. The home in which I stayed was used as a prison by the Communists. Now we are beginning to rebuild this station."

"A Youth Center has been completed. Here the young people in the Methodist churches of Wonju have a place to worship, study, and play. It is a very attractive building. The windows are placed so that the stucco part of the building forms a continuous row of crosses on all four sides.

"Behind the Youth Center on another lovely hill, a hospital is being completed. The doctors already working at the hospital are carrying on full-time tasks with a leper colony and a tuberculosis clinic. This hospital will serve a large area, and will be an important factor in Christian ministry to the people of Korea."

#### Fayetteville District WSCS Meets

Each officer of the Fayetteville district Woman's Society of Christian Service, in her report at the annual district meeting, used topics pertinent to the theme, "Thy Kingdom Come." Sessions were held at the Trinity Methodist Church, Red Springs, Mrs. H. R. Odum, district president, presiding.

A meditation given by Mrs. George Darden, of Fayetteville, had the topic, "Thy Kingdom Come Through the N. C. Conference WSCS." The topics of the officers and secretaries of lines of work were taken from the Scriptures and phrases of hymns.

A pledge service was also a highlight of the meeting.

#### WSCS and WSG Have Joint Meeting

The program of a joint meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild of the Page Memorial Methodist Church, Aberdeen, featured talks by Mrs. Pat Satterwhite and Mrs. Lee Yates, a pledge service, installa-

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# The Methodist Student Movement

By Jerry Barrier

Methodism has chosen the academic community as the frontier area for 1960-61. This emphasis is highly significant in North Carolina, because both the state and local MSM are beginning to understand the meaning of living as Christians in the world — for students, the college world and academic community. Because of this emphasis and because of criticism—just and unjust—that is constantly being leveled at our local campus groups, I feel that an interpretation of our program areas and our problem areas is essential to a continual working relationship between campus and home church.

The important questions to constantly ask the MSM are “What is your special situation?” and “How are you spreading the gospel in this situation?” There is a great danger in trying to judge the campus churches by MYF standards. The ministry on campus is not to youth, but to young adults. In four years or less these students will be filling the ranks of the Church throughout the world and they are already beginning to assume Christian responsibility. The Church on campus is daringly affirming the University’s purpose—the search for truth and the application of this truth. We, called as students, must welcome truth whether it comes from a so-called atheist professor or a dogmatic theologian.

The state MSM is a place of “gathering-together,” a loose structure attempting large-scale conferences and co-ordinating the work of local groups in North Carolina. By presenting mock UN model assemblies, retreats, race conferences, and annual state conferences the Council hopes to keep the world, given to all men as a good gift, before the eyes of students. However, the heart of the Methodist campus ministry lies in the witness of local camp.

It is impossible to generalize about the specific work of the local Wesley groups. The Inter-Conference Commission and the Council have tried to keep each Wesley group strong, for local units have to be flexible enough to change in a fast-moving college situation. There are, however, certain trends and new ideas that are becoming centers of attitude and practical action throughout the state. Such thinking and

action on the edge of crucial events have inestimable value in the total scope of the Church’s Mission.

*Motive* magazine arouses serious thinking in many areas of life, but its art section forces students to face the artist’s world. This is often a fault of the Church; she does not attempt to understand a changing world. We must speak in contemporary language or the Church will not be heard. This is not to say that the gospel is outdated — it does mean that we must carry its truth into all areas of life **in the language of that area**. This is the age of mass media, the time when art, music and literature have the potentiality of carrying important messages to the millions. The Church must examine modern art, music and literary forms. Wesley groups are experimenting with dramas as a means of witness, giving such productions as “Everyman” and “Murder in the Cathedral.” Some hold art shows, and others experiment with music and liturgical jazz. Sensitive people on the campus have something to say to the Church and the Church must listen.

On our campuses there has always been a tension between theology and the practical application of the gospel. I insist that this is important in the university situation. College is the place where we examine and ground ourselves in truth — college is the time of preparation. Several North Carolina schools have joined in a Lay Scholar project, in which small classes are vigorously instructed in an examination of theology and its significance in life. This confrontation with belief is also carried on by use of dialogue. The MSM has only begun to tap the treasure-filled realms of personal witness and confessional conversation. In small, primary groups, students for the first time are asking the crucial questions of Why? and How? Only after questions are raised can answers be given. The Christian “answer” or the Christian understanding of life and history presupposes a Christian question. The college group tries to provide the opportunity for these questions to arise.

A rediscovery of the meaning of Church has carried us into many unexplored and exciting areas of thinking. Our local groups need to provide a place for “belonging” and fellowship,

especially for the bewildered freshman, but the main purpose of the Church on campus is not to provide a home. Christ calls us to the World, not to a church building. The Church’s mission is centered upon worship, education and involvement. The campus is our parish and in a very real sense, we can claim to be the Church only as we understand ourselves as Christians living in the world. At our centers and meeting halls we gather for worship in a community. Then we scatter. We may gather throughout the next week for fellowship, communion and study but we return refreshed and informed to the situation in which God has placed us.

A radical obedience to this idea of being Church or being Mission means that the program of our local churches is not the center of every thought and action. It may be that we as students are called to participate as Christians in campus life and this might conceivably force us to miss many of our local group’s activities. We do not want to drag people to our centers to hear another lecture or to be educated. We wish to meet our fellow student in his and our world of campus activities.

I would be so bold as to say that if a student understood the necessity of his living in the campus, all areas in which he participated would be significantly changed. In the class he would raise important questions, challenging professors even at the risk of making a fool of himself. The Christian students would participate in “bull sessions,” speaking to their friends and enemies. His message need not be concerned with orthodox religious subjects, but always on some aspect of vital issues and truth. The Christian must force significant questions to be raised and then he must be prepared to share his own ideas. We share any small glimpse of truth that is our privilege to grasp; we do not tell, or insist, or “give” answers.

Being a Christian student is a decisive vocation. Scholarship and campus participation are real callings, a time for both preparation and involvement. We must attempt to attain any office on campus, yea, even to the extent of merging our hands into the “dirt” of campus political intrigue. There can be no dualism in our understanding of the world. Our call is a call unto all the structures of the world.

Methodism is just coming to a new understanding of the laity in the twentieth century. The Council has decided that this is a crucial area and our annual



conference will be centered upon laity in the world and in the university. All across the state there has been a tremor as we realize what Luther meant by "each man a priest" — not our own priest, but our brother's priest. This means that the minister is not a reconciler with God. The minister teaches us, counsels with us and perhaps (though this is not necessary) leads us in worship. He is not holy and the ministry is no more sacred a vocation than that of being a Christian bricklayer or a Christian lawyer. If we really think that all men are equal before God then we must take seriously our calling to be laity or clergy. Perhaps in the 60's, quoting Joe Matthews, all the minister can do is wave goodbye as the Church (laity) goes out to proclaim the gospel. We can no longer pay people to witness for us or to be our priest. The laity is called to witness to God's love.

All these ideas may be fine, but we, like the Church since Golgotha, have had a hard time practicing what we preach. We have high and low spots and sometimes we must mutter "there is no clean thing in us." Sometimes our programs presuppose too much and become pseudo-intellectual and sometimes the converse is true. Our facilities are not adequate, but this is no excuse for our not reaching the large numbers of Methodists on campus. We feel guilty and condemned because of our less-than-complete ministry.

The Methodist ministry to the campus desperately needs constructive criticism, open, fair-minded examination of the aims of the college church and its shortcomings in North Carolina. I would remind you that the most effective ministry is carried out, not in our church meetings, but in the campus activities and interpersonal relations. Numbers are significant but not all-important. Our gospel may appear radical from the home church view and because of our isolation, it may not be tempered by the cold hand of experience and actual living. However, I submit that the gospel of Jesus Christ has always been a radical and dangerous thing, especially to those that are content to keep the status quo or to rest. Because we receive no reward as a result of our deeds, we can reach no definite point in our ministry and stop fully satisfied.

These ideas are among some of the philosophy that is floating around in North Carolina. Some points are emphasized more than others in different localities. In a series of articles each of the Wesley groups will be explaining

in detail how the gospel is being presented on their campus. We would thank you for your co-operation and patience as the Church-campus mission

explores and works with the grace of God. Let us pray together that our Lord will constantly make His will known to all of us.

## "Going to the Dogs"

By D. B. ALDERMAN\*

Very disturbing! Other people say they remember it being said about youth in their day. I have heard it, you have also: "This younger generation is going to the dogs." It must be an age-old practice of adults trying to evade total and moral responsibility.

Where is the validity for a claim like this? Are we emotionally frustrated, fearful in our own disappointments, economically disturbed, forgetting that we were once a boy or girl and did most of the very same things young people do today? Being perfectly frank and honest with ourselves, aren't we much nearer being delinquents, even in adulthood, than our young people?

A great joy has been mine to meditate upon the teachings of the great Master Teacher in relation to children and youth. When we examine them carefully, we can say that He may have been a little partial towards them. And, we find that youth can give us older ones much in example: faith especially, adventure, zealously, ambition, patience, forgiving spirits, honor, glory, and plenty of enthusiasm. They literally roll up their sleeves each morning, go out and meet opportunity and challenge, or problem, on any battleground. They are fearless and believing. They take care of one day at a time, and when tomorrow comes, they will go out and meet it. They meet the demands of any hour. They unlock the doors of opportunity and invite it to come in. They ask for challenge, accepting it any time.

When you were young, do you remember getting irritated and peeved with your little playmates? You would take your play-things and go home. It would only be a few hours, or the next day at the most, that you would be back playing together as nothing ever had happened. You would forget and forgive all the hurt which had been done. Happily and pleasantly once again you would be at play.

As we grow older, we make a different picture of life. Right or wrong, it is different. We see adults angry with another, and many times they do not speak to each other for weeks, months and, maybe, years. They carry old grudges around that hound their soul, dog their steps, and eat the heart away, anxiously awaiting a moment of revenge. Their imagination brings molehills into fantastic and enormous growth, and suddenly they seem to be mountains. Their spirit of life seems to grow selfishly different. That is not the mind and heart of youth. They can teach us older ones something vastly different, and we should be willing to be taught.

Today, there is something we need to face. Let's put it into the form of a question. Are we willing to give our young people homes with genuine Christian love; churches, recreation, parks and other needed activity under Christian leadership? If so, our youth will be happy with home relations and go out under its guidance; our parents will know where our young people are, because they will have an outlet for their energetic personalities and will be loved. Those two avenues make God-loving men and women.

Therefore, we adults must shoulder our ultimate responsibility: "Are we ready and willing to give our young people something better?" Or do we desire to continue our fussing, growling and accusing, pointing our own guilty fingers toward our youth and saying, 'the youth of today are going to the dogs,' trying to evade our responsibility and guiltiness?

Most of the mistakes we make in life are self-revealing, one way or another. We do not like to face our shortcomings. We had rather pass judgment upon another, and let it be a means of hiding from our own mistakes. Do we not need to look into the mirror of time and history for just a moment to see what kind of condition the world is in now? We cannot blame youth for it, can we? After the way we older ones have

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demonstrated our inability to build a world fit to live in, are we qualified to make any kind of accusation against youth, or pin any blue ribbons on ourselves? It seems that we adults are trying to hide behind the realization of our own mistakes by trying to charge them to the youth of our day. When we face our living honestly and boldly we will admit our weaknesses and start living with and for our youth.

This is a wonderful time in which to live and our youth know this to be true. The only way to live is to have LOVE as the supreme interest and goal of life. Fathers and mothers must live with them in interest and love their young people; be one of them, guide them in-

to the 'Highest Way' of life. We have a great generation in our midst. It is the responsibility of us parents to build a God-like world for them. Let's go-to-bat for our fine boys and girls. Give them love and we will not have to worry about the generation to come.

For one, I have faith in our young people. They are the world's finest and greatest. We need to prove our faith in them. And let us remind ourselves of a clear and true fact—they are not going to the dogs, any more than we parents are leading them. Very disturbing, isn't it? Because, our mistakes tell us that we are cheating them out of love and depriving them of the qualities of life that *ONLY you and I can give*.

# A Pioneer Preacher

By Louise Wright

*Weaverville.*—A picture of the life of a pioneer of a century ago—his hardships and joys, his failures and his triumphs — is presented in an old journal kept by Dr. James Americus Reagan, circuit rider in the old Holston Conference of the Methodist Church and resident physician for the Weaverville area for about 50 years.

The journal is owned by a grandson, Carroll Pickens Reagan of Weaverville.

Within its yellowed pages, all closely written with pen and ink are stories of wolves, Indians, snows and cold, free dinners for the preacher and free lodging for the weary traveler. In later years are tales of his intimate friendship with Zeb V. Vance — and once he tells of "spending the night in company with Col. Andrew Johnson," who later became President of the United States.

In one place he makes the average reader realize the brevity of our nation's existence, for he writes: "Today I preached the funeral of Jesse Palmer (an old soldier of the Revolution) on Sandy Must" — and this was on Sunday, Sept. 7, 1851.

Dr. Reagan came to this section when quite a young man. He was sent here by the Holston Conference, which at that time included part of Tennessee, all of western North Carolina and Virginia. He travelled by horseback, preaching every day of the week, sometimes in homes, sometimes in small wooden churches. One assignment was for the area in Buncombe county and another was in the Franklin section.

At the age of 28, his health failed and he came back to Weaverville, studied medicine and became the leading doctor of this end of the state.

There were two volumes of his personal journal, but the first one was lost years ago. The second opens in Feb. 1851 by saying, "I closed the first volume of my journal on the 17th Nov., 1850. Since that time I have had my clear sky and my cloudy days; I have enjoyed much of the spirit of God, and been at other times sorely tempted and tried. I have, however, in the time learned a very important lesson. **It is never to complain.**"

An interesting story of an Indian burial service is told in one place. In May, 1852, he writes, "At four in the evening, I went up to the forded of Cartoogee-laye, near William Siler's where I immersed an old Indian by the name of Ahseene. Blessed change in the aborigines of this country—they are fast coming over to Christianity. On Monday about 11 A. M., there were two old Indians came down to William Siler's and enquired for the Chief — or big man (meaning me). There had been the death of a small boy some five or six years of age, and they wished me to attend the burial. Brother David W. Siler and myself mounted our horses and were followed by the Indian friends to the house of mourning. We passed the most of their houses and at last come to the place where the child was a corpse.

"There were some 25 or 30 Indians there, principally around the house, but

as I wished to see and learn all I could I went in the house and was surprised to see it so much resembling the house of a white man. The father of the child was wrapped up in a blanket laying on one bed with his face downwards, and the mother upon another, in the same position. The corpse was laying on some boards, rolled in a white cloth, answering as a shroud, with the coffin by its side (the corpse was on the floor). The women put it in the coffin and an old Indian man shouldered it, head foremost, and started for the grave, which was some quarter of a mile distance, followed by the whole crowd in a single file. Thus they marched the distance above named in breathless silence. The corpse was set down at the grave, and though I understand not their language, nor had no interpreter, I sung and prayed, after which they sang a song in Indian, which I supposed to be from the tune and way in which it was sung, "And let this feeble body fall." This being ended they gave me a sign to open the coffin. I did so, and one at a time they came up, looked in, bursted out in the most lamentable crying I ever heard, and took their seats in a semi-circle around the grave. I then nailed up the coffin, when two Indians laid it in the grave and it was soon covered till the resurrection morn."

Again of the Franklin section, he writes in August, 1851, "Today I saw that which I never heard of before. It was a man hunting (for game) who had a wolf instead of a dog. He told me that it was as good as any dog for the business and would not leave him or stray off."

He tells of going wolf-hunting with no luck, saying, "Went with a company to the mountains on a wolf hunt—found none—the view was very fine. Franklin and the surrounding settlement was very fine to look upon. Who can look from one of these elevated points upon the scenery below without having their minds carried to the Creator of all?"

Dr. Reagan evidently had a deep reverence for his country and he describes in detail the big Fourth of July celebrations held in Asheville, always at the Court House. In 1851 he writes, "This was a high day—a number of us left Reems Creek and got safely to town by half past nine o'clock—the procession formed by ten — we marched through town and into the Court House where M. Erwin read the Declaration of Independence — S. McDowell delivered an oration — Dr. Candler delivered a speech for the **Cadets** and Zeb B. Vance



for the Sons (of Temperance). We truly had a fine time."

In 1857 on July 4th, he wrote, "July 4 was a pleasant day and one long to be remembered on Reems Creek. The farmers quit work, shops and stores were closed. About 500 persons joined in the celebration, Masons, Sons of Temperance, Sunday School scholars, and citizens all joined hand in hand. J. H. Calfee read the Declaration of Independence. I delivered the Sunday School address. Rev. John S. Weaver the Temperance address and Rev. Coleman Campbell the Masonic. We had peace and pleasantries combined."

In 1852 he quotes the sayings of an "Old Divine." He writes, "It was once said by an Old Divine that 'Men will wrangle for religion, write for it, fight for it, die for it, anything but live for it.' But C. (Caughey, a writer) was willing to live it, and for it. He also found by faithful living that he was to bear persecution as a good soldier, — 'that a lie would travel from Maine to Georgia while Truth is putting on its boots' . . . From the abundance of his labours he might have adopted the proverb, 'Men are usually tempted by the Devil, but the idle man positively tempts the devil.'"

Dr. Reagan makes many references to snow and coldness — especially in

the latter part of his journal. In 1877 he describes a snow 22 inches deep. In April, 1874, he writes, "Last night we went to bed with everything looking like spring. The wheat fields were green, half a leg high and in the boot in many places — peach trees had shed their blossoms and the young peaches could be seen. Apple trees in full bloom, garden flowers plenty — grass up — cattle in the mountains — sheep sheared, etc. But what was our astonishment this morning to find the whole earth covered with snow, at least two inches here — I can't say how deep in the mountains. Wind cold. Prospects gloomy in the extreme. How uncertain are human expectations!"

A second book is owned by the grandson, Carroll P. Reagan. It is a doctor's journal begun in 1858, when he began his practice of medicine. The book contains the record of the delivery of 780 babies between the years of 1858 and 1888, his last entry in the record of births. Many old family names of this section are included — the Weavers, Reagans, Parkers, Littrells, Roberts, Bairds, Chambers, Cheeks and many others. In several places we find the record of the birth of a slave girl's baby. This is referred to as, "Girl, Negro of M. M. Weaver's — slave. Labor hard. All did well. Child a boy, Sept. 5th, '60." The joy and tragedy of many,

many families is told in the simple sentences written by this country doctor.

In the second volume are written many of his favorite prescriptions—for tetter, itch, bone fellon, asthma, cough mixture, scrofula and many other illnesses. There is a prescription for "Parson's Purgative Pills," one for "Hair Dye," and for "Hartley's Superior Hair Restorer Recipe."

Dr. James Americus Reagan was a native of Monroe County, Tenn. He was born Oct. 20, 1824, and was the son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Scruggs) Reagan, and grandson of a Revolutionary soldier. His father was an officer in the War of 1812. He was educated at Oak Grove Institute in East Tennessee.

He must have been about 20 years of age when he came to western Carolina as a circuit preacher. It is recorded in "Physicians and Surgeons of America, 1896" that he studied medicine in Cleveland, Tenn., in 1846 under William Harle, M.D.

At the age of 28, he felt that his career as a circuit rider was ended, for he had a lung ailment that plagued him much of the time. He did not wish to be a burden to the church, so he came back to Weaverville, his wife's home. In 1854 he began teaching school. When he was 35 years of age he went to Nashville, Tenn., to attend a series of lectures at Shelby Medical College and when he was 48 years of age, he was graduated from Vanderbilt University in Nashville.

He practiced medicine for almost 50 years, and often preached at gatherings. During the Civil War he had charge of a Confederate Army Hospital. He was a member of the Buncombe County Medical Society and served as State Medical Examiner from 1884 to 1890. He was consulting physician and surgeon in the Asheville hospitals for years.

In 1872 he was one of the founders of Weaver College and served as its president for five years. He was also chairman of the Board of Education of the Western North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church, South.

He took a leading part in all the civic activities of this area, and as the years passed, he gradually acquired much of the land in and around Weaverville. His home, known today as "The Granny Reagan place," is located on a road just off North Main Street. The home is owned by a great-granddaughter, Mrs. Richard McPhail of Gastonia, and her husband. It has been restored and is the summer home for their family.

On Sept. 9, 1851, Dr. Reagan, while a



Groundbreaking ceremonies for a new Mt. Moriah Church on the Peachland Circuit, Charlotte District, were held on May 15. Pictured above, standing alongside the old structure which was built around 1887, is a group of the members. In the front row, left to right, are Dr. Walter Miller, district superintendent; John Oakley, pastor; G. B. Moore, Pat Howard, Mrs. Jack Brewer, Mrs. Damon Brewer, Damon Brewer, Mrs. R. C. Fields, R. C. Fields, A. G. Lackey. Serving on the building committee are Damon Brewer, John Moore, Mrs. Fred Kiker, and Mrs. Damon Brewer. Work on the building has already begun. A new church building for Mt. Moriah has been a favored project of Dr. Miller, and the congregation greatly appreciates his interest and help.



young minister, was married to Mary Ann Elizabeth Weaver, daughter of Rev. M. M. Weaver. For 39 years she was his "beloved Mary and blessed companion. To this union was born seven children: Bettie Jane (Nichols), Tennessee Cecelia (Weaver), Dr. William Latta Reagan, Prof. James Jerome Reagan, Lucie M. (Goolsby) and Annie May (Reeves). Mary Ann died in 1890. In Feb. 1891, Dr. Reagan was married to Mary K. Parks of Hillsboro, who died in August, 1892. In January, 1894, he was married to Mrs. Fanny Mathias Neely of Cartersville, Ga. She survived him by a good many years and became the beloved "Granny Reagan" remembered by many in Weaverville.

To each of his children Dr. Reagan willed a tract of land. In his will he listed where he had gotten each piece of property and to whom it was given. Some of the descendants still live on the property willed to their branch of the family.

Dr. Reagan's last words on his will are an indication of his philosophy of life, "I have tried to be impartial with my children, educated them and given all of them land or town lots which is stated in the real estate paper, which can be registered with this will."

Even though the famous old minister and doctor has gone to his reward and all of his seven children have followed him, there live today many illustrious grandsons and granddaughters who are making good Methodists.

## Blue Cards

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- Mount Olive Junior College:** The Rev. Burkette Raper, President, Mount Olive Junior College, Mount Olive, N. C.
- North Carolina College at Durham:** Director of Wesley Foundation, c/o Asbury Temple Methodist Church, Braswell St., Durham, N. C.
- North Carolina State College:** The Rev. Neal McGlamery, Wesley Foundation, 2511 Clark Avenue, Raleigh, N. C.
- Oak Ridge Military Institute:** The Rev. Robert Love, Oak Ridge Military Institute, Oak Ridge, N. C.
- Peace College:** The Rev. Neal McGlamery, Wesley Foundation, 2511 Clark Avenue, Raleigh, N. C.
- Pembroke State College:** Miss Marjorie Kanable, Box 66, Pembroke, N. C.
- Pfeiffer College:** The Rev. James Clemmer, Misenheimer, N. C.
- Pineland and Edwards Military Institute:** President Eisner, Pineland and Edwards Military Institute, Salemburg, N. C.
- Presbyterian Junior College:** The Rev. Ernest E. Edmond, St. Paul Methodist Church, Maxton, N. C.
- Queens College:** Miss Janice Gandy, 1401 Queens Road, Myers Park Methodist Church, Charlotte 7, N. C.
- Rex Hospital:** The Rev. Neal McGlamery, Wesley Foundation, 2511 Clark Avenue, Raleigh, N. C.



*Brogden Methodist Church of Wayne County, Goldsboro District, pictured above, was organized August 25, 1958. The building was occupied April 3, 1960. Cost of land, building, and furnishings is \$40,000. Membership of the church is 89. Church school enrollment is 160. The Rev. J. L. Hood is pastor.*

- St. Augustine's College:** Director of Religious Activities, St. Augustine College, Raleigh, N. C.
- St. Mary's College:** The Rev. Neal McGlamery, Wesley Foundation, 2511 Clark Avenue, Raleigh, N. C.
- Salem College:** The Rev. Bob Younts, Wesley Foundation, 2569 Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem, N. C.
- Shaw University:** Miss Mildred McTyre, Director of Religious Activities, Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C.
- State Hospital:** The Rev. Neal McGlamery, Wesley Foundation, 2511 Clark Avenue, Raleigh, N. C.
- University of North Carolina:** The Rev. Robert Johnson, Wesley House, 214 Pittsboro Street, Chapel Hill, N. C.
- Wake Forest College:** The Rev. Bob Younts, 2569 Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem, N. C.
- Warren-Wilson College:** Miss Elizabeth Lanfield, Warren-Wilson College, Swannanoa, N. C.
- Western Carolina College:** The Rev. and Mrs. Milford Thumm, Methodist Church, Cullowhee, N. C.
- Wilmington College:** Director of Religious Activities, Wilmington College, Wilmington, N. C.
- Wingate College:** The Rev. O. L. Hancock, Jr., Wingate Methodist Church, Wingate, N. C.
- Winston-Salem Teachers College:** The Rev. Kenneth Williams, Winston-Salem Teachers College, Winston-Salem, N. C.
- Woman's College, University of North Carolina:** Director of Wesley Foundation, Tate and Spring Garden Streets, Greensboro, N. C.

## Women In The News

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tion of officers, presentation of special memberships and other awards, and reports of officers and committee chairmen of both organizations. During the talks by Mrs. Satterwhite and Mrs. Yates, a group of children in Japanese, Chinese, Mexican, African, Chilean, and Puerto Rican native dress passed in the background.

Honorary baby life memberships were presented to Caroline Graham, Debbie Burns, Doris Jean Burns, Edith Nell Robbins, Robert Brooks Patten, Joan Pullen, Laura Greer, and Fonda Reynolds. Beth Pullen was presented a junior life member-

ship. An honorary youth membership was presented to Pat Satterwhite, Jr. Mrs. Pat Satterwhite, outgoing president, was the recipient of a life membership pin and certificate. Mrs. Forrest Lockey, Mrs. Nell Bowman, Mrs. Ed Graham, Mrs. W. F. Boyte, Mrs. Chris Shields, and Mrs. Ray Burns each received a WSCS emblem pin, and Mrs. Bob Yates was presented a Wesleyan Service Guild emblem pin.

The installation service for the new officers was conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Brooks Patten.

## Conference Story

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chairman, will also report on Saturday morning.

Saturday evening will be an informal discussion of the program for the coming quadrennium and will be a report of the actions of the recent General Conference as those actions will affect the Conference and the local church. Bishop Harmon and delegates to the General Conference will take part in this service which will also feature special music arranged by Glenn Draper who will be directing the music of the Conference.

Ordination of the deacons will come on Thursday evening prior to the service led by the Board of Missions, and the elders will be ordained on Friday evening before the presentation by the Board of Lay Activities.

New quadrennial boards, commissions and committees will be named and organized at this session of the Conference.

Sunday's program will begin with the Holy Communion in the Memorial Chapel. Bishop Harmon will preach the Conference sermon at 10:30 a. m., after which he will read the new appointments.





# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



(Editor's Note: We are happy to present another page of material written by children and young people.)

## A PRAYER

Dear Father, thank You so much for this night, and for all the many nights to come in my life. Each day a cloud of evil hangs over me and tries to push out the beautiful healing sun, which cannot for long be hidden behind the ugly clouds of despair.

Oh, forgive me, Father, for all the angry words, the short temper, and all my misdoings each day to those so dear to me. Afterwards it is too late to withdraw the mistakes of that day, but I can always look forward to a new and brighter day. Strengthen me, Father, to live more wisely each new day, which opens up a clear and pure beginning.

I pray this in Thy name. AMEN.

—By Nancie Allen—Age 15  
Williamston, N. C.

## DEAR GOD!

Dear God, as I address You to thank You for this day,  
I remember things that happened  
To show Your loving way.  
Like my dear loving mother, and  
How she loves me so.  
Oh, how she reads us stories  
Your lovingness to show.  
Dear God, as I address You to thank You even more,  
I think and I remember Your knocking  
At my door.  
I'll open it sincerely to let You  
Come right in,  
To help me clean my heart out, and  
Keep me free from sin.

—By Sallie Springer—Age 11  
Southern Pines, N. C.

## SPRING TIME

The trees used to be bare, but now the leaves are there. The flowers are blooming. Spring began March the 20th. The grass is green, and it is time to go out in the yard and play and have lots of fun.

—By Jane Catherine Trolinger  
Age 7

## MY PRAYER

We thank Thee, God, for love and care,  
The food we eat, the clothes we wear;  
The sunny days so gay and bright,  
The cooling breeze of a summer night,  
The bluebirds and the butterfly.  
So often it makes someone cry  
To see these lovely treasures here,  
And no one thanks the Father dear.  
A few sit a minute here and there  
And mumble some words, but they don't really care.

Very few say what I've said in this poem,  
And really thank God for the things that we owe Him.

But I will stop to say this day,  
"I thank You, God, in every way."

—By Beth Felmet—Age 12  
Asheville, N. C.

## PRaise THE LORD

Praise the Lord by day and night,  
Praise Him for His wondrous art.  
Praises for His kindness be,  
For every bird and flower and tree.  
Praise the Lord for every day  
So He may show to us the way.  
Praise the Lord for stars at night,  
Twinkling in our very sight.  
Praise the Lord for Mom and Dad;  
Help us to be good, not bad.  
Praise the Lord for everything,  
Praises to God in our highest we sing.

—By Janie H. Jones—Age 12

## THE ICE CREAM MOUNTAIN

One rainy day Bill Brown's mother said that Bill should take a nap. Bill fussed about it for a little while, then he went upstairs to his bedroom. He lay down, determined not to go to sleep.

After he had been lying there for a while, he saw a little fairy dressed in lovely silks, and carrying a wand. The fairy said, "Come with me to the ice cream mountain."

"Where is it?" asked Bill.

"Over the rainbow and past wonderland," continued the fairy. "Just wait a moment for me to call a cloud to take us there."

"B-r-r-r!" said Bill, as he got off.

The fairy showed Bill a cookie tree, a lemonade spring, and many other

things before it was time to go. He went to sleep on the cloud, and when he woke up, he was back in his bed.

Bill never knew if he really went to the ice cream mountain or not, but he feels pretty sure he did.

—By Leslie Ann Walleigh—Age 10  
Bethesda, Md.

## JUNE

I like June,  
It's very fine;  
It's hot at noon  
When we dine.  
I like June,  
It has nice days;  
And the night has the moon  
And its reflected rays.  
I like June,  
It's got nice weather,  
And very soon  
I'll be taking off my shoes of leather,  
And be dancing around  
Just like a feather.

—By Jandy Mooney—Age 10  
Southern Pines, N. C.

## CHUCKLE

Two Indians were walking through the woods, when the first Indian said to the other, "Ugh!" After a while the second Indian replied, "Ugh!" Further on the first Indian said, "Ugh!" The second Indian replied, "Ugh, Ugh!" Then the first Indian said, "Do you have to talk so much?"

## The Story of Joseph

(Continued)

(Fill in the blanks with the correct words)

In Egypt, Joseph was a——— in the house of the——— of the king's guard. A wicked——— lied about him and had him sent to———. But he was such a——— prisoner that he helped the——— with the other———. Among them were Pharaoh's——— and his———. One night they had strange———, and——— told them what they meant.

## Answers to Last Week's Installment

Twelve — Joseph — coat — colors — jealous — pit — sold — Egypt — coat — blood — a beast had killed him.



# International Sunday School Lesson

FOR JUNE 5

By RAYMOND A. SMITH

Head, Department of Religious Education, Greensboro College

## LIVING BY THE GOLDEN RULE

Background Scripture: Matthew 7:1-12;

Luke 10: 25-27

Lesson Scripture: Matthew 7:1-12

In this lesson we continue our series on "Citizenship in the Kingdom of God." These verses from the Sermon on the Mount contain some of the greatest of Jesus' teachings. The reader is urged also to consider the selection from Luke's Gospel, which is the parable of the Good Samaritan. It would be hard to find a more appropriate story for our world situation today.

The theme of our lesson is essentially this: How can we have better human relations in the family, in the community, in industry, in the state and nation, and in international relations? There are now to be found professions of "human relations practitioners," "personal managers," "public relations directors," "labor relations people" and "industrial chaplains." All these, in one way or another, are paid to aid the machinery of human contacts so that friction will be lessened and progress made.

A student interviewed the president of a Negro college on the subject of race relations. The president said: "I could take a long time discussing many phases of this, but there is really no need for it; any time that we all are willing to apply the Golden Rule to our relationships to others our problem will be solved." Perhaps there are those who will say that it isn't so simple as that. And maybe it isn't. But the attitude that lies underneath the Golden Rule is a basic desire to make things right. If we had that desire we might begin to tackle the complexities of the problem in a constructive way.

In the command to "judge not" (see Matthew 7:1-5) the basic thing to keep in mind is the *attitude* we have in judging. Surely this cannot mean that all judging is wrong. Every teacher is forced to judge the work of students, every employer the work of employees, even every consumer must judge between products for sale. No, this evidently refers to harsh criticisms, especially those which we make without understanding the conditions. Is there a man you judge to be stingy because his gifts are small? Maybe if you knew what obligations he had you would not so judge him. Is there a person whom you regard as unfriendly? Be sure that you know his attitude is not, rather, one of shyness. And so we might go on; but the essential thing is to be slow in making judgments where we don't have the facts.

Verse 6 has apparently been misplaced, since it seems to have nothing to do with what goes before or comes after. According to this teaching there is a limit to the length one is obligated to go in presenting the truths of religion to those who do nothing except scorn it, or make fun of it.

"Ask, seek, knock" — these words represent varying degrees of interest in entering the Kingdom of Truth. "Asking" may mean only a casual interest; "seeking," a somewhat more concerned attitude; but "knocking" implies we are really trying to gain entrance. It seems also to suggest that we may really get what we bend our energies to get. "Be careful what you pray for, because you will probably get it" expresses this truth. Jesus is saying that if parents, limited as they are by evil, at least try to give their children

what they think they need, then how much more will God give us what we need — not necessarily what we want!

Coming back to the Golden Rule where we began our discussion, we notice that Jesus said: "This is the law and the prophets." The phrase "law and prophets" was another way of saying "The Bible." In the Golden Rule, then we have, according to Jesus, a little summary of the Bible's teaching. Here's something we can learn in less than a minute — learn to *say*, that is. How long will it take us to learn to do it?

## In Memoriam

**MOORE.** — The Wesleyan Service Guild of Abernathy Memorial Methodist Church wishes to pay tribute to the memory of Mrs. Grace Robinson Moore. Since going to work in Morganton several years ago, she spent her weekends and vacations with her sister, Mrs. Clint Johnston in Rutherford College, and our church was her church home. She was active in the Hope Class of the church school and the Wesleyan Service Guild. Her cheerful disposition, generosity, and kindness will always be remembered by us.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frances Dowdle, President  
Mrs. Willis Lachet, Secretary

## Book Reviews

**God's Colony in Man's World.** By George Webber. (Abingdon. \$2.75)

The Rev. George W. Webber writes out of a background of practical experience in one of New York's toughest slum areas, for he is minister in the East Harlem Protestant Parish, in addition to his work as part-time associate of practical theology at Union Theological Seminary. The book, however, is a serious study of the mission of the church to modern men, and the specific problems of his parish are brought in only as illustrations of the fact that such problems are found in all congregations and situations. Chapter headings such as these: The Need for New Wineskins, The Purpose of the Church, The Witnessing Community, give an idea of the scope of the book. —R.P.M.

**Ours is the Faith.** By Walter Dudley Cavert. (Abingdon Press. \$2)

Here is a book of devotions by a well-known Presbyterian minister and church executive which will delight both laymen and ministers. The laymen can read it, day by day, or, as they probably will, all at once. The ministers can find it a mine of illustrations which may be able to start the flow of thought and serve as windows for sermons. Short meditations for each day cover a period of six months. —R.P.M.

**Lively May I Walk.** By Glenn H. Asquith. (Abingdon Press. \$2)

Despite the ambiguous title, this is a remarkable book, at least in one sense, for it is one of the first, if not the first, devotional books which not only is written for old people but **printed** for them, as well. Taking it up, I was reminded of my Grandmother's treasured copy of the New Testament, with its large black type and its comfortable size. Someone at Abingdon deserves credit for a great idea.

Like most of its kind, this book is made up of a series of devotional talks (54 of them) which may be read in a few minutes. Bible-centered, they begin with a verse of scripture and take off from there, but not too far off. —R.P.M.

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# Much Needed Infirmary Expansion Prime Topic at Methodist Home Board Meeting

By MRS. JOHN LAMBERT

On Wednesday, May 18, the board of managers met at the Methodist Home for its annual meeting.

On their arrival at the home, several of the members had tours of the home and visited cottages and apartments on the campus. After making the tours, the members of the board were enthused over the many new improvements that had taken place in the past year.

As we take a look at the over-all picture of the home and realize the part the home plays in the life of each member in the home, it makes each board and staff member proud that they have the honor and the privilege of being a part of The Methodist Home.

In February of this year, the new kitchen and the enlarging of the dining room was completed which enabled our board members to be guests of our home family for lunch. This was the first time in eight years that the board of managers and the home family ate together.

Business meeting in the Ivey Memorial Chapel followed the completion of the meal. Mr. W. W. Hagood, Jr., president, presided.

The appointment of Mr. Willard S. Farrow as Administrator of the Home was made by the board. Mr. Farrow, the Home's business manager for the last seven and one-half years, succeeds the Rev. C. W. Kirby. Ill health forced the Rev. Kirby to relinquish his administrative responsibility at the home earlier in the year.

Fifty-one elective members serve on the rotating board. Seventeen rotate off each year after serving a three-year term and seventeen new members coming on are: Mr. Orton A. Boren, Pleasant Garden; Mr. George D. Finch, Thomasville; Mr. Tom Little, Wadesboro; Mr. Charles W. McCrary, Asheboro; Col. W. Bryan Moore, Wadesboro; Mr. Robert H. Pinnix, Gastonia; Mr. John R. Rankin, Gastonia; Mr. J. Carlyle Rutledge, Kannapolis; Mr. Norman V. Stockton, Winston-Salem; Dr. Kenneth Goodson, Charlotte; Mr. W. W. Hagood, Jr., Charlotte; Mr. George M. Ivey, Charlotte; Mr. R. A. Mayer, Charlotte; Mrs. Foss Puette, Charlotte; Mr. George F. Stratton, Charlotte, and Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, Charlotte. Also Mr. E. R. Bucher of Charlotte was elected to serve out the unexpired term of Dr. Frank Smith.

Officers elected by the board were: W. W. Hagood, Jr., of Charlotte, president; Tom M. Little of Wadesboro, first vice-president; Calder W. Womble of Winston-Salem, second vice-president; H. I. McDougale, Charlotte, third vice-president; W. R. Cuthbertson of Charlotte, general fund treasurer; and Willard S. Farrow of Charlotte, administrator and secretary.

The most significant challenging and inspiring item of business handled by the board was the decision to press forward with early construction of the "New Health Services" building, or Infirmary, that has been the goal of the board since recognizing the urgent need several years ago.

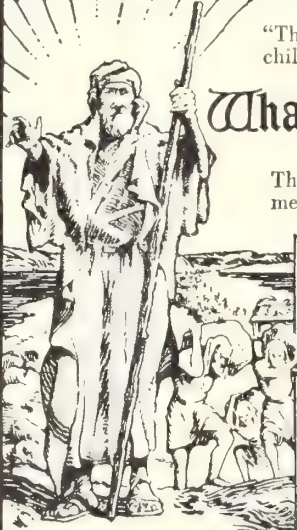
Just as the Methodist Church, and particularly our Conference, pioneered in caring for our ambulatory aging population, it was recognized that we must now pioneer in the field of caring for the ever-increasing number of our folk who have the misfortune of being in ill health in their later years.

The new "Health Services Building"

will consist of a 150-bed facility for nursing care of the elderly and chronically ill. The Health Center will be erected at an estimated cost of one and one-half million dollars. It will offer nursing, home care and care for the chronically ill for the many deserving persons who to date have not been able to be considered because of their being unable to meet the Home's existing admissions policy with regard to health.

When the new facility is completed, the present 55-bed infirmary department of the Methodist Home will be transferred to the new location, and the third floor space now being used as an infirmary will be renovated and used for resident occupancy. There are now 212 persons living at the Home.

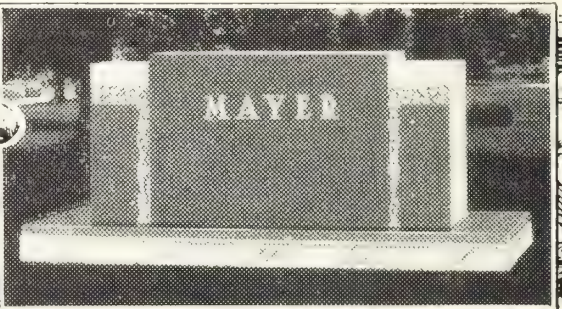
Mr. W. R. Cuthbertson, who has served continuously as our home's treasurer since its organization, expressed enthusiasm and optimism regarding the fact that there were many persons in our conference that would desire to have a part in making this building possible by underwriting the cost of construction and the furnishing of a room in such. The actual plans for the building as well as the procedure for individuals to participate in the project will be announced at a later date.



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## *The New Editor*

At the recent meeting of the Board of Publication the Rev. S. J. Starnes of Wilmington (pictured here) was elected editor of the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. He will take office on July 1.

We welcome Mr. Starnes to the editorship with the confidence that the abilities which have made him one of the most beloved and successful church administrators and pastors of the North Carolina Conference will stand him in good stead in this job.





# LETTERS

## From an Old Friend

Dear Editor:

Although I am a widow, living alone with a very small income, I feel like I can't get along without the *Christian Advocate*. My mother was a subscriber when I was a child (in the 90's) and I enjoyed reading it then. Soon after I was married (1917) I subscribed for it, and I always look forward to its arrival.

My brother's picture was in the issue week before last. He is John T. Howell of the Methodist Home family and he is very happy there. I am sorry we are losing our Editor, but wish him well wherever he goes. I especially enjoyed his column "In Passing." The Children's Page meant so much to my children when they were small, and I still enjoy reading it, as I still work with nursery children; have been for 41 years.

I am enclosing \$3.00 given me for Mother's Day for my renewal.

Long live the *N. C. Christian Advocate*!

MRS. H. S. BOSTIAN

China Grove, N. C.

## From South Carolina

Dear Editor:

Recently, it was my privilege to be at the Cool Springs Methodist Church on the Mamers Charge for a revival meeting. This was my third revival meeting with these good people in the past twenty years. It thrilled my heart to see the progress that had been made on this charge. It was a real pleasure to be with Brother T. H. House, his good family, and have fellowship with the members of the church. God richly blessed during the meeting. It meant much to be in the new church at Cool Springs, and to see the new church that is being built at Union Church. Surely, God has blessed the ministry for the men of God who have served these churches, and blessed the people as they labored together in the Lord's service.

Sincerely,

REV. JAMES G. STROUD

Greenwood, S. C.

## Is Spying Christian?

Dear Editor:

Associated Press religious writer, George W. Cornell, recently interviewed a theologian from each of our three major faiths, concerning the moral implications of the recent spy plane incident. Each of these religious leaders deplored the act of espionage as immoral, but agreed that it was a justifiable act to protect our nation from subversion. Both Christian and Jewish churchmen subscribed to the thesis that normally immoral acts could be warranted by "overriding" facts of international life.

I ask you, can a certain set of conditions ever "override" a basic immoral act and thus justify it? If so, then we are admitting that after all, the end does justify the means.

This is another example of the ever-widening belief that the principles of Christianity are fine under ideal conditions, but that in practical application there are certain extremes under which we must suspend it and substitute a temporal non-compatible philosophy. This, I feel, is dangerous, for either Christianity is workable 100% of the time or it is not worthy of our allegiance.

Our excuses for not applying Christianity to certain conditions always seem to embody physical safety. Physical safety and Christianity cannot always be compatible—witness the Author, Jesus Christ.

Yours very truly,

WALTER S. BOONE

## Carolina Briefs

THE REV. ROMNEY PITT MARSHALL, editor of the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, delivered the Pentecost Day sermon Sunday, June 5, at ten o'clock at Henrietta Methodist Church, and at eleven o'clock at Avondale Methodist Church in the absence of the minister, the Reverend F. W. Dowd Bangle, who was attending the Silver Anniversary Dinner of the Class of 1935 of Duke University.

LEWISVILLE CHURCH, Rev. J. T. Ingram, pastor, and Robersonville Church, Rev. N. B. Hill, pastor, have qualified for club rate with 20 per cent subscriptions to the ADVOCATE.

THE PARSONAGE of the Goshen-Keener Charge will be dedicated on June 12, when all former pastors, members and friends are invited to attend. The Rev. Charles Wesley Wooten is the pastor.

## Announcement

The Methodist Rural Fellowship Luncheon will be held on Thursday, June 9, at 1:15, at Waynesville High School Cafeteria. Only two hundred tickets will be available for the luncheon. We advise all persons to get tickets at the time of registration.

WILLIAM T. RATCHFORD, *President*

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No one can occupy a position of neutrality toward the Cross. All must either crucify or be crucified with Him.—*Canon Simpson*.

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# Upcoming Junaluska Events

## Music School Scheduled At Lake Junaluska

*Lake Junaluska, N. C.* — A six-weeks summer school of music and drama will be held here for church workers, beginning June 29.

The school is a new feature this year at the Lake Junaluska assembly, summer program headquarters of the Methodist Church in the southeast.

Courses will include instruction in music, speech, drama and religious education. Undergraduate credit will be given by Wesleyan College of Macon, Ga. The summer school is open to members of all denominations.

Directing the school will be Dr. William A. Hope, associate dean at Wesleyan College.

Other members of the faculty will include Cyrus Daniel, director of music at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. Holmes Ambrose, former professor of music at Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss.; Sam Batt Jones, assistant professor of music at Birmingham Southern College, Birmingham, Ala.; Miss Myrtle Cawood, professor of speech and drama at Blue Mountain (Miss.) College; Miss Mildred Mulliken, associate professor of speech and drama at Blue Mountain; Mrs. Hazel Adams of the Clark County, Ky., public schools, and Glenn Draper, director of music at Lake Junaluska and Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, N. C.

## WSCS School of Missions Set For June 23-30

*Lake Junaluska, N. C.* — More than 300 Methodist women leaders from nine southeastern states will meet here June 23-30 for their annual School of Missions and Christian Service.

The group, representing the Woman's Society of Christian Service in 17 conferences of the church's Southeastern Jurisdiction, study world and home missions, social concerns, the Bible and basic Christian beliefs.

Chairman of the school committee is Mrs. E. L. Glossbrenner of Richmond, Va., who is the WSCS jurisdictional secretary of missionary education. The dean is Mrs. A. C. Johnson of Bowling Green, Ky.

Dr. Robert Tappan Osborn of Duke University, Durham, N. C., will lead the daily Bible hour.

Other instructors will include Dr. Lindsey P. Pherigo of the National Methodist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.; Dr. John Johannaber of Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn.; Roger Burgess, Methodist Board of Temperance, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Evelyn Berry and Miss Marian Derby, both of the New York staff of the Woman's Division, Methodist Board of Missions; and Dr. Leslie Savre of the National Council of Churches, New York City.

Platform speakers at public services will include Dr. Pherigo and Dr. Johannaber; Dr. Haskell Miller of Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C., and the Rev. Gunnar J. Teilmann, Jr., missionary to Malaya.

Mrs. David J. Cathcart, Lakeland, Fla., is president of the southeastern WSCS.

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## S. J. Starnes Elected Editor of N. C. Christian Advocate

The Rev. S. J. Starnes, pastor of Sunset Park Church, Wilmington, N. C., was elected editor of the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE at the recent meeting of the Board of Publication, succeeding to Rev. R. P. Marshall, who resigned last fall to return to the pastorate at the close of the Conference year. Mr. Starnes' appointment has been approved by Bishop Paul N. Garber and he will take up his duties on July 1.

A native of Union County, Mr. Starnes attended College Hill Grammar School, Trinity Park High School, Durham, and Trinity College, Durham, where he was graduated in the class of 1929. Following this he attended Duke Divinity School and summer courses at Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

His first appointment was to East Roxboro and Longhurst in 1921. Other appointments include: Millbrook Circuit, Yanceyville; First Church, Roanoke Rapids; Central Church, Raleigh; Aberdeen; Williamston; Durham Circuit; Mount Gil-ead; Davis Street, Burlington; Fuquay Springs; and Sunset Park, Wilmington.

The new editor has been active in the affairs of the N. C. Conference, having served on the committee for the Conference Course of Study, as chairman of the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications of the Durham District, represented the N. C. Conference on the N. C. Council of Churches, was a member of the Board of Managers of the Pastors' School, secretary of the N. C. Conference Board of Missions for 17 years, and director of Golden Cross for the Wilmington District for the past four years.

In 1951 he was a member of the mission to Cuba, and participated in the Baltimore evangelistic campaign in 1950. He has been active in evangelistic work during all his ministry, having preached in revivals "from Murphy to Manteo."

He is married to the former Miss Daisy Brantley of Union County and they have reared five children: Mrs. N. R. Manning, Burlington; S. J. Starnes, Jr., of Wilmington, Del.; Mrs. S. T. Dorothy, Jr., of Durham; Mrs. Edward Byrd of Burlington, and the Rev. William B. Starnes, who is a member of the N. C. Conference, now serving as chaplain at Fort Meade, Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. Starnes will move to Greensboro during the early part of July and will reside in the editor's residence at 109 South Tremont Drive.

## On the Importance of Honesty in Advertising

By Edwin L. Jones

The writer, while attending a meeting of the Board of Education at Statesville last week, heard a plea from Mr. W. M. Wells, Jr., State Director of the Methodist Student Movement of North Carolina. Like all others present, I was given a pamphlet by Mr. Wells entitled "If you are a Methodist Student entering college this fall, you are invited to a 'College Orientation Workshop' to be held in Effland, N. C., in August." Mr. Wells urged that all present assist in securing a large number of high school students to attend this workshop.

Neither Mr. Wells nor his pamphlet said anything to indicate that this workshop would be interracial. Just out of curiosity I wrote to him and raised that question. His answer was (1) Our College Orientation Workshop will be interracial; (2) We have no way of knowing how many Negroes will attend; (3) There is a Negro on the faculty of the Workshop; (4) 3% of Methodists in North Carolina are Negroes.

Regardless of the rightness or wrongness of such an interracial Workshop for high school graduates, I claim that Mr. Wells and all other leaders and workers in all church groups should at least alert their possible clientele to the fact that they are being invited to an interracial meeting. There is intimacy and togetherness of a special kind in a camp retreat such as this one at Effland, N. C. I am positive that very few parents and/or high school graduates who receive the invitation to attend will have the least notion that it is to be interracial. Hence many will have a rude shock on arrival at the Workshop. They will actually be attending under false and misleading information.

My point is a serious one: that full information of the interracial character of any meeting which Methodists (adults or youth) are invited by Methodist leaders to attend should be made clear on all invitations, announcements, publicity, and pamphlets. We gain nothing by subterfuge, but we do leave the impression of suppression of facts for ulterior purposes . . .

My plea is for honesty in all we do in the name of the Methodist Church, even in interracial efforts.

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I am so busy now that if I did not spend two or three hours each day in prayer, I could not get through the day.—*Luther.*



# EDITORIALS

## The Four-Year Program

Contrary to expectations of some pessimistic souls, the General Conference did not set up another drive for money in its Quadrennial Program; neither did it set quotas for accessions or organize a vast promotional machine, with new connectional secretaries and a large budget. Under the leadership of men like our own Embree Blackard, the Conference set up a four-year emphasis upon doing just what we are supposed to do, and what, presumably, we are already doing.

Writing in *The Christian Century* last week, Dr. Emory H. Bucke, book editor for The Methodist Church, had some critical words to say regarding the much-advertised "high point" of the session, an oratorio called "The Invisible Fire." Dr. Bucke seems to feel that somebody had poured some invisible water on the invisible fire, and he makes the suggestion that perhaps this less-than-successful extravaganza was an indication of the lack of fire in the church.

Perhaps he is right.

A young pastor remarked the other day that the Methodist Church had organized to the point where there was no initiative left to the minister. Each step was marked out, each movement defined, until the average pastor was hopelessly muddled and his enthusiasm dampened. That may well be true, and if it is, the church is in a bad way.

But the new Quadrennial Program gives a ray of light in the murky darkness of regimentation. We are free to do the things we ought to do with a minimum of instruction from higher up.

But this does not mean that the emphasis upon the slogan, "Jesus Christ as Lord," can be taken lightly. Rather, it means that here is an opportunity for those who have criticized the Church for its over-activity and its penchant for reports and red-tape; they can now buckle down and prove that such measures are really unnecessary. If we fail to produce results under the present plan, we may be sure that 1964 will bring another "drive" with quotas.

In the South, the next four years will bring a demand for increased giving to World Service, for there has been a large increase in quotas in the Southern Conferences. This has been due to the

### A PRAYER

*This is indeed, O Lord, the prayer that I would bring to Thee. Wilt Thou in mercy forgive what I have been, amend what I now am, and order what I yet shall be. I know that I have no hope but in Thee, no refuge from the shame of the past, no help in the present weakness and unworthiness, no safeguard against future danger and defeat. I can but cast myself upon Thee, accepting afresh Thy offered forgiveness, putting myself without reserve into Thy hands. Receive me, O Lord, make me wholly Thine, and never let me go; for Christ's sake. Amen.*

—METHODIST RECORDER

fact that we have lagged behind the other jurisdictions in giving to World Service, while getting ahead of them in gifts to Advance Specials. In Biblical words, this we should have done but not have left the other undone.

## The Power of the Press

Members of the Associated Church Press, meeting recently in Washington, D. C., were reminded of the importance of publicity when, for the first time in recent years, they had no difficulty in securing speakers.

And such important men!

One wonders who should head the list of notables, the Vice President or the Secretary of State. They were both there. (We suppose that there is a difference in rating in favor of the Secretary for, while the Vice President came to us, we had to go to the office of Mr. Herter.)

We would in no way disparage the kindness of these men. They were under no obligation to give us their time; and we are deeply appreciative of their speeches and enthusiastic about their personalities. But the fact remains that they could not have justified their presence among us except for the fact that nearly 14 million readers of Protestant church papers deserve attention, and the editors who, presumably, have some influence, should be given the facts about world conditions.

We did get facts - - loads of them.

We heard things that "are not lawful to utter," as no editor is supposed to quote anything heard there except in a vague way and then only by attributing the thought to that nebulous gentleman, "a spokesman for the Government."

Among the eminent speakers were, in addition to those named, the heads of sections of the Department of State, the Inspector General of the Central Intelligence Agency (formerly the OSS), the General Counsel of the Post Office Department, and a special agent of the FBI.

Perhaps it is just as well that we were not allowed to quote from the speeches. We might turn out to be as inaccurate as one secular reporter who somehow got into the session with the Vice President and came out with a story which distorted Mr. Nixon's speech to fit an editorial bias.

Perhaps the most alarming speech heard was made by Herbert Warburton of the Post Office Department, who spoke on Obscenity in the Mails. Those who were unconvinced by his description of the horrible attacks on decency by the racket in pornography, did not remain so after a visit to the exhibit in the department headquarters. One of our number who is noted for his kindly outlook upon life in general and his fear of any sort of censorship was heard to express doubt that things could be as bad as Mr. Warburton said. When he returned from a visit to the exhibit of pictures and books which had been sent through the mails to children he admitted that he was ready for almost any sort of censorship. (We shall say more about this matter later.)

One quotable speech was made by a minister, Dr. Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance. We regret that we have not space for excerpts. But this Virginia Baptist preacher, who has traveled all over the world, expressed fear that the U. S. is losing its place of leadership in the world in proportion to its failure to practice what it preaches in race relations.

Yes, the Church press is important, even though it is often disregarded and denounced. Whether church people think so or not, the Government is ready to acknowledge that fact.

And yet there are hundreds of North Carolina ministers who have not yet sent in a single subscription to the *Advocate* since January.



## Changed Ambitions!

(Philippians 3:12)

By D. J. Reid

"How changed are my ambitions!" If Christian commitment means anything at all it means a change in our way of living. Often the change is drastic. Often the experience is climactic. Whatever the degree of emotion involved in our commitment there can be no doubt as to the end result of that commitment—the changed life! Changed outwardly and inwardly. The change is thorough—so thorough, in fact, that the Apostle Paul declared, "If any man is in Christ he is a new creature. Old things pass away and behold all things become new!"

If you have been disappointed in your Christian commitment, if it has not been as "life-giving" and "life-strengthening" as you had hoped it would be, then perhaps you have rebelled at the change God has sought to produce in your life. Perhaps there has been a subtle fear of change and you have secretly fought it off. Well, if you want the fullest and richest of His graces, then open your heart in yieldedness to whatever changes He desires in your life.

One of the most difficult things to submit to change is our ambition. Nevertheless, Paul shouts, "How changed are my ambitions!" It is right at this point that we so often run into trouble spiritually.

Our ambitions can be so selfish, so self-centered, so removed and remote from the very thing that God is seeking to make the focal point of all our aspirations. Our will is not His will! Our way is not His way! And the things that command the greatest share of our time and interest are so much more to our liking than to His.

The sainted Apostle Paul was so conscious of this change in his life that he declares "my ambitions are changed." He is saying that there was a time in his life when his heart was fixed to the earthly comforts and his mind was glued to worldly values, but since that famous Damascus Road experience—all this is changed. He declares that the change was so great that whatever it was that he held so valuable it was now

## A PRAYER FOR PERFECT LOVE

*Most gracious God, who by Thy Son our Savior hast taught us that love is the fulfilling of the law: increase in us Thy Holy Spirit's influence, that loving Thee with our whole heart, and our neighbor as ourself, we may have strength to keep all Thy commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

a matter of nothingness. His ambitions were changed when his heart was changed. His heart was changed when he stood on the mount of yieldedness and opened his heart to the Lord Christ. It was here that every trace of fear was swept from his heart and he started his glorious pilgrimage to a meaningful fellowship with Jesus.

"How changed are my ambitions!"

## Handicapped Lives

By Dwight B. Mullis

A person meets with the real test of character when he is confronted by a handicap. It will be a noose about his neck, or it will be the factor that challenges him forward to his highest and best.

We may pity the person who gives up and accepts failure because of adverse circumstances, but we cannot admire such a person.

God has endowed man with such remarkable powers that, as a rule, the person who refuses to accept defeat achieves a victory beyond his expectations.

More than thirty years ago a boy was born in Kansas. While he was a small lad, the school he attended burned down and he was horribly hurt. At first the doctor said: "He will never walk again unless there is a miracle." The boy struggled along, first on crutches, then on a cane. Later, he followed a plow across the field and walked by leaning upon it. Finally, he began to run, a little at a time, to test and strengthen his legs. That boy, whose face was twisted with pain and who was never to walk again, had more than a pocket full of courage and per-

severance. For several years ago, at Dartmouth, he set a new world record for the mile run. His name was Glen Cunningham.

When everything looks lost for you, don't give up but brace and look up—have faith in God and march forward.

When our Lord was crucified, the disciples felt that the end had come. All hope was gone. But on the third day, it was Easter. The Risen Lord gave them the Great Commission, and they moved from tragedy to triumph.

## Do You Believe In Prayer?

By Brunson Wallace

In a recent church publication a district superintendent reports a visit to the Grand Canyon. Looking down into the canyon he saw the turbulent waters of the Colorado River. And then many miles and several days later he came to Lake Mead where the waters are backed up over much land. The huge dam which holds the water lets it out a little at a time through giant turbines in order to make power.

The district superintendent thought to himself: Here is all the tremendous power of the Colorado River. This power has been here always, but it was not until men harnessed it and used it systematically and creatively that the power was available.

He said that he felt God's power was like that. It is always available, but it is only when men harness it through prayer and put it through the turbines of their own minds and spirits that they can release this power into the world. It can only be released through persons as they come in contact with God through prayer.

God's power is released in our lives through prayer like the turbines release electric power out of Lake Mead. How about your prayer life? Do you believe in prayer? Do you practice it? How can you expect to harness the available spiritual resources of God unless you do it through constant contact with Him in prayer? Practice daily prayer; and find your life truly blessed.

When you joined the church, you took a vow of loyalty and in that vow you said: "I will be loyal to the Methodist Church and uphold it . . . by my prayers."



# Nawakwa, Greensboro District Camp, Is Dedicated

By J. C. Grose, Jr.

Camp Nawakwa with thirty years of service to almost 20,000 persons, most of them youth from Guilford County, was dedicated by the Methodists of the Greensboro District in an impressive service at the camp Sunday afternoon, May 22. Several hundred persons were present for the dedication of this camp, located three miles east of Randleman. The act of dedication was solemnized by Dr. J. Clay Madison, the district superintendent, J. Elwood Mitchell of Greensboro, chairman of the district board of trustees, and the congregation. William S. Ward of Greensboro, chairman of the Camp Nawakwa committee, presided over the service. Dr. Madison delivered the sermon. The following members of the camp's board of managers participated in the service: Rev. J. S. Higgins of High Point, Rev. Mark Q. Tuttle of Reidsville, Bob L. Parrish of High Point, Rev. Clark W. Benson of Jamestown, and Rev. J. C. Grose, Jr., of Stokesdale. Lovely anthem music was provided by the choir of Muir's Chapel Methodist Church of Greensboro, under the direction of Mrs. Curtis Basham. Members of Rankin Memorial Methodist Church of High Point assisted with ushering, parking cars, and in other capacities.

The camp location in Randolph County was made a favorable site by the Duke Power Company, which built a dam and made other improvements prior to 1930. In 1930, the Greensboro YMCA bought the site for a camp for boys. Some of the citizens of the area were disturbed by this purchase, believing the boys would "tear up" the surrounding area. Some foes, it was reported, even dynamited the dam in an effort to discourage the camping venture; but as soon as the true nature of the camping program was understood, foes rapidly became friends.

Frank Warner, now with the YMCA in New York, ran the first camp in 1930 and named it "Nawakwa," an Indian term meaning "in the heart of the forest." Each summer from 1931 to 1954,

the YMCA offered four weeks of camp for boys who could pay, and four weeks for those who could not pay. Mr. Frank Casper of the Greensboro YMCA personally supervised the camp program for almost 7,000 underprivileged boys. In 1954, a portion of Camp Nawakwa burned, and the Greensboro YMCA decided to sell this camp and expand their activities elsewhere.

In 1955, the Greensboro District, under the leadership of the district superintendent, Dr. Eugene C. Few, bought Camp Nawakwa for the use of the churches of the district. The idea to purchase the camp originated with the Young Adult Fellowship of the Greater Greensboro subdistrict, and the district decided to purchase it upon their recommendation and request. Each church was apportioned to give 1% of the current expense, church school materials, and pastor's and associate's salary of the local budget to Camp Nawakwa. Many churches and individuals have given additional money, labor, and materials. During the last five years, the district

has replaced the buildings destroyed by fire, added many other improvements, and removed all indebtedness incurred. One of the early problems facing the district was vandalism at the camp, but this was removed with the securing of Mr. James Jarrett as caretaker, who has helped the camp in many ways.

At least four persons should be singled out for their outstanding service: W. S. Ward, who has given much time and effort as the effective chairman of the camp; Rev. J. S. Higgins, who has served as a painter, carpenter, plumber, and electrician, as well as an adviser; Miss Laura Ingram of Greensboro, who has served as the efficient treasurer; and Miss Hollyce Highfill of Greensboro, district director of youth work, who has handled the reservations for the use of the camp.

In 1959, almost 1,000 persons from the district used Camp Nawakwa. This year, with the camp already completely reserved for the summer, it is possible that a larger number of persons will be served. In order to expand the camp activities, plans have now been drawn for a new dormitory-dining hall building with the construction to begin some time this summer. Truly Camp Nawakwa, an extended arm of Greensboro District of Methodism, has a great record in the past and a greater promise for the future.



*Two scenes at Camp Nawakwa*



# Albemarle Pastor Goes to Denver And The General Conference

By I. L. Sharpe\*

On April 26, my plane left Charlotte, and arrived, non-stop, in Chicago on time. There we changed from Eastern to a four-motor TWA, and we were on our way, non-stop, to the mile-high city of Denver, Colorado. At 4:30 p.m. our plane landed, none too early, since we had flown through a real snowstorm, with a lot of bumpy weather.

Reservations had been made at the St. Francis Hotel, just four blocks from the city auditorium, where the General Conference was to be held. This hotel was an ancient institution, having been built back in the last century, when gold was uppermost in the minds of most Denverites. But it served our purpose, since we were to spend so little time there.

Since I was one of the more than 10,000 visitors who had tickets, I was anxious to see where I was to sit. I was there early the next morning. My ticket called for "Row 1, Section D, Seat 14." To my delight, that put me in the center section, overlooking the great arena below. I could see from here all that would happen down there during the next eleven days.

Each morning was begun with a 30-minute worship period. Then each afternoon at 4 o'clock at Trinity Methodist Church, there was an "hour of preaching." Too, there was a prayer vigil in continuous session, day and night, throughout the time of the Conference. On Sunday, practically every church of every denomination throughout the Denver area heard a Methodist minister preach. And, on several radio and TV stations, there were devotional periods conducted each day by Methodist preachers. I have no doubt but that Methodism surely left its imprint of Christ and His Church on the Denver area.

There are 79 bishops in the Methodist Church. Due to illness and advanced age, only 64 were able to attend and participate in the Conference. Reports show that there were delegates from 22 different countries, all the way from Bombay to Denmark, and from the Islands of the Seven Seas. The youngest delegate was Miss Donna Eshbaugh, 24, from Pennsylvania. The oldest dele-

gate was 91-year-old R. Clyde Clark from Oklahoma.

Of the 786 delegates, 18 of these were from Western North Carolina Conference, besides the several visitors from our Conference. Our delegates became very vocal on some of the issues, but they retained a great balance, which characterized the whole general trend of the Conference. But they did let the whole world know that there was a Western North Carolina Conference. Our own Bishop Nolan B. Harmon did a manly job of helping guide that great Conference, though stormy at times, to a successful finish. Too, he warmed all our hearts with his great sermon on "Christian Concern." More than 100 reporters were in Denver to tell the whole world all that the Methodists did in Denver. They came from all over the USA and from several foreign countries.

Plenty of legislation was enacted, legislation that we will be hearing about for many years to come. For one thing, a new Commission was established. It is the "Commission on Christian Social Concerns." It will have to do with promoting temperance, peace, and social relations between all peoples. A "Secretary of Membership and Records" was authorized for every local church. An increase of more than 25 per cent is called for in the World Service program. This will mean something like 20 cents per member for the nearly 10,000,000 membership of the church. Work was authorized to begin on a new hymnal, and also a new Book of Worship. These will receive final confirmation at the next General Conference four years hence.

During the past four years, the membership of the church has increased by 502,181. The population of our country has increased during the last four years 1.7 per cent, while our church membership has increased only 1.3 per cent.

Reports indicate that nearly 8,000 new ministers will be needed during the next four years. "Aldersgate Sunday" has been designated as the annual time for all ministers to preach on, and present the need of more ministers, challenging youth to this wide-open field.

There was a lot of preaching, pray-

ing, planning, and legislating at Denver. These actions by these chosen representatives of the church will be challenging and enriching the church for many generations to come.

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## Sanford Again Heads Trustees of Methodist College

Terry Sanford of Fayetteville was re-elected chairman of the Board of Trustees of Methodist College, Fayetteville, at the annual spring meeting Tuesday in the Prince Charles Hotel.

Mrs. Earl W. Brian of Raleigh was re-elected vice-chairman and presided in the absence of Sanford.

The Rev. J. W. Page and Frank McBryde of Fayetteville were elected secretary and treasurer, respectively. Other executive committee members elected were Lenox G. Cooper, Wilmington; J. O. Tally, Jr., Gen. John R. Hodge, John M. Wilson, Fayetteville; and the Rev. W. L. Clegg, Raleigh.

Nello L. Teer, Sr., prominent contractor of Durham, was elected as a new member of the Board of Trustees, subject to confirmation by the Board of Education of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church.

Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, Sr., president, reported on the status of progress as the college prepares for its initial opening on September 15, 1960. He stated that the classroom building is complete; the Science Building, Student Union-Cafeteria and heating plant will all be complete in a matter of a few weeks. All of these buildings will be ready for the September opening.

Committee appointments from the Board of Trustees for the year 1960-61 were as follows: *Academic Affairs*: The Rev. Virgil E. Queen, Elizabeth City, chairman; Mrs. E. L. Hillman, Durham; Dr. William Spence, Elizabeth City, and J. O. Tally, Jr., Fayetteville. *Finance*: J. M. Wilson, Chairman; W. Ed Fleishman, Frank McBryde, and Gen. John R. Hodge, Fayetteville. *Buildings and Grounds*: Dr. R. L. Pittman, Chairman; the Rev. Allen P. Brantley, Burlington; F. D. Byrd, Fayetteville; Nello L. Teer, Sr., Durham; and Wilson F. Yarborough, Fayetteville. *Development*: Lenox G. Cooper, Wilmington, Chairman; J. Nelson Gibson, Jr., Gibson; the Rev. O. L. Hathaway, Raleigh; W. Robert Johnson, Goldsboro; the Rev. W. L. Clegg, Raleigh; and W. E. Horner, Sanford. *Student Affairs*: Mrs. Earl W. Brian, Raleigh, Chairman; the Rev. J. W. Page, Fayetteville; the Rev. W. A. Crow, Franklinton; and the Rev. Graham S. Eubank, Raleigh.

The Rev. Paul Carruth, executive secretary of the Commission on Higher Education of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, reported that the Church is ahead of schedule on actual cash collections toward its two million dollar pledge for the building of Methodist College.

The official colors for the college were selected following recommendations by the committee headed by Mrs. Brian. Green and gold were the chosen colors.

\*Albemarle, N. C.



## WNC Conference Gives Million To Colleges

Morganton—Methodists of the Western North Carolina Conference have contributed \$1,000,000 in their current program for the support of higher education.

The Commission on Christian Higher Education today announced the million-dollar milestone has been reached toward pledges totaling \$3,329,307 obtained in a campaign conducted in November and December 1958.

Dr. Fletcher Nelson of Morganton, director of the commission, said pledges extend over an average of 3.8 years.

A check from Myers Park Methodist Church of Charlotte, whose minister, Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, is chairman of the commission, sent total collections to the \$1,000,000 mark.

The commission, created by the Annual Conference in 1957, is distributing funds for capital improvements as received.

Disbursements have been made by the treasurer, Richard G. Stockton, of Winston-Salem, as follows: Brevard College, \$250,627.14; Greensboro College, \$214,109.45; High Point College, \$215,599.00; Duke Divinity School, \$45,640; and Wesley Foundation, which conducts Methodist student work on campuses at state colleges and universities, \$45,640.

In reporting the first million dollars raised, Dr. Nelson listed results in the conference's eleven districts, with the first figure being total pledges and the second the amount paid to date:

Asheville	\$253,254.00	\$ 50,126.41
Charlotte	523,323.00	98,127.49
Gastonia	279,253.00	70,195.26
Greensboro	474,386.00	100,570.26
Marion	158,737.00	51,433.89
N. Wilkesboro	84,908.15	25,340.22
Salisbury	257,275.50	65,296.03
Statesville	237,910.00	76,101.46
Thomasville	251,381.86	75,879.84
Waynesville	122,575.00	34,400.86
Winston-Salem	365,450.00	102,135.32

The Western North Carolina Conference has a membership of 254,480 in 610 charges with some 1,200 churches.

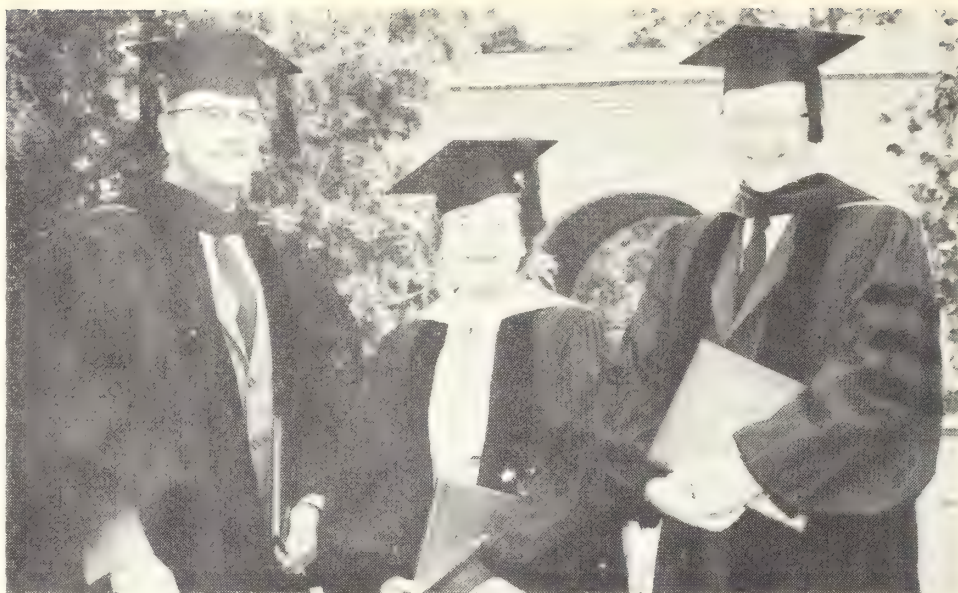
In the long-range plan, equal amounts will go to Brevard, High Point and Greensboro Colleges, while Duke Divinity School and the Wesley Foundation will get equal sums.

New buildings and improvements are already under way or in the planning stage with funds provided through the Commission on Christian Higher Education which is administering the conference's increasing support of Methodist colleges.

Dr. Nelson said periodic progress reports have gone to all districts, and a detailed summary will be prepared for the conference at its annual meeting June 8-12 at Lake Junaluska.

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Grace is needed to make a man into a saint, and if any man doubt this he knows not what a saint is, nor what is a man.  
—Pascal.



HONORARY DEGREES CONFERRED AT PFEIFFER—Shown above is Judge Susie Marshall Sharp, who received the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Dr. J. Lem Stokes II, president of Pfeiffer College.

In addition to the degree conferred upon Miss Sharp, two other degrees were conferred by the president upon the Reverend James Wiley Fowler, Jr. (left), and the Reverend Wiley Jackson Honeycutt.

In the graduating class were 130 others who received degrees. This year's class is the fourth graduating class for Pfeiffer since it became a full four-year liberal arts college.

## WNC Historical Society Opens Library in Statesville

The WNC Historical Society has announced that its new fireproof archives are now complete in the Methodist Center building at Statesville. A reading room has been provided, and material may be signed out for research at the library.

The Conference historian, the Rev. R. H. Nicholson, has asked ministers and congregations to send him copies of all historical material published, such as quarterly conference records, church histories, etc., for safe keeping.

## Bishop Garber Dedicates Two New Buildings

Bishop Paul N. Garber preached dedicatory sermons and led in the services for the new Educational Building of Fremont Church and the new church building of Sarecta Church on May 22. He was assisted in the services by the Rev. H. M. McLamb, district superintendent.

The Fremont Educational Building was constructed at a cost of \$45,000. The Rev. W. H. Kirby is in his sixth year as pastor.

Sarecta Church was organized on Pentecost Sunday, May 29, 1955, with 66 members received the first day. This closed a series of revival services conducted in an old filling station by Rev. J. R. Reagan of Pink Hill and the district superintendent.

Rev. R. G. Spence, pastor, has served since July 1, 1956. He led the congregation in a building program on a do-it-yourself, pay-as-you-go basis. Jim Atkinson served as chairman of the building committee and supervised the labor that was donated.

The site, building, and furnishings are valued at \$40,000. The building is of brick

veneer construction and consists of a sanctuary, five classrooms, restrooms, a kitchen, and a social hall.

The North Carolina Conference contributed \$7,500 through the conference \$10 Club. The Duke Endowment gave \$3,500. The churches of the Kenansville subdistrict have assisted through conference advance specials in their budgets.

## D. D. Holt Elected President Scarritt College

The Rev. D. D. Holt has been elected president of Scarritt College for Christian Workers, it was announced Friday by Bishop Roy H. Short, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Scarritt.

The Rev. Mr. Holt has served as acting president since September, succeeding Dr. Foye G. Gibson, who resigned to become administrator of Asbury Acres, a Methodist home for the aged near Maryville, Tennessee.

For three years preceding his connection with Scarritt, the Rev. Mr. Holt had served with the Methodist General Board as director of financial promotion for the general commission on Christian Higher Education.

Prior to entering the field of religion, he served in pastorates in North Carolina and Virginia for 20 years, and was executive director of the Methodist College Foundation of North Carolina.

A native of North Carolina, he holds the A.B. and B.D. degrees from Duke University. On June 5, Wesley College of the University of North Dakota, at Grand Forks, will confer the D.D. degree upon the Rev. Mr. Holt.

He and Mrs. Holt and their son John, a senior at West End High School, Nashville, reside at 223 Leonard Drive. Another son, David, is a junior at Duke University.



# Physician Turns to Mission Work

Fullerton, Calif.—A Fullerton physician's decision to abandon his large obstetrical practice and serve a mission hospital in Africa for a year may set a significant new direction in medical missions in The Methodist Church.

Dr. William H. Wickett, Jr., his wife, and five children will leave their comfortable ranch home in Fullerton the middle of June to begin a year's work at the newly-completed 80-bed Washburn Memorial Methodist Hospital at Nyadiri, a mission station 80 miles from Salisbury in Southern Rhodesia.

Already another doctor in the Los Angeles area has expressed an interest in relieving Dr. Wickett. And there is the possibility of leading specialists spending a month or more in Africa performing an intensive series of operations. For example, a mission hospital might schedule all its chest operations in a certain month and then invite in a thoracic surgeon.

The advantage of short-term service is that these doctors will bring the latest in medical knowledge, said the Rev. C. Melvin Blake, executive secretary for Africa of the denomination's Division of World Missions.

Locally, Dr. Wickett's decision created a stir in his home church, First Methodist of Fullerton, and among his colleagues in the Orange County Medical Association, some of whom believe he needs a mental examination.

But in spite of occasional ribbing, Orange County doctors and St. Jude Hospital, operated by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, have donated nearly \$3,000 worth of old but serviceable surgical instruments for Dr. Wickett to take to Africa. Last year Dr. Wickett served as 71st president of the medical association.

The church is pitching in, too, in what has become known as the Wickett mission. Members of the Commission on Missions became co-ordinators for donated equipment and funds, and, in addition, raised \$1,500 to apply on Dr. Wickett's basic mission salary of \$2,100. The Wesley young people's group turned over \$200 which it earned by selling fruit cakes.

"He is setting a tremendous example," said Dr. Winston Trever, pastor of First Church. "We are beginning to see that the church has a great, untapped asset in laymen with professional training and experience in medicine, agriculture, education, and engineering. Many might be able to serve overseas on a short-term basis where they could not give three or five years."

Dr. Wickett selected Africa for two reasons. First, the continent has been a source of fascination and interest to him for many years, but he did not want to visit simply as a tourist. Second, he wanted to give his church something more than casual service.

The transition will be hardest on the two older children, Anne, a sophomore, and Al, a freshman, at Fullerton High School. Even

so, they helped make the decision to go.

After working out their plans and collecting all facts, Dr. Wickett called his family into extraordinary session and took a ballot. One dissenting vote would cancel the whole idea. It was unanimous.

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MRS. L. H. DUNIVANT, SR.

On Saturday, May 14, 1960, God called home one of His faithful servants. Mrs. L. H. Dunivant, Sr., had lived 86 years and 8 months. She was born in Guilford County on September 14, 1873, and except for a short period of time in her early married life, had always lived here. She was converted at Mount Pleasant Methodist Church on the Burlington Road when she was eleven years old during the singing of that fine old Wesley hymn, "Father, I Stretch My Hands to Thee." She was brought up in a Christian home where the ministers of the gospel felt at home and where her mother entertained many of our circuit riders. In the same tradition, she reared her family, having been left a widow at a rather early age.

When her family moved into town to give the children the advantages of higher education, she moved her membership to West Market Street Methodist Church, where she remained an active member for more than 67 years. She was one of the original members of the Woman's Missionary Society. She was also a charter member and helped to organize the "Happy Hours Club"—a group of senior citizens who meet monthly at West Market. She was an active member of the Golden Years Club, a subsidiary of the Greensboro Woman's Club.

The greater portion of her life was spent in doing good for others. Day or night, early and late, found her ministering to the needs of her friends and neighbors. Her work as a "home nurse" took her into many situations where she neither expected nor received remuneration for her services. In a great many instances, she was doctor, nurse, and stork.

During her illness, she was reputed by

the hospital nurses and her own doctors, as well as the ones who ministered to her at home during her last few weeks, as being a wonderful patient. She was grateful for every little service and never failed to say "Thank you."

The hope she has had all the while, has now become a reality.

The verse from Solomon's Proverbs, "And her children shall rise up and call her blessed," is eternally true, since she leaves behind her a praising group consisting of nine children, fifteen grandchildren, and eighteen great-grandchildren.

She was placed to rest beside her husband in the cemetery at Mount Pleasant.

## New Building Dedicated At Fremont Church

At a special service on Sunday, May 22, the Fremont Methodist Church dedicated its new Church School building. Taking a part in the dedication service were Bishop Paul Neff Garber of the Richmond Area of the Methodist Church and the Rev. Howard M. McLamb, superintendent of the Goldsboro District, and the Rev. Wallace H. Kirby, minister of the church.

Bishop Garber gave the sermon and conducted the Act of Dedication after the new building had been presented by John B. Mayo, church school superintendent. During the ceremony, Samuel J. Cole, official board chairman, presented to the bishop a plaque, which is to be applied to the new building, naming the church school building in honor of the minister. The plaque states that it is to be called the "Wallace Hines Kirby Educational Building" and that it is "dedicated to the service of God, May 22, 1960."

Overall cost of the new addition was \$42,500 and it was completed in December of 1957. The final debt was liquidated in April of this year.

## Methodist Men Are Active At Queen's Creek

Organized only a year ago, the Methodist Men of Queen's Creek Church at Hubert recently checked up on their accomplishments for the year. The list of projects completed by this 26-man group would do credit to a much larger organization.

Here are a few of the highlights from the record, as published in a local newspaper:

Sponsored the organization of a fire department; got speed signs put up on the highway; sponsored a "Lord's Acre" project; pledged \$1,000 to the church building fund; established a free Invalid Service for the community; sponsored the organization of a community betterment association, and the awarding of citations to outstanding citizens.

In its first ten months the club raised over \$1,100 and gave it to the church and community.

Next year they plan to award a \$100 college scholarship to some deserving student in the community.



# Method of NCC Critics Is Shown

**NOTE**—Since members of the committee that produced the RSV Bible for the National Council of Churches have been charged with Communistic sympathies or affiliation with untrustworthy organizations, Dean Weigle, who was chairman of that committee, has been asked to comment on the matter. His letter follows:

**TO THE OUTLOOK:**

... The pamphlet distributed by Circuit Riders, which lists "32 of the 95," secures the total by including members of the Advisory Board for the RSV.

In response to an inquiry about the thirty-two members of the committee, the material sent to a correspondent as "Information from the Files of the Committee on Un-American Activities U. S. House of Representatives," January 6, 1953, contained material concerning eight of the thirty-two. There was no material concerning twenty-four of the thirty-two.

I was one of the eight. These files contain just two statements concerning me, identifying me with committees concerned with aid to Spanish democracy. The other seven mentioned in this material were Professors Miller Burrows and George Dahl of Yale University; Professor Leroy Waterman of the University of Michigan; Professors Walter Russell Bowie and Frederick Grant of Union Theological Seminary; Professor Henry J. Cadbury of Harvard University, and Dean Flemming James of the Episcopal Theological School at the University of the South, Suwanee, Tennessee.

In the case of all these men the information consisted in listing statements or petitions which they had signed, organizations to which they had belonged and so on. None of this was verified or evaluated material. In my own case, the only true fact was that I had signed a statement in the early days of the Spanish Insurrection favoring the cause of Spanish democracy. I did this in my capacity as chairman of the World Sunday School Association, and did it in behalf of the persecuted Protestants of Spain who were connected with the World Sunday School Association. By some magic or other that simple fact got magnified in this so-called "Information" into connecting me with two organizations of which I was not a member and with which I had nothing to do, and into naming me as co-author of a pamphlet entitled "Spain" which I did not write, which I have never seen, and of which I have never heard except on the pages of this mendacious sheet of "Information."

Because it may be of help to you, let me say directly that I have not been affiliated with any of the organizations which are listed opposite my name in this "Information," or in the Circuit Riders' pamphlet, the Kaub pamphlet, or the Bundy book, or any similar publication that I have seen. I have not been a member of any of these organizations, have never attended a meeting of any of them, have never written anything for them, and have never contributed funds to any of them.

My opposition to communism has been steadfast and complete. I have never in any sense been a fellow-traveler of communism or communistically inclined organizations. I enclose a copy of a statement which is a matter of public record—the statement which I made as president of the Federal Council of Churches, in answer to President Roosevelt, October 5, 1941.

I hope this will give you the help that you need. I am grateful to you for your interest and your cooperation . . .

L. A. WEIGLE.

New Haven, Conn.

**Editor's Note**—Dr. Weigle's accompanying 1941 statement says, in part:

... There is complete freedom (in the Soviet Union) for attacks upon religion but no such freedom for the defense of religion.

"President Roosevelt's interest in religious freedom, as emphasized on several occasions, merits deep appreciation, but it is to be hoped that he will not be misled into assuming that the freedom which is guaranteed under the Russian Constitution has any real resemblance to the religious freedom which we have known in America. If he can help to interpret to Russia the meaning of religious freedom in the full American sense, he will earn the gratitude of all men of Christian insight and conviction."

The manner in which Dr. Weigle's activities are treated by the critics is typical of what is done with the others.—*The Presbyterian Outlook*.

## NE Jurisdiction To Elect Three Bishops

Washington, D. C. — Election of three bishops, and possibly a fourth, is expected to highlight the quadrennial sessions of the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference of the Methodist Church here June 15-19.

The jurisdiction comprises 12 eastern states from Maine to West Virginia, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, numbering 7,785 churches and nearly 2,000,000 members.

Three vacancies in the jurisdictional College of Bishops will be due to retirement at the conference of Bishops G. Bromley Oxnam, Washington, D. C., W. Earl Ledden, Syracuse, N. Y., and Frederick B. Newell, New York City.

If West Virginia is made a separate episcopal area, as is expected, a bishop will be assigned to administer the state.

Such action is to be recommended in the report of a special Committee on Boundaries following an eight-year study. The West Virginia Conference is now a part of the Pittsburgh Area.

The report also will recommend the transfer of the Central Pennsylvania Conference, now part of the Washington, D. C., Area, to the present Pittsburgh Area, and that the latter be renamed the Western Pennsylvania Area. Another proposal is

that the Troy Conference be transferred from the New York area to the upstate Syracuse Area.

Hosts to the conference are the Metropolitan Methodist Church, the American University and Wesley Theological Seminary.

The principal guest speakers will be Sen. Francis Case of South Dakota and Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

## Report from Plymouth

The pastor's report to the fourth quarterly conference at Plymouth Methodist Church will indicate many accomplishments by the good people of Plymouth this year. Records will show 26 new members being received, 18 of these on profession of faith. Continual emphasis on evangelism in the church and church school, visitation evangelism and a highly successful week of services conducted by the Rev. Roy E. Bell of North Wilkesboro, N. C., account for this record. Four other families have indicated already their desire to unite with the church. These are not included in the 26 new members. Attendance at the revival services, the week of the snow in eastern North Carolina, broke all records for the local church.

Increases have been accepted by the official board for next year of \$500 in World Service and Conference Benevolences; provision for a part-time secretary for the pastor, and \$200 increase in supply funds for our new stewardship program, which will feature monthly statements to all families of their contributions and the receipts and expenditures of the church for the period.

Thus is the local church moving to a respected place of leadership among the great churches of our Conference, a place richly deserved because of the church's record of service to the community and world Methodism which stretches over a century.

—A. D. BYRD, Pastor

## DR. GROSS REPORTS TOP DAY IN STUDENT LOAN RETURNS

May 9 was the top day in the history of collections for the Methodist student loan fund, according to a statement issued by the Rev. John O. Gross of Nashville. On that day 504 payments were received, ranging from one dollar to \$553.42. The total amount received that day was \$8,256.84. Dr. Gross, who heads the church's Division of Educational Institutions, said that collections for the current year have already exceeded a half million dollars. This is the largest amount ever received in one year in repayment of loans. Emphasis has been placed upon making monthly payments to this revolving loan fund of the church, he said.

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**WANTED:** Educational assistant, Centenary Methodist Church, Smithfield, North Carolina. Lester A. Tilley, Minister.





Maybrook Parsonage

## Thirty-five Laymen

By W. P. Carlson

Nineteen months ago, thirty-five Methodist laymen had a vision of a Methodist parsonage in the Maybrook community. But with only thirty-five active members in their small church, many in the community said, "it can't be done!" Yet, in the face of this doubt, thirty-five Methodist laymen made plans to raise \$1,000 as a beginning on their parsonage. On October 5, 1958, they raised \$30.05 and the Maybrook Methodist Parsonage Fund was under way. Jesse Murray and John W. Brooks were chosen leaders of this parsonage fund.

God blessed the labors of their hands and in one year's time thirty-five Methodist laymen had raised \$3,900. The laymen of the church (or should we say laywomen) had cooked suppers, pledged until it "helped," and many friends of the church had given freely of their time and talents. And yet, on every hand the praise must be given to God. God blessed this small congregation at every turn, a Methodist layman from another church gave \$850 worth of bricks, another Methodist layman (chairman of the Board in his own church) did the masonry work at cost, a Baptist deacon gave his time as a helper to the mason, a Church of Christ layman contracted the house far below the cost of other contractors, another Baptist layman graded the yard at cost, and the faithful thirty-five did everything from the carrying of bricks, to the installing of a septic tank. One certainly must mention another small Methodist church, Massey's Chapel, that took a great deal of interest in the project and helped on every turn.

So now, we stand only nineteen months away from the first dream of a Methodist parsonage in the Maybrook community of Durham, N. C., and the dream stands as a witness to the faith of thirty-five Methodist laymen. The parsonage is valued at \$14,000, but this is little value compared to the faith of the small congregation that ventured out nineteen months ago.

What am I trying to say in this article as minister to this small congregation? I am trying to say, "Thank God for thirty-five faithful Methodist laymen with faith enough to undertake such a task, and with courage enough to see it completed. Truly, God has blessed Maybrook Methodist Church because they were willing to venture in faith. I have spoken mainly in economic terms, but when you stop and realize that this is but an outward expression of inward faith, then the praise belongs to God.

## Table Rock Pastor Reports Progress

The Rev. Emmett H. Hiatt reports that the Table Rock Charge has experienced many signs of growth during the year. Members of the Mountain Grove Church installed a new floor in the sanctuary. Oak Hill has built a four-room educational annex to house the rapidly growing Sunday school, and erected a steeple with chimes. The Wesleyan Service Guild of this church provided a cornerstone, and the WSCS gave a lighted sign for the church lawn and a railing for the church front.

At Linville the Methodist Men provided a church sign.

Two of these churches, Oak Hill and Linville, will have a net gain in membership to report at this Conference.

## Missionary Reports From African Congo Field

The Rev. Edward F. Smith, missionary to the Belgian Congo, reports that through its two missions in the Congo the Methodist Church is participating in the establishment of a university-level theological facility for this region. It is a union project of six Protestant missions, and has been promoted by Methodist Bishop Newell S. Booth of the Elisabethville Area, who is the chairman of the Board of Trustees of the school.

Mr. Smith, now at Katubwe, has been named the first Methodist staff member of the new seminary. He will teach New Testament language and literature courses. He and Mrs. Smith, with their three children, will move to Elisabethville in mid-June. Their address will be Faculte de Theologie Protestante, B.P. 2399, Elisabethville, Congo Belge.

According to a letter from Mr. Smith, Congolese Protestant groups are proud of the establishment of this seminary in the year when the Congo is due to receive political independence. They believe that this marks another important step in the maturity of the church in the Congo.

## Student Loan Limit Increased by Fund

Nashville, Tenn.—The total amount a Methodist student may borrow from the Methodist Student Loan Fund during his college years was increased June 1 from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

The interest rate will remain the same: one percent per annum while the borrower is attending school and three percent per annum thereafter.

On the new scale, freshmen will be able to borrow \$250, sophomores \$300, juniors \$350, seniors \$400, theological and nursing students \$300 a year, and graduate students \$600 a year. The amount for each classification was increased \$50, except for graduate students, which was \$100.

"The amounts listed for each classification total well over \$2,000," said Dr. Everette L. Walker, Nashville, "but if a student were to borrow in each period we would have to cut his loan somewhere along the line to stay within the maximum

of \$2,000 that can be loaned." Dr. Walker is director of the loan fund for the Methodist Board of Education here.

Applications for loans must be made through the schools the students are attending. Loans are allocated to the schools, Methodist and non-Methodist, and there is a limit, which varies with different schools, to the amount that can be loaned to students of any one school.

The Methodist Student Loan Fund is accumulated from offerings from Methodist churches on an annual Methodist Student Day and from personal contributions and bequests.

## WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL LISTS PULPIT EXCHANGES

Forty ministers are involved in the most extensive exchange of ministers in the history of the World Methodist Council, according to the Rev. Dr. T. Otto Nall of Chicago, who heads the committee on pastoral exchanges for the council's American section. Seventeen American Methodists will be in English and Scottish pulpits, one will go to Jamaica, one to Austria and another to New Zealand. Ohio leads the list in providing American participants, with eight Ohio pastors trading pulpits with eight British ministers from the Birmingham district and another Ohio pastor going to Austria. The Rev. Dr. Theodore C. Mayer of Warren, Ohio, was responsible for assembling this group.

## SOUTHEASTERN BISHOPS ISSUE STATEMENT

The bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction have released a statement clarifying the action taken at the recent General Conference on the church's Central Jurisdiction and urging Methodists to continue as a unified church. An extensive letter being sent to all pastors of the Southeastern Jurisdiction declares that "there has been no fundamental change in our jurisdictional system." The bishops emphasize that the rights and privileges of the church's original Plan of Union as well as the principle of regional autonomy have been preserved. Pointing out that "the furniture has been moved around a bit," the episcopal leaders say that the changes are minor and that Methodists will continue as a unified church.

## OVERSEAS MISSIONS EXPANDED BY GENERAL CONFERENCE

The face of the Methodist Church overseas may be considerably altered during the next four years as a result of actions taken by the General Conference. If all the authorized changes take place, overseas Methodism will have by 1964 a new provisional central conference, two additional bishops, seven new annual conferences, and four new provisional annual conferences. The change involving the largest organizational unit is the authorization of a Pakistan Provisional Central Conference, which would mean separating the work in Pakistan from its historic association with that in India. It will be composed of the Indus River Annual Conference and Karachi Provisional Annual Conference.



# Woman's Society News

## The First Twenty Years

By MRS. C. C. WEAVER

Only those who love an organization are interested in its history.

The Woman's Division began to function in one of the darkest hours of modern history. But the Methodist Church in 1940 had provided within its own structure an organization sufficiently strong and broad and varied to meet emergencies and to challenge its membership.

To this new organization was entrusted the work formerly done by five great women's organizations — Home, Foreign, Ladies' Aid, Northern Missionary Conference, Southern Missionary Conference, Protestant. A tremendous undertaking! A marvelous success!

It was my privilege to be a member of our first General Board of Missions, of which our W.D.C.S. is a part. At our first Annual Meeting in Philadelphia in 1940, our Woman's Division faced the fact that Methodism around the world was affected by war. And so at our first meeting of the Executive Committee, they authorized the withdrawal of our missionaries from Japan.

In the fall of 1940 we were encouraged by the fact that of the 106 Methodist Conferences in America, 94 had been organized with more than 1,600,000 members in the W.S.C.S. in the local churches and almost 20,000 charter members.

Then we set our goal for 2,000,000 members.

Today we have 100 conferences with 1,800,262 members — so we are still a little short of our goal.

At the beginning of the second quadrennium a Section of Education and Cultivation was created which through our Mission Study classes has proved most successful.

The Woman's Division cooperated with the Crusade for Christ, the Advance for Christ and His Church, and as a result crusade scholars began to appear in our colleges, and as speakers in our W.S.C.S. This year, 112 are here studying.

I am sorry to say we have neglected this part of our cooperation, and as a result this work is suffering for a lack of funds. I hope when you make up your last report that you will send some of your surplus funds for this cause and mark it for "Crusade scholarships." The Woman's Division has promised \$50,000.

The Woman's Division also cooperated with International groups, such as the International Missionary Conference, Foreign Missionary Conference, Home Mission Council, Women's Council of Churches, and National Council of Churches.

Just eleven years ago the Woman's Division built a Literature Headquarters building in Cincinnati. This, too, was a hard decision to make, but has proved to be a wise move. In 1940 there were 83,000 subscriptions to *The Methodist Woman*; now there are 303,000.

The separation of the Woman's Division into three departments has proved to be

effective for administering the programs. These are the Department of Work in Foreign Fields, the Department of Work in Home Fields, and the Department of Christian Social Relations.

The Department of Work in Foreign Fields has faced difficult problems many times during these twenty years. Missionaries have been withdrawn—fields have been closed temporarily. The department has solved problems of reconstruction when closed schools were opened, and has faced the responsibility of entering new fields. Many fine policies have been made in this department, and one of the finest was the inauguration 12 years ago of the three-year period of service for our young women.

Since 1940, 271 young women have been commissioned as deaconesses and 283 as missionaries. In addition 323 oversea-3's have been sent out and 247 U.S. 2's.

The Department of Christian Social Relations has been outstanding in creative leadership—the pioneer in all phases of social action and so recognized within the Methodist Church and among other church groups.

The Wesleyan Service Guild has developed in a remarkable way. It is a very real and important part of the Woman's Division. In 1941 there were 39,326 members. In 1959 there were 131,209.

A radical change in the plan of missionary education of our youth and children took place in 1940. It was over a quadrennium before there was a complete understanding of the new plan.

What about finances? Finance fascinates most of us. The worldwide program of the Woman's Division is based on a firm financial foundation. During 1941 \$3,036,621 was given on appropriations by Conferences. Last year \$9,143,065 was received.

The growth of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial gifts and Cash for Supply Work has been phenomenal. In 1941 Cash Supply gifts amounted to \$30,799. Last year they passed the million dollar mark. In 1941 the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial gift was \$113,249. Last year the half million dollar mark was passed.

To study the financial progress through these twenty years is to see a reflection of the devotion, the interest and the concern of Methodist women.

The total effort of the Woman's Division has been undergirded by a spiritual force, otherwise any advance would have been of short duration.

As we observe this 20th anniversary, let us be mindful of the past, but let us not dwell there. The past is glorious, but it is the past. We live in the present, and we must forever face the future.

So, as we observe this anniversary, let it be a time of doing greater things in the next twenty years.

(Address delivered by Mrs. C. C. Weaver of Winston-Salem, president-emeritus of the W.S.C.S. of the W.N.C. Conference at a Day Apart Service of the Winston-Salem District W.S.C.S. at Doub's Church.)

## PLANTING A SEED

I planted a seed in the good mother earth,  
And waited with joy for the wonderful birth—  
A birth which in almost each instance is sure  
When the soil is just right for the seed that is pure;  
And soon I was watching the tender plant grow—  
Reaching out, reaching up, with its new life to show  
Every day, as I walked in the garden to see  
Just how lovely the growth from a small seed could be.

I hope I've been planting in children and youth—  
Deep down in their hearts—the good seed of the truth,  
Along through the years of my life of good cheer;  
And it seems as I listen in silence I hear  
The soft bursting of seed planted down in each heart,  
Every seed to become a good plant, and a part  
Of the Kingdom of God that we build here on earth—  
A most beautiful growth from a wonderful birth!

— ERNEST C. DURHAM



# Protestants Appeal For \$250,000 For Chile Earthquake Victims

New York — Acting in response to fresh reports of desperate suffering caused by recurring earthquakes and tidal waves in Chile, the Protestant churches of America and other countries of the world are appealing for \$250,000 in emergency relief funds for use in the disaster area.

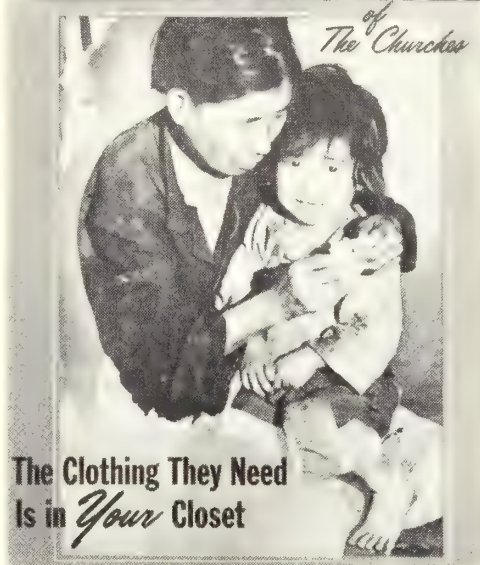
The emergency funds requested are mainly designed for the purchase of building materials, medicines, and other relief supplies drastically needed in the devastated area, where approximately 2,000,000 persons — sixty-five percent of the population south of Santiago — has been left without shelter in the heart of the bitter Chilean winter.

The \$250,000 appeal — from the World Council of Churches at Geneva, Switzerland — has been addressed to member churches in nations throughout the world.

More than \$90,000 already has been subscribed by national church bodies. These funds include \$48,000 from the churches of Germany, \$14,000 from Great Britain, \$3,000 from the Netherlands, \$2,790 from New Zealand, \$1,000 from Norway, and \$22,500 from the United States.

Announcement in the United States of the world appeal was made by Dr. R. Norris Wilson, executive director of Church World Service, overseas relief

## UNITED CLOTHING APPEAL



agency of major American Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches. Church World Service has offices at 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N. Y.

Upon first news of the Chilean catastrophe, Church World Service sent \$5,000 in cash, 50,000 pounds of clothing, 1500 blankets, 80,000 pounds of food, and \$15,000 worth of medicine, including multi-vitamin tablets and antibiotics. Many of the supplies have been airlifted.

The death toll in central and southern Chile is estimated at a possible

5,000, with property damage of more than \$300,000,000.

Meanwhile, in Japan, where giant tidal waves in the wake of the Chilean earthquakes have flooded the Pacific coast, leaving a hundred and fifty thousand homeless, Japan Church World Service representatives have been able to minister in the emergency with the supplies already on hand. Food, clothing and other commodities have been airlifted from various points in the country and are being distributed to the tidal wave victims.

## General Conference Approves New Methodist Youth Set-up

Nashville, Tenn.—The National Conference of Methodist Youth went out of existence on May 31. It was succeeded by two organizations, the National Conference of the Methodist Youth Fellowship and the National Conference of the Methodist Student Movement.

The National Conference of Methodist Youth had been the denomination's self-directing organization for youth and students since soon after the unification of Methodism in 1939.

The dissolution in favor of the two separate organizations was requested by the National Conference of Methodist Youth and approved by the Methodist General Conference, which met April 27 to May 7 in Denver.

It seems likely that *Concern*, a publication of NCMY, will be merged with *Contact*, which is put out by the Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns, Washington, D. C., said Edward R. Wright, Jr., Nashville. He has been serving as executive editor of *Concern* and *Power*, NCMY's devotional guide for youth.

A definite announcement about the proposed merger probably will be made soon from Washington, said Mr. Wright.

*Concern*, for the last two years, has devoted most of its space to social and political issues.

*Power* will be published by Christian Youth Publications, a new interdenominational enterprise, said Mr. Wright. The Methodist Church, through the Youth Department of the Board of Education, will be among the participants in the venture.

Edgar A. Gossard, Nashville, NCMY administrator who has been editing *Concern* and *Power*, will continue as editor of *Power*, said Mr. Wright.

He also said that Christian Youth Publications hopes to rent space in the Methodist Board of Education building here for at least a year for the editorial office of *Power*.

The new youth and student organizations will be related to the Methodist Board of Education — the National Conference of the Methodist Youth Fellowship to the Youth Department of the Board of Education and the National Conference of the Methodist Student Movement to the Department of College and University Religious Life of the board.



St. Mark's Church, Charlotte, which closed its charter membership roll on April 17 with 179 members, more than double the number received on organization Sunday, Oct. 4, 1959. At Easter 25 persons were received into the organization. The original budget of \$4,000 has been increased to \$13,000 for the coming year. A Boy Scout troop of 16 has been organized, as well as a Methodist Men's club and a Junior High Fellowship. The above picture shows the attendance at St. Mark's on Easter Sunday. The Rev. Kenneth R. Moore is the pastor.





# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## The Busy Bee Club

By May Stansfield Heck

"Dear me," sighed Dorothy, "vacation time, and nothing to do!"

School had not been out very long until the children in the neighborhood were finding that time was dragging with nothing special to do.

Today the children were gathered as usual in the walnut grove just back of Dorothy's house. Here they had spent many happy hours together. On this particular day they had played all the old games over and over, told stories, and seemingly there wasn't another interesting thing for this lively group of children to do. Presently, Dorothy sighed, "Oh for something - - just anything - - to do!"

"Just listen to dreary Dot," laughed Maxine.

"We feel the same way," chorused several others.

"Can't someone think up something to do?" asked black-eyed Mary.

Everyone looked at Dorothy, for she was known to be the author of new ideas. But Dorothy only shook her head, declaring that her supply of ideas had run out during the first couple of weeks of vacation.

So it was that while some of the boys played leap-frog, and others tried to play tag, which was better than no play at all, Dorothy was busy thinking.

Suddenly she cried out, "I have it, I have it!"

"Have what?" called the others as they stopped their play to gather around her.

"A brand new idea," yelled the red-headed boy whom everybody called "Freckles."

"Well, tell it!" cried Charles, who hardly ever could wait to hear something new.

"Now listen," said Dorothy in a businesslike tone. "I move we have a Busy Bee Club, and spend some of our time doing something to help others instead of wasting hours as we've been doing. All in favor, say 'aye.'" A loud chorus of "aye, aye" rent the air.

All the children in the neighborhood loved Dorothy for her kind, gentle

ways, and it was not hard for them to follow her as a leader.

"This is the plan," Dorothy went on, "that we spend two hours every day for four days out of every week helping others. Now there is Mrs. Brown down the street who is so busy keeping the twins out of mischief since they can walk. One of us could watch the twins so she can rest or go visiting. And there is Widow Martin with her laundry work to be delivered. And someone could help Grandpa Jones take care of his garden."

### THE KIND OF A DAD I'D BUY

HELEN KITCHELL EVANS

*If I went shopping for a dad,  
Here is what I'd buy:  
One who would always gladly stop  
To answer a little boy's "Why?"  
One who would always speak kindly  
To a little girl or boy;  
One who would give to others  
A bit of sunshine and joy.  
I'd pick a dad that followed  
The Bible's Golden Rule,  
And one who went regularly  
To church and Sunday school.  
I'd buy the very finest dad  
To place on our family tree;  
And then I'd try to live like him,  
So he would be proud of me.*

"Yes, Grandpa Jones is too feeble to do much work," said one of the boys.

"And there are so many lawns that need mowing right on this street," said another.

One rule they must abide by was that no one should charge for his or her work. Any money that anyone might give them was to go into their mite boxes for the support of their church's missionary who was telling the story of Jesus to little boys and girls in a foreign land.

That they should all take Friday as their holiday, meet in the grove and each one tell what he had done for others, was also agreed upon.

The most important rule was that every boy and girl read at least ten verses in the Bible and pray before they started out to help others.

This was the beginning of the happiest vacation the Busy Bees had ever

known, and many grown-ups had a more pleasant summer because of the club.

One day Dorothy's cousin from the other side of town visited her. "What in the world do you and your friends do to fill up the time, Dot?" she asked. Dorothy told her cousin of the club, the rules, and everything in detail was explained. Her cousin listened earnestly and declared she was going to start just such a club in her own neighborhood, and see what would happen. And true to her word, two Busy Bee Clubs were formed from Dorothy's fine idea.

When the children met on Fridays, what a joyous time they had! Some were memorizing verses in the Bible, and soon that was the best of all games for their Friday holidays.

An even the mite boxes were beginning to jingle with pennies and nickels.

On the last Friday before school started, each boy and girl looked back over the busy vacation with a happy smile, and all agreed it was the best vacation they had ever had.

In some mysterious way the principal of the school heard of the Club, and awarded all of its members a pin, and on it were these words, "God and others first."

The Club had made a great change in the boys and girls, for each one had grown more kind and courteous than ever before.

News of the Club spread, and every vacation more Busy Bee Clubs were in operation in town, and all because of Dorothy's brand new idea.—from *Herald of Holiness*.



### THE STORY OF JOSEPH

(Continued)

Fill the blanks with the correct words.

Then Pharaoh himself dreamed about seven———and seven ears of———. No one could explain it until the butler remembered———. So they brought him from the———. He told Pharaoh there would be seven———of——— and———years of———, so he must build big———and store up the——— so his people would not———. Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of this work, gave him fine———to wear, a ring for his———and a———to ride in.

#### Answers in Last Week's Installment

Servant — captain — woman — prison — good — keeper — prisoners — butler — baker — dreams — Joseph.



# International Sunday School Lesson

FOR JUNE 12

By RAYMOND A. SMITH

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## THE DISCIPLINED LIFE

**Background Scripture:** Matthew 7:13-14;  
Luke 15:11-32

**Lesson Scripture:** Matthew 7:13-14;  
Luke 15:11-24

It was said of the Spanish conquerors: "No wonder these men conquered half the world; they had already conquered themselves." But there is another kind of discipline that is even more to be desired than that of the soldier. It is portrayed in the quotation from Proverbs 16:32: "A forbearing man is better than a warrior; he who rules his temper than he who takes a city."

In this lesson we are considering the disciplined life; especially as it applies to the Christian. In a land of material abundance, with a large measure of individual liberty, we Americans are tempted to develop a softness that may turn out to be our undoing. Our pioneer forefathers were forced to learn discipline by the hard conditions of the frontier, but how shall we of this generation learn it? We have to find an answer to that question. The enemies of Christian civilization are clever and ruthless; above all, they are disciplined. Can we afford to be less so?

Jesus never promised His followers an easy life. His words were "The gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life." The world-famous psychologist Carl Jung in his book, "The Undiscovered Self," has written concerning our need for the development of inner fortitude: "His (man's) environment cannot give him as a gift that which he can win for himself only with effort and suffering" (see Leslie, in *Adult Teacher*).

It takes only a moment's reflection to see that no great thing has been achieved in the realm of the arts, or sciences, or in the realm of statecraft without this quality of self-denial and rigid discipline. The pianist, who appears so free in the performance of great music, has been through endless hours of grueling practice. And so it goes with athletes, writers and others whose work has endured through the ages.

In the parable of the prodigal son there is to be seen the bitter fruit of undisciplined living. For the prodigal, the great aim was to get the greatest amount of enjoyment - - - and to get it now! He couldn't wait to get his hands on his inheritance. Having received it from his father, he was then in a great hurry to get into "the far country" where the embarrassing restraints of a good family reputation would be no hindrance to him. But it was when he had spent it all, and when his fair-weather friends had refused to give him anything, that he was reduced to the job (a particularly revolting one for a Jew) of tending swine. It was there in the pig sty, subsisting on the bitter carob pods (fit only for beasts) that "he came to himself." The psychologist would say he had "faced reality," or "hit bottom." At any rate, he determined to return home. Perhaps he felt that being a servant in his father's house would be far preferable to the miserable life he had to lead - - - a life brought on by his own reckless conduct.

If we are going to keep from landing in the pig sty, both as individuals and as a nation, we must set about developing a more disciplined life. One recalls the words of the apostle Paul when he said: "Endure hardness as a good soldier of

Jesus Christ." It is easy to become flabby - both physically and spiritually. There is a story that illustrates this so well that we include it here. It was taken from the International Lesson Annual.

"One time there was a wild duck used to the trackless wilderness of the air. On one of his migrations north he chanced to light in a farm-yard where the tame ducks were being fed. He ate some of their corn and liked it so much that he lingered until the next meal, and then the next week, and month, until the autumn came and his old companions flew over the barn-yard and gave their cry to him that it was time to be away. The old ecstasy roused within him again and he flapped his wings in order to join them, but he could not leave the ground. He had grown fat on the farmer's corn and the indolent life of the barnyard. He resigned himself to remain there, and each season until his death the calls of his fellows roused him - - but each year the calls seemed fainter and far away. The wild duck had become a tame duck."

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If you haven't read a copy of this valuable lesson-help, send for a free sample. Just address The Editor, Epworth Notes, 201 Eighth Ave., Nashville 3, Tenn.

Thousands of churches are having these magazines sent to them each month for use by members of their adult classes.

## Capsule Comment

**What Do You Worry About?** According to a recent survey, Americans worry a great deal. The sources of worry are various, but heading the list is the perennial cause of anxiety—money. Six out of ten people worry about finances and three out of ten feel that money is the most important thing in life . . . But the expert who analyzed the results insists that most worriers are not really unhappy and that their worrying makes them more successful. He finds a significant difference between unhappy people and chronic worriers: the really unhappy have given up hope, but the worriers are looking for something better.

**Re-staging the Civil War:** Mississippi's Governor Ross Barnett has announced that his state will stage a three-year Civil War centennial celebration. To reporters he said, "We may re-stage the whole thing." . . . From all indications, it would seem probable that he might.

**The Average Mind:** Nicholas Dandolos, international gambler, better known as "Nick the Greek," has a king-size taste for culture and delights in picking the brains of those about him. Seldom satisfied with what he finds there, he is quoted as saying, "Searching the average mind is like frisking a seal." . . . The more you ponder that remark the funnier it gets.

**You Too, U2?** Russian protests against the reconnaissance flights of the American U2 plane would be amusing if they were not so disturbing to the world. Perhaps no nation has ever employed as many spies as the Soviet, and their cries of holy horror

are as authentic as the protests of a murderer sent to jail for picking pockets.

**Somebody's Watching:** Some years ago intellectuals poked fun at the religious concept of an all-seeing God who knew all that was taking place upon the earth. Now we know that in a few years satellites will circle the earth, reporting in detail the activities of nations and communities . . . Which reminds us of the story of the little boy and his sister who went into the cellar to eat some stolen jam. "Nobody can see us here," said the boy. And his sister replied, "You're wrong. God can."

## BISHOP JONES DIES

Bishop Robert E. Jones, 88, of Wave-land, Miss., died May 18. He had attended every General Conference of the M. E. Church and the Methodist Church since 1904 until illness this year prevented his attending the recent quadrennial conference in Denver. Elected a bishop in 1920 after a career as pastor, board secretary and religious journalist, Bishop Jones served in the New Orleans and Columbus, Ohio, Areas. He was retired in 1944, but continued to serve as president of the Gulf-side Assembly.



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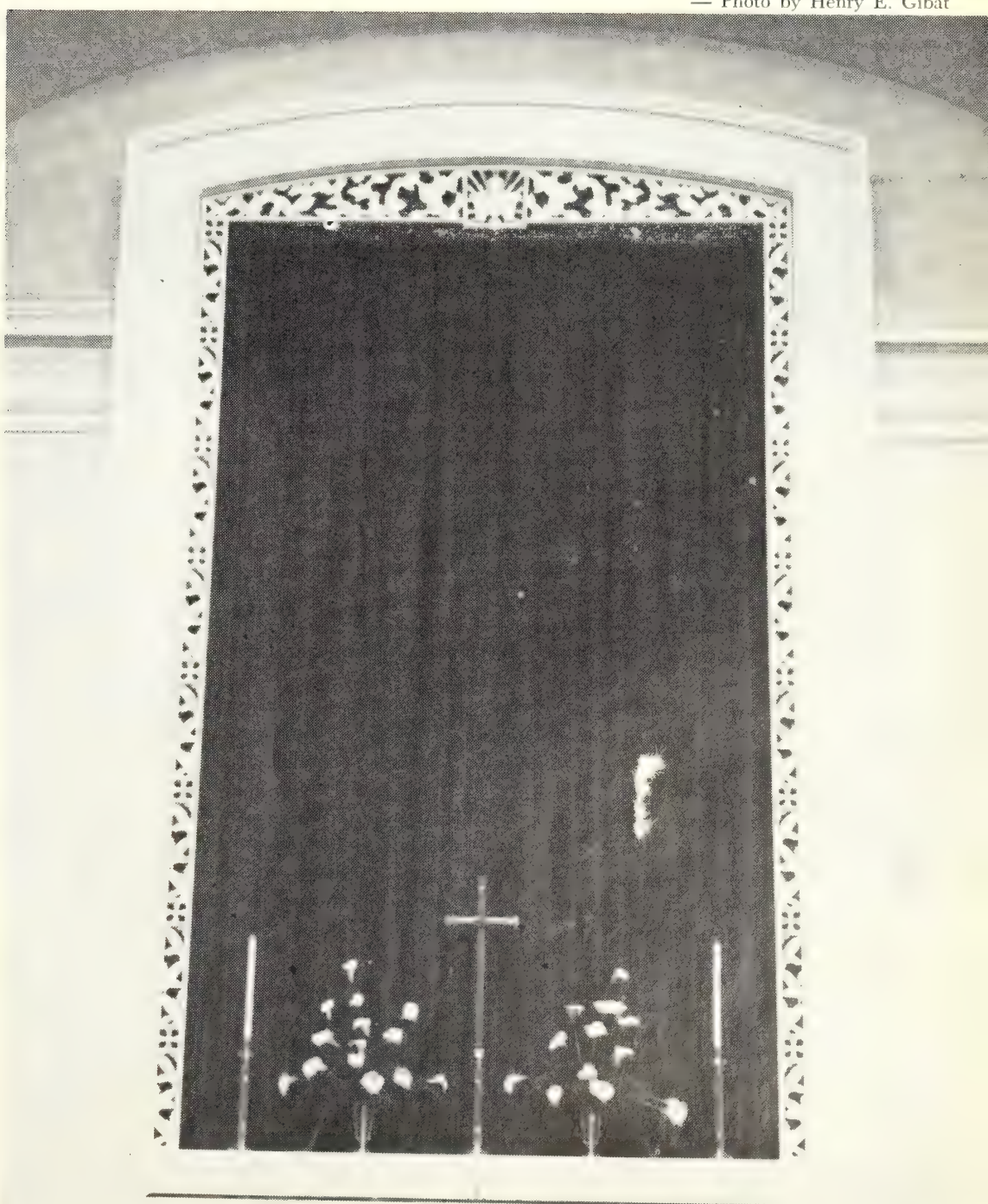
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# LETTERS

## From an Old Friend

Dear Editor:

I have really enjoyed reading (the ADVO-  
CATE) and have been inspired and  
entertained.

I see in its columns that you are giving  
up the editorship after the annual confer-  
ence and will return to the pastorate. May  
God ever bless you and your work, in the  
future as in the past. He always will, if our  
objective is soul-saving.

The Lord has been good to me and still  
is. On Friday, June 3, I will be 87 years  
old, but I can still read and do my writing  
and have a clear mind. I have belonged to  
one church, Galatia A. M. E. Church in  
Jacksonville, N. C., for 70 years.

Sincerely,

MARTHA C. SILVER

1349 Emerald St. N. E.,  
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## Thank You Very Much

The board of trustees and the pastor, in  
behalf of the members of the Kitty Hawk  
Methodist Church, wish to express to our  
sister churches in the North Carolina Meth-  
odist Conference our heartfelt appreciation  
and gratitude for the 1959 Christmas Offer-  
ing, given so liberally for the continued  
construction of the Kitty Hawk educational  
building.

The generosity of the thousands of con-  
tributing church members across the state  
of North Carolina has made it possible to  
raise a spiritual fortress for the Kingdom of  
God along this Atlantic Coast. Your assist-  
ance has enhanced a larger capacity for  
spiritual instruction, fellowship, and train-  
ing not only to our resident members, but  
also to the thousands of visitors who vaca-  
tion on these shores.

In many instances you gave out of your  
own need; we shall long remember these  
heartwarming attitudes of sacrifice and  
brotherly love. Today your spirit of mis-  
sions finds us utilizing every facility of the  
building.

While we are yet campaigning to raise  
\$6,565 to eradicate the building indebted-  
ness before December 31, 1960, and in  
completion of the \$52,500 structure, we  
wish not only to thank you, but moreover  
to invite you to visit, fellowship, and wor-  
ship whenever the opportunity avails itself.

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perienced a greater faith: "... with God  
nothing is impossible."

Respectfully submitted,

REV. STANLEY S. SNEAD, *Pastor*

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# Carolina Briefs

DR. WILLIS GATES has been appointed  
professor of music at Methodist College,  
Fayetteville, according to an announce-  
ment by President L. Stacy Weaver. Dr.  
Gates holds the degrees of M.A. and Ph.D.  
from the University of North Carolina,  
and has served as professor of music at  
Williamette University, Salem, Oregon for  
the past ten years and is currently on leave  
of absence for a year as visiting lecturer at  
Ohio State University College of Fine Arts,  
Athens, Ohio.

HOMEcoming DAY was observed at  
Lake Wacamaw Church on June 12, ac-  
cording to the pastor the Rev. Paul W.  
Boone.

A NEW PARSONAGE and a fellowship  
hall were dedicated at Westford Church,  
Concord, on May 29. Combined cost of the  
buildings and property is in excess of  
\$65,000. The Rev. Paul Townsend, district  
superintendent, and the pastor, the Rev.  
J. James Miller, participater in the cere-  
monies.

OXFORD METHODIST CHURCH will ob-  
serve Homecoming on Sunday, June 12.  
The Rev. Cecil W. Robbins, president of  
Louisburg College, will bring the eleven  
o'clock message. Following the morning  
worship service, a picnic lunch will be  
served from tables on the lawn of the Edu-  
cational Building. The Rev. J. D. Young,  
pastor of Oxford Methodist Church, and  
the congregation extend a cordial invita-  
tion to all former pastors, members, and  
friends of the church to attend this day of  
worship and fellowship.

THE REV. W. REID HARRIS was guest  
preacher at the homecoming at Warlick's  
Chapel, Marion District, on June 5.

THE REV. AND MRS. F. RODERICK RAN-  
DOLPH of Gray Rock Charge, Oxford, an-  
nounce the birth of a son, Mark Francis,  
on May 8.

THE REV. C. E. ROZZELLE was guest  
preacher for a charge-wide revival on the  
Table Rock Circuit, May 8-13, according  
to the pastor, Rev. Emmett E. Hiatt, who  
reports that the entire charge has experi-  
enced growth this year.

MRS. HUGH SMITH, 84, mother of Mrs.  
Euline Smith Weems, missionary to Korea,  
died in Greensboro, June 2, after a long  
illness. The funeral was conducted by the  
Rev. Melton Harbin of Christ Church,  
Greensboro.

## J. E. Yountz Dies Suddenly at 55

The Rev. James Ernest Yountz, superin-  
tendent of the Marion District, passed  
away following a heart attack suffered after  
conducting dedication services at Zion  
Memorial Church on Sunday, June 5.

Mr. Yountz had served as superintend-  
ent during the last two years. Prior to that  
he had been pastor of Burkhead Church,  
Winston-Salem; and had held pastorates at  
First Church, Waynesville; Central Church,  
Spencer; Main Street, Albemarle, and Trin-  
ity, Charlotte, during his thirty years in the  
WNC Conference.

The funeral was held Tuesday in First  
Church, Marion, and was conducted by  
Bishop Norman B. Harmon and Rev.  
Jerome Huneycutt, pastor. Following the  
funeral in Marion, a short service was held  
in Winston-Salem and interment was in  
Winston-Salem.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Johnsie  
Lookabill Yountz; his father, C. H. Yountz  
of Lexington; five brothers, Glenn, Reid,  
Durmont and Edgar of Lexington, and  
Turner Yountz of Tupelo, Miss.; and three  
sisters, Mrs. James Harrison of High Point;  
Mrs. Durmont Byerly and Mrs. Roy Leon-  
ard of Lexington.

## Franklin C. Hubbard Dies in Illinois

The Rev. Franklin C. Hubbard, who  
served several charges as an accepted sup-  
ply in the WNC Conference, passed away  
very suddenly on May 26 at Danville, Ill.  
He had just completed his first year of  
service at First Methodist Church, Amboy,  
Ill., in the Rock River Conference.

Mrs. Hubbard will make her home with  
her sister, Mrs. Carl Schultz, Rt. 5, Box  
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## Host Superintendent and Pastors



*Shown in this picture are the five co-operating host ministers and host district superintendent. They are, left to right, front row: Rev. M. Dewey Tyson, pastor of the Englewood Church; Rev. W. S. Davenport, pastor of Clark Street Church; Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson, pastor of Marvin Church; back row: Rev. John H. Sutton, Jr., pastor of St. Paul Church; Dr. W. C. Ball, superintendent of the Rocky Mount District; and Rev. Leon Russell, pastor of First Church.*

# Host District Is Making Excellent Growth

Gratifying progress is being achieved on the Rocky Mount District which is host district for this year's annual session of the N. C. Methodist Conference, reports Dr. Walter C. Ball, district superintendent.

Dr. Ball singled out for attention such fields of activity as evangelism, church extension, higher education, church school education, and benevolences.

Around 1,200 additions by profession of faith and certificates have been achieved during the year just closing. Particularly noteworthy is the achievement of the Evansdale church on the Evansdale-Black Creek Charge in rural Wilson County. Here by sheer hard work and prayer Rev. J. B. Speight, pastor, and his members brought in 47 new members, mostly by profession of faith.

By DALLAS MALLISON

A steady gain has marked church school enrollment in the district. Every one of the churches has an active church school, many the very core of the church.

The district is near the top in the Conference in its contributions to benevolences and world service items. It is meeting its present \$187,000 apportionment, and is accepting a 10 per cent increase for the new year.

Under the direction of the pastor, the Rev. Leslie Jackson, the new West Nash Church in Wilson was organized on April 10 with a charter membership of 83. Now completely self-supporting on all items; the new Englewood Church in suburban Rocky Mount is progress-

ing rapidly under the pastorship of the Rev. Dewey Tyson.

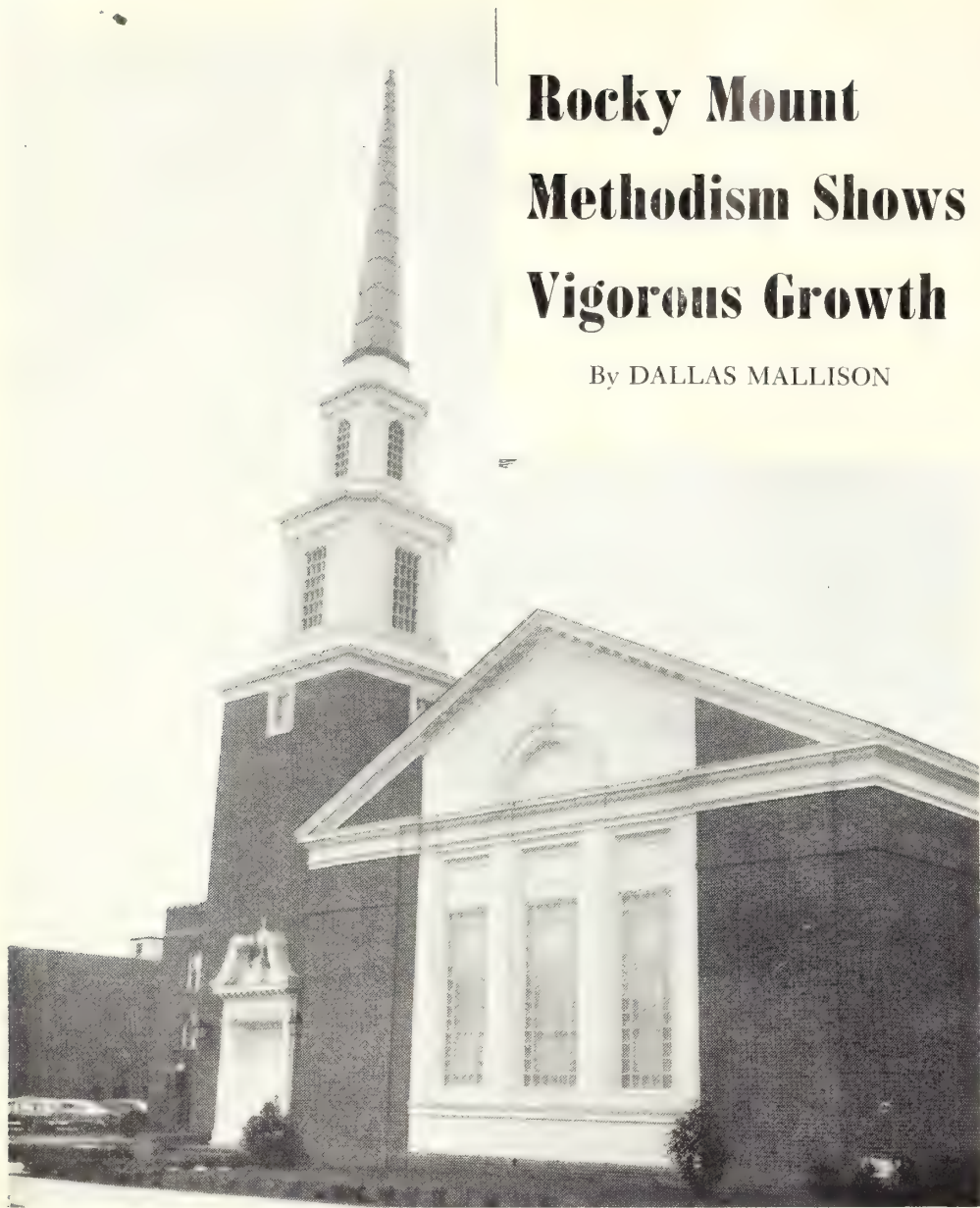
The reopened rural Speights Chapel Church near Battleboro is very much alive and virile. With a growing membership and church school, it has just paid for its five new church school rooms.

With over three million dollars in cash and pledges, the district led all the N. C. Conference in the several higher education campaigns. The district is also leading in percent of payments being made on pledges.

Dr. Ball came on the district four years ago, having served as Fayetteville district superintendent and pastor of such churches as St. Paul in Goldsboro, Queen Street in Kinston, and First in Wilson. A native of Warren County, he has his A.B., A.M., and B.D. degrees

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# Rocky Mount Methodism Shows Vigorous Growth

By DALLAS MALLISON

came from Greenville to Rocky Mount in 1953.

## Began in 1856

First Methodist Church, which today stands as the hub of Methodism in the entire Rocky Mount area, is more than 100 years old. It was in 1856 that Methodism first formally came to Rocky Mount. In that year in a small school building near the "Old Horse Ford" and near the present bridge at the falls, Methodism first became a factor in the religious life of Rocky Mount.

At that time a very small group of persons organized the first Methodist Society in that area. This took place that summer under the leadership of the Rev. Thomas G. Lowe.

For a year or two the schoolhouse was large enough to meet the needs of the society, but it soon became necessary to seek larger quarters. In 1858, just two years after the society's founding, the first building was erected on the bluff overlooking the falls road near the present intersection of this road and Church Street. Braswell Memorial Library now occupies that location.

The next major move came in 1884, a quarter of a century later. In that year the Ladies' Aid Society, realizing that the building had grown too small for their membership, purchased the property where the church now stands for \$250. Two years later the building was moved to the new site, and with the addition of a tower and a belfry, served the congregation for some time.

In 1905, during the pastorate of the Rev. W. S. Rone, the old wooden building was moved across Church Street and the cornerstone was laid for a new building. At that time there were 301 members.

Early in 1913 plans were made for an addition to accommodate the en-

As it welcomes more than 1,000 delegates, visitors and friends to the 125th annual session of the N. C. Methodist Conference (22nd since unification in 1939), Rocky Mount's First Methodist Church, host church this year, will offer the very best and most adequate facilities which can be provided.

This will be the fourth time since the N. C. Conference first met in January, 1838, (and the second time since unification in 1939) that the annual session will be held in First Church in Rocky Mount. Previous sessions before Unification, were held in December, 1906, November, 1920, and November, 1932; and the one session since Unification was held in November, 1943, when the Rev. Dr. T. McM. Grant was pastor and, incidentally, also Conference secretary.

Of interest also is the fact that the host pastor this year, the Rev. Leon

Russell, will be serving in this capacity for the second time during his ministry. The first time was when the annual session was held at Jarvis Memorial Church in Greenville in November, 1948. He



Marvin Methodist Church. Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson, pastor, was organized Dec. 5, 1892. It has 199 members and a church school enrollment of 145. It is located at 911 Falls Road in North Rocky Mount.





*Clark Street Methodist Church, Rev. W. S. Davenport, pastor, was organized in 1909. It has 420 members and a church school enrollment of 294. It is located on the corner of Clark Street and Redgate Avenue in East Rocky Mount.*

larged Sunday school. This was placed in use in early 1914.

In 1926 ground was broken for the new education building to which the new building was attached. The new unit was formally opened in 1928.

Late in 1952 the program for the new building was officially launched under the late Dr. Grant. His death that same year slowed the effort. The move got in full swing again soon after the present pastor came. On January 25, 1959, the new building and renovated educational unit were formally opened and used for the first time.

However, on the previous July 6, 1958, the congregation began to use the new Fellowship Hall for worship services and the classroom space for a part of the church school. The offices were occupied in October.

#### **One of The Best**

Perhaps no church in the entire N. C. Conference has a plant which provides more modern or more adequate facilities. The new building program, at a total cost of over \$650,000, including equipment, includes the new sanctuary, Gravely Memorial Chapel, Fellowship Hall, and offices and additional classrooms. The old, attached educational building has been completely remodeled and refurnished.

Located at the corner of Church Street and Sunset Avenue, the handsome brick church with its towering spire faces toward Church Street. The

Gravely Memorial chapel is at the front, adjacent to Church Street, but there are doors leading into the sanctuary from Church Street, Sunset Avenue and elsewhere.

The new building is typically colonial with the beautiful altar and furniture white and walnut throughout. A handsome red carpet covers the aisles leading toward the altar. There are organs both in the sanctuary and chapel.

The new building is air-conditioned throughout. The pews are custom built.

## **From The Host Pastor**

The Methodists of Rocky Mount are looking forward eagerly to the meeting of the North Carolina Annual Conference, in First Church, Rocky Mount, June 27-30. We are making every effort to provide for the pleasure and comfort of the ministers and delegates, with the hope that this session of the Conference will prove a blessing to all who attend and to those of us who have them as our guests. We welcome you to Rocky Mount and to a few days of fellowship with an enthusiastic Methodist constituency who are proud of the new church building in which the meetings will be held and equally proud of the new North Carolina Wesleyan College which is rapidly becoming a vigorous reality. If we can make your visit among us happy and profitable, we shall be glad.

LEON RUSSELL, *Host Pastor*

## **WELCOME TO ROCKY MOUNT**

I wish to join with the host pastors of Rocky Mount, the Rev. Leon Russell, the Rev. Dewey Tyson, the Rev. W. S. Davenport, the Rev. J. H. Sutton, Jr., the Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson and the other ministers serving in the Rocky Mount District in extending a most hearty welcome to the pastors, laymen and visitors to the session of our North Carolina Annual Conference to be held at First Church in Rocky Mount June 27-30.

We are anxious to help you in any way in making your visit with us enjoyable and profitable.

WALTER C. BALL, *Superintendent*  
The Rocky Mount Methodist District

The chapel and sanctuary, combined with the addition of some seats in the aisles can easily accommodate 1,000 persons.



*St. Paul Methodist Church, Rev. John H. Sutton, Jr., pastor, was organized in 1895. It has 290 members and a church school enrollment of 189. It is located on the corner of Church and Paul Streets in South Rocky Mount.*





Englewood Methodist Church, Rev. M. Dewey Tyson, pastor, was organized Jan. 4, 1955. It has 310 members and a church enrollment of 370. It is located on the corner of Greenwood Avenue and Circle Drive in west or Englewood section of Rocky Mount.

# Churches in Rocky Mount Progressive and Growing

By Dallas Mallison

Rocky Mount is one area in which Methodism, which formally came into being in this section 104 years ago this very summer, is showing a steady and rather fine growth. Indeed, the rate of the increase in Methodist Church membership here is over twice as great as the rate of population growth.

All these figures are in sharp contrast with the present situation throughout American Methodism, where the rate of increase is much smaller than in Rocky Mount. Indeed, Methodism seems to be growing much faster in Rocky Mount than on the average throughout the N. C. Conference.

Since the Fall of 1953 (chosen because this is the date that the Rev. Leon Russell, present pastor at First Church in Rocky Mount, came to Rocky Mount, the rate of Methodist membership increase has been 38.9 per cent. The actual increase has been from 2,079 in 1953 to 2,889 now, or a net gain of 810 members. These figures include all Rocky Mount churches. Rocky Mount's population increased from an official final count in 1950 of 27,697 to an official preliminary total in 1960 of 39,929. This is a net gain of 4,232 persons, or a percentage increase of 15.6.

There are now five churches within either the incorporated or suburban area of Rocky Mount, compared to four ten years ago. The new church is the Englewood Methodist Church, which, although only five years old, has a present membership of 310 and is entirely self-supporting.

Looking toward the future the N. C. Conference Board of Missions has se-

cured a building site in a new and growing section of Rocky Mount with the view that soon perhaps a new Methodist church will be needed in that area. This section is the eastern part of the town going toward Tarboro.

Though no figures will be given here, they do indicate that the growth of Methodism in Rocky Mount has been even more striking in other respects. For example, the total amount of money raised has increased several times over the figure it was in 1953. Tithing has seen a gratifying increase, as has benevolences, ministerial support, and missions.

Of course, while all this was taking place, and First Church was erecting a new \$650,000 plant, the Rocky Mount-

surrounding county area was raising over three million dollars in the several N. C. Wesleyan College fund drives.

Geographically, the churches in Rocky Mount are well located, all the major sections of the town having a Methodist church.

First Church, the oldest and the "mother church" of Methodism in Rocky Mount, is situated at the geographical center of Rocky Mount. It is definitely a "downtown church."

Marvin Church, the second oldest church, is located in north Rocky Mount in the Falls Road-textile mill section.

St. Paul Church, the third oldest church, has its location in south Rocky Mount toward Wilson. The ACL Railway shops are in this general area.

Clark Street Church, the fourth oldest church, is found in the southeast section going toward Greenville in an older residential section in transition.

Englewood Church, the newest church, is located in the new and rapidly-growing western section going toward Raleigh. This is the fastest or one of the fastest growing areas of Rocky Mount, and the Methodist Church was the very first major denomination to locate here.

In the year 1856 in a small school building near the "Old Horse Ford" near the present Falls Bridge Methodism first became a living factor in the religious life of Rocky Mount. In the summer of that year a small group organized the first Methodist society in this section.

Following the organization of First Church in 1856, Marvin was established in 1892, St. Paul in 1895, Clark Street in 1909, and Englewood in 1955.

## Leon Russell's Ministry Is One of "Building Men and Churches"

By DALLAS MALLISON

The Reverend Leon Russell is, in a word, a "builder" — a builder of men and of churches.

In all but two or three of his eight Tar Heel pastorates—and then because of war or depression—this 54-year-old Tennessee-born and Arkansas-reared minister has led in a major building program. In at least one instance during his 30 years' ministry he has organized a brand new church—Hayes-Barton in Raleigh, now the capital city's second largest Methodist church.

In capsule form, here's the building program record of this beloved adopted son of Tar Heel Methodism:

As a supply pastor on the old Richmond Circuit in Richmond County for only one year, 1929-1930, he had no time for a building program. Admitted to the N. C. Conference in November 1930, he was assigned to the Hatteras Circuit at that same time.

At Hatteras two years, 1930-32, he directed the building of an educational annex at the Buxton church. Because of the depression he was unable to carry



# The Annual Call

STATEMENT BY BISHOP PAUL N. GARBER



When we North Carolina Conference Methodists meet in our 125th annual session at First Church, Rocky Mount, June 27-30, we will follow in general the procedures of the first annual conference of world Methodism. Our pastors, local churches, institutions and agencies will make their annual reports; plans will be laid for the coming year; inspiring and challenging addresses will be heard; a spirit of profound and deeply-felt fellowship will prevail.

The annual conference has become one of the most important features of Methodism. Little did John Wesley realize that in 1774 he was starting an

institution that is now found wherever Methodism is located.

Let us at this time recall that first historical annual conference. It began in June 25, 1744. John Wesley had called together ten of the preachers to meet with him in London. For a week they remained in conference. A secretary kept the minutes which at the close of the conference were printed and distributed among the Methodist societies. The preachers gave reports of their work. Plans were laid for the program of the coming year. The appointments were announced at this meeting.

The year 1959-60 has been one of the most fruitful years in North Carolina Methodism. We know in advance that thrilling and inspiring reports will be made at our Rocky Mount meeting. We also know that our new crusading spirit will be evidenced in the presentation of challenging programs for the new conference year. We will give most careful and thoughtful consideration to the making of the appointments.

My sincere hope and prayer is that the North Carolina Annual Conference of 1960 meeting in beautiful and hospitable Rocky Mount First Church may be in historic succession to the early annual conferences, and that our characteristics may be love, spirituality, happiness, peace and unanimity. With these historic virtues we will be able to plan for another crusading year.

out any major construction program on his next, four-year pastorate on the Pikeville-Elm Street Circuit, 1932-36.

The next four years, 1936-40, were spent in Raleigh in founding the Hayes-Barton Church. A site had not even been secured when he went there with a guaranteed \$750 Conference support. He organized the new church, secured a fine location on Glenwood Avenue, and built the first unit of the new plant before leaving.

Because of the second world war, there was no major building program during his next, four-year pastorate which was at Centenary Church in New Bern, 1940-44. However, on his very next and four-year pastorate — at St. Paul Church in Goldsboro, 1944-48, he led in a major building and remodeling program.

Then followed another building program on his next five-year pastorate at Jarvis Memorial Church in Greenville, 1948-53. He directed the educational building program there.

His seven years' pastorate, 1953-60, at First Church in Rocky Mount, has climaxed his career as a builder of churches and men. Here he has directed a \$650,000 building and expansion program and has seen one new church come into being in Rocky Mount and the membership of his own church grow steadily and its program effectively.

Who is this man Leon Russell and what are some of the personal things about him?

He was born in 1906 in Obion, Tenn., of a large family and the son of a lumberman. His family soon moved to

Arkansas where he was reared. Graduating from high school at West Helena, Ark., he then completed his A.B. degree in 1927 at Hendrix College, a Methodist college located at Conway, Ark.

He then entered Duke Divinity School, from which he received his B.D. degree in 1930. His entire ministry has thus been spent in the Tar Heel state.

He married the former Miss Alta Stone of Durham the same day he received his Hatteras appointment. To this union have come three children. Paul Harding III is a member of the Duke Law School faculty. John is a New York attorney. Martha is a rising senior at the Rocky Mount Senior High School.

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## Wesleyan Service Guild Holds Annual Retreat

*Lake Junaluska, N. C.*—Some 500 Methodist women of nine southeastern states will hold their annual weekend retreat here July 1-3 as representatives of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Directing the program will be Mrs. E. V. Ennis, Norfolk, Va., southeastern jurisdictional secretary of the Guild, an affiliate of the Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The opening address, "Thy Word Our Law," will be given by Miss E. Louise Nichols of New York City. A deaconess and ordained minister, Miss Nichols is a field worker for the Woman's Division of the Methodist Board of Missions.

Dr. Evelyn Berry of New York, also a staff member of the Woman's Division, will address the group July 2 on "Our Mission Today." The guest speaker at the closing session on July 3 will be Dr. Leslie Sayre of New York, secretary of World Literacy and Christian Literature for the National Council of Churches.

Delegation leaders will be the following Guild secretaries in 16 Annual Conferences:

Mrs. Cora Ruth Kries, Montgomery, Ala.; Miss Mildred Davis, Birmingham, Ala.; Mrs. Luther Ray, Tampa, Fla.; Miss Sarah Ann Quillen, Gate City, Va.; Mrs. Dewey B. Mullins, Merrifield, Va.; Miss Lucinda Burns, Lexington, Ky.; Mrs. Horace Bush, Cadiz, Ky.; Mrs. S. B. Harmon, Memphis, Tenn.; Miss Jane Sutherland, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. J. F. Wallace, Gulfport, Miss.; Miss Virginia Thomas, Tupelo, Miss.; Mrs. Harriet Fralix, Fayetteville, N. C.; Mrs. M. H. White, Charlotte, N. C.; Mrs. Joe D. Baldwin, Madison, Ga.; Miss Lylla Bussey, Columbus, Ga., and Miss Johanna Hoffmeyer, Charleston, S. C.

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The Association of Ministers' Wives of the North Carolina Conference will hold its annual luncheon on Wednesday, June 29, at 1:00 p. m., at The Rio Restaurant, 301-A North, Rocky Mount, N. C. Reservations should be sent to Mrs. Leon Russell, 1304 Western Avenue, Rocky Mount, N. C.

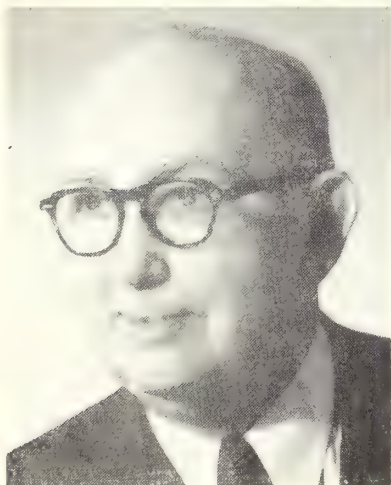




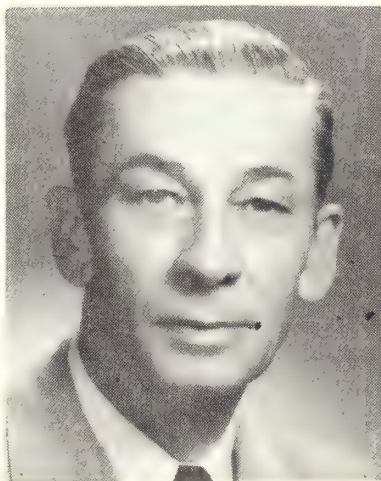
*Shown in this picture are the present N. C. Conference Cabinet with Bishop Garber. Front row, seated, left to right: J. E. Garlington, G. S. Eubank, Bishop Paul N. Garber, C. D. Barclift, and A. P. Brantley. Back row, standing, left to right: R. L. Jerome, H. M. McLamb, W. C. Ball, A. J. Hobbs, and M. C. Dunn.*

## 125th Session of N. C. Conference to Hear Outstanding Speakers

Meeting for the 125th session, the members and delegates to the North Carolina Conference, to be held in First Church, Rocky Mount, will hear several outstanding speakers as a part of the full program of inspiration and conference business. Among the visiting speakers are Dr. E. Harold Mohn, general secretary of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, Chicago, Ill., Dr. Charles T. Thrift, Jr., president of Florida Southern College and the son of the Rev. Charles T. Thrift of the N. C. Conference; Bishop Clare Purcell of Birmingham; Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton of St. Petersburg, Fla.; Dr. Paul Hardin of First Church, Birmingham, Ala.; and



DR. MOHN



DR. HAMILTON

Dr. Lynne H. Corson of First Church, Haddonfield, N. J.

The first session will begin Monday afternoon at 1:15 and will feature the admission of the class into Full Connection and the address to the class by Bishop Clare Purcell of Birmingham, Ala. At this session, also will be heard reports from the district superintendents, district lay leaders, Board of Ministerial Qualifications, and the Commission on Christian Vocations.

Monday evening will be the anniversary of the Board of Missions, with an address by Dr. E. Harold Mohn.

At 8:15, Tuesday, the Conference will hear reports from the Methodist Home

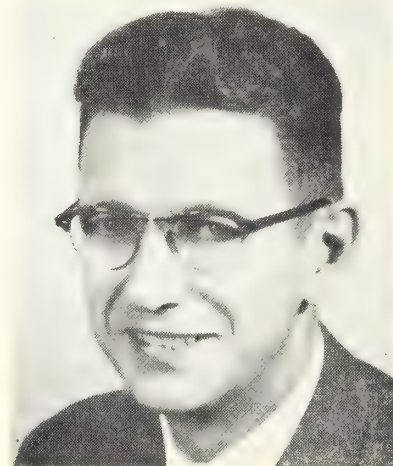
for Children and will celebrate the anniversary of the Commission on Town and Country Work. Following this session the entire Conference will be guests of North Carolina Wesleyan College.

The afternoon session will be given to the Board of Evangelism, with a sermon by Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton.

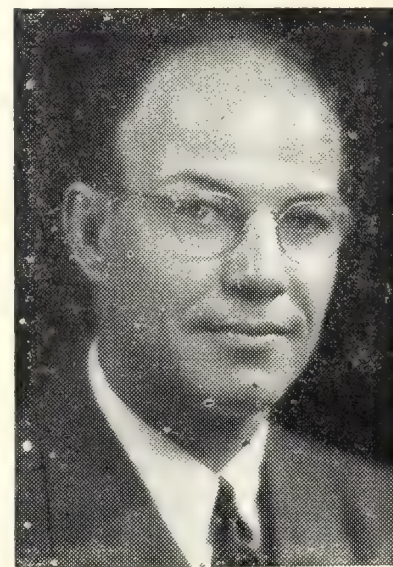
Asbury College, Emory University, and High Point College will all hold dinners that afternoon at 5:30.

Tuesday evening's program honors the Board of Lay Activities and the anniversary address will be given by Mr. R. H. Bond, lay leader of the Memphis Conference.

The anniversary of the Board of Temperance will highlight the program for Wednesday morning and the address will be given by Dr. Lynn H. Corson. Also on the program is the anniversary of the Board of Education, with an address by Dr. John O. Gross, general secretary of the Board of Education, Nashville.



DR. THRIFT



DR. KENNETH THOMPSON



The Memorial Service will be held at 11:45 and the address will be given by Bishop Clare Purcell.

At 1:00 p. m. luncheons are scheduled for Retired Ministers, Supply Pastors, Directors of Christian Education, and Ministers' Wives.



BISHOP PURCELL

The Historical Society will hold its annual meeting at 3:00 and hear an address by Dr. Charles T. Thrift, president of Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Fla. Following this, there will be a report from the Board of Pensions, with Dr. Kenneth Thompson speaking.

The Tea for the WSCS, honoring the wives of ministers and ladies of the Conference, will be held at 4:00, and the Duke Banquet at 5:30.

The Ordination Service will begin at 7:00 and Dr. Paul Hardin, Jr., of First Methodist Church, Birmingham, Ala.,

will deliver the sermon. This service will include the consecration of Ministers of Music, Directors of Christian Education and Deaconesses, the ordination of Deacons and of Elders.

At 9:00 p.m. Boards, Commissions, Committees and Agencies will meet to organize for the new Quadrennium.

Thursday morning's program in-

cludes the traditional Love Feast, the anniversary of the Board of Hospitals and Homes, and a fraternal message from the North Carolina Conference of the Central Jurisdiction delivered by the Rev. John G. Corry of Leaksville Methodist Church.

The reading of the appointments will conclude the session.

## Mrs. J. C. Dailey Receives WSCS Patron Life Membership Pin

Mrs. J. C. Dailey was presented a patron life membership to the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church by the Asbury Society as the women's group held an annual meeting and covered dish supper recently.

The membership pin was presented by Mrs. J. C. Wingate, who said in her remarks about Mrs. Dailey:

"Someone has said, 'In the lives of great men, one will always find, in the background, a woman — loving, helping, encouraging and praying for his success.

"So it is with the WSCS. When we find a society that is striving always to fulfill its mission, we will certainly find in its background dedicated, loyal, devoted women who have sacrificed and worked and prayed to see it fulfill that mission.

"The Woman's Society of Asbury Church has indeed been blessed to have as one of its leaders and most loyal members such a woman, Mrs. Betty Dailey."

Mrs. Wingate related that Mrs. Dailey organized the first missionary society in the West Durham Methodist Church be-

fore the turn of the century, serving as its president twice.

She served next as zone leader, now known as district president, in the 1930's. In 1936, the missionary society was named the "Betty Dailey Missionary Society" in honor of Mrs. Dailey.

For a number of years, Mrs. Dailey served as Spiritual Life Secretary and later as Superintendent of Local Work. She has served as Communion Steward of Asbury Church for many years. In 1955, the WSCS sent a scholarship to a girls' school in Lucknow, India, in her honor.

In explaining the honor of the life membership to Mrs. Dailey, Mrs. Wingate said, "The WSCS has a plan for expressing appreciation to its members and leaders in the giving of special memberships. This membership to Mrs. Dailey is a symbol of the esteem, appreciation and love we feel for her."

Mrs. Wingate also explained that the funds members contribute to make the special memberships possible represent a financial investment in schools, homes, hospitals and other projects of the WSCS.



BISHOP CUSHMAN



Mrs. J. C. Dailey, second from right, is presented a pin signifying a patron life membership in the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church given to honor her by the Asbury Society. Mrs. J. C. Wingate is making the presentation. At left is Miss Mary Grace Lyon of Belmont, Mrs. Dailey's granddaughter, and her mother, Grady Lyon, at right. John Calvin Dailey, son of the honoree, is looking on. (Durham Herald Photo).



# Chief Mwant Yaw of the Aruund Tribe Becomes a Christian

Greetings from the heart of Central Africa! In case you do not remember me, I will introduce myself. I am a Methodist missionary (WSCS) from the Western North Carolina Conference serving in the Southern Congo Conference at the station of Kapanga, about three hundred miles into what we call "the bush." With the uncertainty of life after independence, June 30, 1960, plans are difficult to make; but I hope to be working in the areas of home economics and literacy-literature, both full-time assignments and both equally needed at this critical time in the development of a self-governing Congo.

The purpose of this letter is not to reveal the problems of the rapidly changing life in Congo or the doubts we have in regards to the new Congo leaders; but I wish to share with you and Methodism in North Carolina evidences of progress and growth in a Congo which is plagued by tribalism and extreme nationalism.

For many years hundreds of Christians in this area and elsewhere have prayed that Mwant Yav, the paramount chief of the Aruund tribe, would become a Christian and find a place in his life for the living God; thus he would be better able to lead his people both politically and spiritually. This prayer was answered in the month of January when Dr. E. Stanley Jones, who came to Kapanga to conduct one of his famous Ashrams, helped to guide the great chief into a decision which Mwant Yav has wanted for many years. His becoming a Christian disturbed many of his people because they could not understand why he should give up drinking, smoking and polygamous living. Soon after his conversion a Belgian official remarked that he noticed a great change in the chief. With the confusion of independence, now is the time the chief needs a strong faith and a calm spirit.

On April 13, 1960, the first airplane landed at the newly-constructed Kapanga airport. On board the plane were Moise Tshombe, one of Katanga's most important political leaders, and Bishop John M. Springer, 86, who was coming to Kapanga to baptize the great Aruund chief. It is interesting to note that the first time Bishop Springer came to Kapanga in 1912 to open work in this area, he trekked the whole distance by foot. This time the long two-months' trip was made in two hours.

Mwant Yav was baptized Easter Sunday morning in the Methodist Church at Musumba before some 800 worshippers, who rejoiced in the way the Spirit of God had touched the life of this great man.

Mwant Yav will be visiting America during the month of July. I hope that some of you will have the opportunity to see him and to hear his story for yourselves. The Rev. Kenneth Enright, furloughed missionary from the Southern Congo, will accompany him as he visits churches, homes, and institutions of different kinds.

Sincerely,

MARLENE HARMON

L'Eglise Methodiste  
Kapanga, Congo Belge

The pictures, top to bottom:

Mwant Yav is accompanied by many of his chiefs and his body-guard as he awaits the arrival of the first plane to land at the new Kapanga airfield. The crown which he wears is typical only of this tribe. The lion skin is a symbol of authority and power.

Mwant Yav was among the first to greet Bishop John M. Springer and Moise Tshombe who, incidentally, is his son-in-law. The three are accompanied by the Belgian territorial administrator, who has already returned to Belgium.

Mwant Yav stands before the pastors, Bishop Springer, and Rev. Bill Davis and expresses his desire to become a baptized Christian.

The last wife of Mwant Yav was probably one of the few who would have authority to remove the chief's crown for the baptism. The older woman is the queen of the Aruund tribe.





# Chile Earthquake Damages 26 Methodist Churches

The disastrous earthquakes in southern Chile during the week of May 23-30, which killed an estimated 5,000 persons and left hundreds of thousands hungry, injured and homeless, dealt a severe blow to Methodist work there.

First reports indicated that at least 26 Methodist churches and an equal number of parsonages have been damaged or destroyed. Other buildings, such as schools, also were affected. All Methodist missionaries are reported safe and unharmed, but no reports are yet available on any casualties suffered by national workers. Hundreds of Methodist families are among the thousands left without shelter in the cold, rainy Chilean winter.

In the wake of mounting disaster reports, national Methodist agencies moved to meet the desperate need for funds for relief and rehabilitation. A nationwide Methodist Appeal for Chilean and Pacific Basin Relief has been authorized by the Council of Bishops, and by the Council on World Service and Finance.

A date of Sunday, June 26, has been set for the emergency offering to be received in each of Methodism's 39,236 churches. The funds will be given to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (MCOR), New York, to be used for general relief for the hundreds of Methodist families, and for repair and reconstruction of Methodist churches, parsonages and other buildings.

The appeal is being presented to Methodists through the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, which has sent wires and letters to all district superintendents and pastors. General Advance Special Credit is being given for all contributions.

The Chilean earthquakes sent tidal waves cascading across the Pacific to wreak destruction along the coasts of Japan and Hawaii. So far as is known, no Methodist personnel were lost nor property damaged in either place. During the same week (May 23-30), a typhoon and resulting floods devastated a section of the Philippines, but no reports are yet available on any Methodist work affected.

Chile, however, was by far the hardest hit by the week of natural disasters. The area affected by the quakes is in the heart of the oldest section of Methodist work and one of the two most fully developed.

In a telephone report to the Methodist Board of Missions, the Rev. A. Valenzuela, missionary in Concepcion, said that all 18 Methodist missionaries in the earthquake zone are safe. He said that a preliminary survey shows that all 26 Methodist churches and parsonages in the 1,000-mile-long zone had been affected in some way.

The churches in the towns of Angol, Valdivia and Los Angeles are total losses, Mr. Valenzuela said. First Methodist Church in Concepcion, one of Methodism's largest in Chile, and the new church in the port city of Talcahuano were heavily

damaged. Schools in Angol and elsewhere also were reported damaged.

From stricken Angol, site of the noted El Vergel demonstration farm, Missionary Stan Moore wrote May 25: "We have just passed through 96 hours of sheer terror. Even for the bravest, it was a period of nerve-wracking tension. Our city is left with ninety per cent of its homes either down or so badly damaged as to be uninhabitable. You can imagine in what state of mind this disaster has left our people, especially the poor and superstitious. They are bewildered, helpless. Our El Vergel sawmill is working in shifts, trying to turn out as much lumber as possible for rebuilding. The kitchen is preparing meals for 300 or more who are in communal shelters. El Vergel is making every possible effort to alleviate the disaster which confronts us, but the task is tremendous."

The full extent of the damage cannot accurately be assessed until the two district superintendents in the areas affected have returned from a tour and made their reports. They are the Rev. Eduardo Stevens of the Central district, a Chilean, and the Rev. Walter Mason of the Northern and Southern districts, a missionary.

With the limited resources available, the Methodist Church in the United States has already responded to the need for relief in Chile and elsewhere through both denominational and interdenominational channels. Church World Service, the co-operative overseas relief agency of major American Protestant and Orthodox churches (including the Methodist Church), has sent \$5,000 cash, 50,000 pounds of clothing, 1,500 blankets, 80,000 pounds of food and \$15,000 worth of medical supplies and vitamins. The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief has forwarded \$5,000 cash for emergency relief of many hundreds of Methodist families affected.

The need, however, is for much larger sums for relief and for the huge reconstruction task. It is hoped that these funds will be made possible through the generosity of American Methodists in the Appeal for Chilean and Pacific Basin Relief. Of the need, the Rev. Dr. Gaither P. Warfield, general secretary of MCOR, said:

"Since the information available is so meager with communications destroyed, few Americans have any conception of the havoc wrought by the disastrous quakes. With sixty-five per cent of the population south of Santiago without shelter in the midst of winter, we face a situation that demands immediate attention and help. Cash, clothing (especially blankets) and your prayers are urgently needed."

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Social sins, after all, are merely a large-scale projection of individual sins and need to be repented of by the offending segment of society. — *Billy Graham*

## Langford to Speak at College Orientation Workshop

We thank Mr. Edwin L. Jones of Charlotte for calling our attention to the fact that our publicity on the College Orientation Workshop did not mention specifically that the Workshop will be open to all members of the Methodist Church, regardless of race. The Methodist Student Movement, now in its third decade, has been open to all Methodist students for so long that we sometimes forget that not all Methodists are aware of this. No guile was intended.

While we are mentioning oversights, let us mention that we forgot to put on the application blank that the blank should be returned to the office of the Methodist Student Movement of North Carolina, 310 S. Spring Street, Greensboro, N. C. — W. M. Wells, Jr.

A College Orientation Workshop for Methodists who are college freshmen will be held at Camp Chestnut Ridge, Effand, N. C., August 19-21, as a project of the Methodist Student Movement of North Carolina. This is only for freshmen who are entering college this Fall.

The purpose of the Workshop is (1) To give religious orientation to rising college freshmen; (2) To point out opportunities for Christian involvement in the structure of college life; (3) To maintain an active interest in the Church on the part of students while they are away at college. The program will consist of worship, study, fellowship, and mission.

The Rev. Thomas Langford of Duke University will serve as main speaker for the Workshop. Dr. Langford is Assistant Professor of Religion in the undergraduate college of Duke University and Lecturer in Theology in the Duke Divinity School. Other leaders include Mr. Jerry Barrier of Statesville, a junior at Duke University and president of the Methodist Student Movement of North Carolina; Miss Mary Bethea of Pfeiffer College, Western N. C. Conference WSCS Secretary of Student Work; the Rev. John G. Corry, Director of the Wesley Foundation at A. & T. College and Acting Chaplain to Bennett College; the Rev. J. Conrad Glass, Jr., pastor of Layden Memorial Methodist Church, Raleigh; Dr. Walter Hudgins, professor of Religion at High Point College; Mrs. Taylor Long of Blanch, North Carolina Conference (SeI) WSCS Secretary of Student Work; Mr. Charles Stanley of Hillsboro, a junior at Appalachian State Teachers College and vice-president of the Methodist Student Movement of North Carolina; the Rev. Bill Wells, State Director of the Methodist Student Movement of North Carolina; and the Rev. Bob Younts, Director of the Wesley Foundation at Winston-Salem.

Registration blanks have been mailed to all Methodist ministers in the state. *These should be returned with the \$10 fee (which covers all costs including food and insurance) to: State Director, The Methodist Student Movement of N. C., 310 S. Spring St., Greensboro, N. C.* Registrations are on a first come, first served basis so 1960 high school graduates are urged to send their registrations in right away. If further information is needed, it may be obtained from the office of the State Director.



# Woman's Society News

## W. N. C. Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

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### CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

MRS. LESLIE BARNHARDT

One big aspect of Christian Social Relations is the responsibilities of the Christian as a citizen of the community, the nation and the world.

At a time when the freedom-loving nations of the world are struggling to keep their freedom and our nation has come into a place of leadership among these nations, it is imperative that the Christians of this nation take a serious look at their responsibilities as citizens.

Herbert Muller, a noted historian, wrote recently that, "The greatest problem of our times is the loss of individual responsibility." It is well for conscientious citizens to remind themselves once again that true freedom is fundamentally an individual responsibility if it is to be so preserved.

The direction in which our nation moves in the next ten or twenty years on the domestic front, as well as in foreign policy may well hinge on the understanding and action of the voters in 1960. With nearly five million more women than men eligible to vote in the 1960 election, Christian women as responsible citizens face even greater challenges to understand the issues, to provide information for the public, to vote with courage and conviction, and to influence government policy after election on national, state and local levels. This is no easy task. For it involves the need to be well informed on the complex issues of national and international life. It requires arousing ourselves from our political lethargy and taking full responsibility for the policy decisions our nation must make. It requires skill in translating general Christian principles into specifics of political action. It requires bringing the love of Christ to focus on the needs and aspirations of people everywhere — the hungry, sick and illiterate of every continent, the homeless refugee, the migrant, the ill-housed, the jobless, the children who need schools and teachers, the people of racial and religious minorities, the aged and the handicapped. Dr. Edward Long in his "Christians Are Citizens," writes, "Christians are called to be good citizens because citizenship in the state helps to implement the love for neighbor which Jesus enjoined upon His followers. God created the civil state to help men live together and to restrain the actions of those who threaten to destroy the rights of others . . . We serve God by our participation in the state. As Christians our chief task is to relate faith to action."

What are YOU doing about this responsibility?

You can:

1. Secure helpful resources for special use in this election year, such as, A Guide to Citizenship Brunches; a pamphlet, "Citi-

zenship Free and Responsible;" a book, "The Protestant and Politics," by William Lee Miller; a subscription to *Memo and Contact*.

2. Make a plan for a series of "Citizenship Brunches" (or luncheons or dinners) specifically related to the 1960 election issues—as they concern your community, state and our nation's responsibility. (August, September and October are the crucial months for such an emphasis.)

3. Unite your efforts with other denominations and non-church community agencies who are concerned. With these "allies" you can strengthen the channels at hand.

Certainly, this merits our most serious consideration as citizens and as Christians, for the results will influence our lives individually and nationally for many years.

"Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must like men undergo the fatigue of supporting it."

"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked rule, the people groan."—Proverbs 29:2.

(Mrs. Barnhardt is completing four years of outstanding service as Secretary of Christian Social Relations in the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference.)

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### N. C. Conference MYF News

By GLENDA PITTMAN

#### Rocky Mount District Spring Rally

On Sunday afternoon, May 22, 1960, the Rocky Mount District held its annual Spring Rally in the Riverside Pavillion of Sunset Park in Rocky Mount. Glenda Pittman opened the meeting by leading in fellowship singing. The business session, let by Annette Lee, president, consisted of the reading of the minutes of the Fall Rally, distributing of reports on the Program-Planning Workshop, roll call by sub-districts, announcements of the Louisburg Assemblies and Workshop, Annual Conference Session, and the MY Fund deadline, and election of officers. The elected officers are as follows: President, Glenda Pittman;

Vice-President, Vicky Grizzard; Secretary, Kenny Sue Sheppard; Treasurer, Glenn Hemmerlee; Publicity Chairman, Edward Morrison.

Under the direction of Rev. Jim Bailey, Rev. Bob Baldrige, Rev. Bill Davenport, and Glenda Pittman, the group joined in doing some folk songs and other outdoor recreation. After the recreation period, a picnic lunch was shared with drinks furnished by the district.

The rally was adjourned by 5:30 p.m.

### Roanoke Elects New Officers

The Roanoke subdistrict elected and installed its new officers at the May meeting held in Halifax Methodist Church. These new officers are listed below: President, Judy Woodburn; Vice-President, Bob Tickel; Secretary, Jackie Vaughan; Treasurer, Vivian Faison; Publicity Chairman, Vicky Grizzard; Faith Chairman, Betsy Neese; Witness Chairman, Becky Willey; Outreach Chairman, Barbara Incoe; Citizenship Chairman, Martha Dabney; Fellowship Chairman, Glenda Pittman.

### Just A Reminder

Don't wait any longer! You may still be able to go to camp. Consult your pastor for registration blanks and further information.

### Host District Growing

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from Duke. The Asbury Theological Seminary has honored him with the D.D. degree.

A native of Asheville, Mrs. Ball is also a Duke graduate. The Balls have two children.

A long and rambling district in the heart of the tobacco and peanut sections of the state, the Rocky Mount district stretches over nine counties in whole or in part. These are Nash, Edgecombe, Wilson, Halifax, Warren, Northampton, Martin, Bertie, and Pitt. Also included are two Virginia churches.



Trinity Methodist Church in Thomasville dedicated its parsonage Sunday, May 29, immediately following the morning worship service. The Rev. John Carper, district superintendent of the Thomasville District, delivered the morning sermon, and led in the dedication ritual in front of the parsonage. Open house was observed in the afternoon from 2:30-5:30 p.m. Refreshments were served by the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The parsonage is a modern six-room ranch style house, and its estimated value, including the furnishings and land, is \$24,000. It was erected in 1954 during the ministry of the Rev. McCray Crawford, and is presently occupied by the Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Ferguson.



# EDITORIALS

## Cleaning Out The Junk

One of the worst chores of moving days is the task of cleaning out the desk drawers and throwing away the accumulation of years.

Isn't it odd how much we accumulate?

There is that letter from a subscriber which got lost, the program of a meeting which we attended, the picture postcard from a far-off mission field, the itinerary of a European trip and the announcement of a preaching engagement in London.

And there are pictures and souvenirs of many occasions, old engagement books that bring a feeling of nostalgia, as we remember the fine people of those 550 churches which we visited in North Carolina.

We call it junk as we try to find a place for it somewhere besides the wastebasket. But is it junk? Not in the least, for it is a part of life, mementoes of five years in a friendly land which received the stranger with open arms and friendly smiles.

Here is one which reminds us of a little church in the country, of the faithful and talented minister who serves it on a small salary without complaining. Another brings back memories of a long and interesting trip across the state, from Murphy to Manteo.

We must leave them, for we cannot carry them with us, but they will not be forgotten, as we pack up for the journey back to Pennsylvania and the church which awaits us there.

## Religion And Politics

Should religious affiliations determine a candidate's chance for election? The answer to that question is being debated all over America, as a Roman Catholic seems to be running far ahead of the field in the race for President.

There is no pat answer. If we were to offer any suggestion it would be that a man's qualifications as an executive and as a Christian gentleman far outweigh the matter of his denominational affiliation.

Protestant leaders have spoken out in opposition to Mr. Kennedy, not because they think he is unfit for the job, but because they are afraid that he will be controlled by "Rome." Some Catholics, on the other hand, have been lukewarm toward him because they

## Set Emergency Offering For Disaster Victims

In the wake of mounting disaster reports from Chile, the Philippines, and elsewhere, Methodist agencies are swinging into action to meet the desperate needs for relief and rehabilitation caused by recent earthquakes and tidal waves. A nationwide Methodist appeal for Chilean and Pacific Basin relief has been authorized by the Council of Bishops and the Council on World Service and Finance. Sunday, June 26, has been set for an emergency offering. Funds will be channeled through the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, New York City, for general relief, aid to hundreds of stricken Methodist families, and repair and reconstruction of churches and parsonages. MCOR Advance Special credit will be given for all contributions. This appeal is being transmitted to church leaders by the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, Chicago. Dr. E. Harold Mohn, general secretary of the commission, has addressed a message to all pastors and district superintendents, urging that all of Methodism's 39,236 churches in the United States receive a special offering.

fear that his election will hurt the Church by causing a worsening of Catholic-Protestant relationships. Other Catholic leaders are afraid that his announced intention of operating independently and not taking orders from the Church might lead to a loss of discipline.

It would seem that Kennedy is not endorsed by either Catholic or Protestant leaders. Nevertheless, his star continues to mount, as voters in the primaries cast their ballots for a young man who seems to have promise.

No one knows what will happen in July. It may be that the Kennedy boom will fail, as party leaders scuttle him in favor of someone who is less controversial. But, according to newspaper accounts, the nomination seems to be "in the bag." (It would not be the first time, if they were wrong.)

Meanwhile, our only advice to Methodists is to vote according to their best knowledge and conscience when the election comes next November. Most of us will have no choice in nominating the candidates; all we can do is choose between those which the parties select.

Prejudice, either religious or sectional, should not determine the way we cast our ballots.

And, by way of parenthesis, we would emphatically condemn the rumor that is going around now that all the Baptists in North Carolina will vote for a certain candidate because he is a Baptist and the Methodists will support the other because he belongs to us. That has never happened, and will not, in this election.

## Men Without Faces

Did you ever wonder about those faceless names which dot the pages of the New Testament? What sort of people were they? We do not know, except as we imagine their characters from the meager mention made of them.

There is the fellow called "Brother Useless." Of course, you don't find that name in the Bible, but it is quite possible that his master called Onesimus by the nickname. Paul reminds Philemon that Onesimus was useless to him once but that now, after his conversion, he is worthy of a new name, for he is "indeed useful to you and to me."

Then there is a man called, in modern English, only "Number Four." Perhaps he was the fourth child in the family and was named Quartus for that reason. But what sort of a man was he, that he deserved mention in Paul's letters?

Holding a very different sort of place in New Testament annals is the brother mentioned wryly by John in one of his letters. Diotrephes could be well named the Church Boss, for he was one who loved authority and carried his feelings where they could be easily bruised. He, you will remember, tried to run things as he pleased, and even locked the door of the church, figuratively, at least, upon the minister.

There are others, Epaphras (The Worker), Tychicus (the Messenger), Demas (the Renegade), and more. We commend them to you for study, these Men Without Faces, whose names are known, but whose lives are hid in the mists of antiquity.





# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## Girls Can Ride, Too

By MARY E. GROSS

The pony's coat was a soft, warm brown, and his eyes were brown, too, and friendly. Lucy loved him the moment she saw him.

"He's just beautifud, Frank," she said. "What's his name?"

"His real name is Roderick the Great, but I call him Roddy," Frank explained.

"Let me ride him. Please, Frank."

"Nobody can ride Roddy but me," Frank said loudly. "Especially not a girl. Horses are made for men to ride."

"He's not a horse—he's only a pony, and you're only a boy," Lucy turned away and ran to join her friends who were skipping rope at the other end of the playground.

Frank rode the pony around for a while, showing him to all the boys and girls. "Give us a ride, Frank," they asked.

"I'm the only one who can ride Roddy," Frank boasted. "We're going out to Taylor's Mill to explore the woods."

"Please take me with you," Lucy begged. "Roddy can carry both of us—I know he can. I want to go exploring, too."

Frank laughed. "Roddy doesn't want to carry any girls. And besides, exploring's for men only."

The circle of children around Roddy melted away. The girls went back to skipping rope, and the boys settled down to a baseball game.

Frank turned Roddy away from the field and nudged him into a gallop. Soon they were far up the road, going faster than Frank really liked. He bounced around in the saddle and tried to pull back on the reins enough to slow the pony down.

At the old lane in the woods that led to Taylor's Mill, he managed to turn Roddy off the main road. But the pony was still running hard. Frank ducked to miss some low-hanging branches, and his right foot lost the stirrup. He jerked hard on the reins. Just as Roddy began to slow down, Frank's right foot accidentally banged hard against the pony's ribs. He reared and lunged ahead. Frank arched over the pony's head and

landed in a scratchy bush.

"Stop, Roddy! Wait, Roddy!" Frank called, but the pony had disappeared.

Gingerly Frank pulled himself out of the bush and started to walk. But his right ankle hurt badly, and it seemed to be puffing up like a balloon. "Sprained ankle," he thought. "Now what will I do?"

He looked around for a stick to use as a cane. There was a strong one across

## GOD SPOKE TO ME

God spoke to me through a little bird  
That went fluttering along without saying  
a word.

God spoke to me through a little toad  
That went hopping along a dusty road.

God spoke to me through a little flower  
That lifted its head for a refreshing shower.

God spoke to me through a little boy  
Who was ragged and dirty, but full of joy.

Now, you ask me, how do I hear  
God speaking to me so soft and clear?  
Well, it's a mystery I can't explain,  
But I know He speaks to me just the same.

—MYRTLE EPPS

High Point, N. C.

the lane, and he hopped over to it on his left foot. "If I hadn't showed off so much . . ." he thought. "If I'd let the other boys ride . . ." "If I'd brought Lucy with me . . ."

While he was thinking, he hopped and rested, hopped and rested. Each time the rests grew longer and the hops shorter.

In a few minutes he heard someone coming up the road toward him. "Hello!" he shouted. "Help! Help!"

Lucy's voice floated back to him. "Hello, Frank," she called. "Wait for me. I'm coming."

In another minute there was Lucy, pushing her bicycle along the rough old road. She was puffing, and her face was very red. She had wanted to go exploring so much that she had trailed after Frank.

"Where's Roddy?" she asked, as she looked at Frank's ankle.

"He went up toward the old mill. I hope he isn't lost," Frank said.

Lucy leaned her bike against a tree. "I'll find him," she said. "You can't walk that far, Frank — it would take you hours. You sit here and wait, and I'll go. I'll bet Roddy is up at the mill having a drink of water and some grass."

They arranged a set of signal calls for keeping in touch. Then Lucy set off, climbing up the trail. Every few minutes they called their signals. Frank shouted, "Green!" which meant, "Do you see him?" "Blue!" came Lucy's answer—"Not yet."

When at last there was no answer to his "Green!" Frank knew that Lucy must be nearly at the mill. He waited for what seemed a half hour. Then his ears caught the faint sound of Lucy's signal, "Yellow!" She had found Roddy. After another long wait, Frank saw the pony trotting down the trail with Lucy on his back.

The trip home was a slow one, with Frank riding Roddy and Lucy pushing her bike.

As they arrived at Frank's front gate, the boy grinned at Lucy. "Thanks for the rescue," he said. "Guess I forgot that women have been famous explorers—and that Dale Evans—she's Roy Rogers' wife, you know—can sure ride a horse!"

## CHUCKLES

"I tell you I won't take this room," protested the old woman to the bell-boy. "I'm not going to pay good money for a room like this. It's too small, and hasn't got a window. Just because I'm from the country . . ."

"Get in, lady, get in," sighed the bell-boy. "This is the elevator."

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Doctor: "The pain in your leg is caused by old age."

Grandpa: "Nonsense! The other leg is the same age, and it don't hurt a bit."

## THE STORY OF JOSEPH

(Continued)

(Fill in the blanks with the correct words)

In the famine, Joseph's———came to  
———to buy———. Joseph knew  
———, but they did not know———. He told them to bring young———next time. Jacob did not want to let———go, but they were all hungry, and his brothers promised to———.

## Answers in Last Week's Installment

years — good crops — seven — famine  
— barns — grain — starve — clothes —  
finger — chariot.



# International Sunday School Lesson

FOR JUNE 19

By RAYMOND A. SMITH

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## BEARING GOOD FRUITS

Background Scripture: Matthew 7:15-23;  
25:3-46; Luke 13:6-9

Lesson Scripture: Matthew 7:15-23;  
Luke 13:6-9

Often we are told that science and religion operate at entirely different levels. This is, of course, true to a degree. But in our lesson we see Jesus apply the most rigorous scientific test to the matter of religious leadership. It is simply that of *results* — “every sound tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears evil fruit.”

The Gospel of Matthew has been called the “gospel of the Church” for (it is assumed) there is found in it the echo of many a problem that disturbed the early followers of Jesus. One of these problems was that of the false prophet. An early document of the church called “The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles” has this to say about this problem: “About apostles and prophets, follow the rule of the gospel, which is this: Let every apostle who comes to you be welcomed as the Lord. But he shall not stay more than one day, and if it is necessary, the next day also. But if he stays three days he is a false prophet . . . not everyone who speaks in the spirit is a prophet, but only if he has the ways of the Lord. So the false prophet and the prophet will be known by their ways.” It will be clearly seen that these tests imposed by the early Christians upon their religious leaders reflect the ideas set forth in our Scripture selection for today.

These false teachers are hard to detect because they come “in sheep’s clothing.” This is another way of saying they appear quite innocent, attractive, and even pious. But there is always this practical test that serves to separate them from the real prophets—is their life consistent with their preaching? Maybe people today are called upon by traveling teachers of one kind or another. They knock at your door and want to “talk religion” with you. Are these people helping to build up the church, or are they attacking it? Are their ideas soundly in harmony with Biblical truth, or do they propose to set the Bible aside in favor of some other source of authority? Test them and see.

Verse 21 reads in part: “Not everyone who says to me ‘Lord, Lord’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will.” This has been interpreted by New Testament scholars such as Floyd Filson to mean that great numbers of people had come into the early church from pagan religions. In these faiths it was believed that their gods could be made to answer their prayers if they addressed them with high-sounding titles. Some carried over into the church this custom. They believed the pious repetition of the Lord’s name would bring them merit, no matter how they lived. After all these centuries are we quite free from the idea that the worship of God can be separated from the service of God?

The parable of the barren fig tree is sometimes given an allegorical interpretation; meaning, in this view, that the fig tree stands for the nation of Israel. This nation had been favored with the Law, the great prophets, the wisdom teachers and the hymns and prayers of the Psalmist — yet, with all this, they had produced little or no fruit. The only outcome for them would be destruction. But can we Christians, after nearly two thousand years, boast too much of *our* fruits? An

unkind critic of Christianity once wrote this:

“After two thousand years of saying mass,

We’ve got as far as poison gas.”

We may resent this as an unfair and one-sided interpretation of Christian history, but nevertheless it pulls us up short. It reminds us that there is much yet that needs to be done before even the dim outlines of the kingdom of God are to be seen on the horizon of time. Nor will the non-Christian world allow us to forget that it was in “Christian” Europe that the two horrible wars of this, the bloodiest of centuries, had their beginning. This is no time for Christians to become a “Mutual Admiration Society.” It is a time for us to repent of our blindness and folly. It is time to recall the words of John the Baptist recorded in Matthew 3:16: “The axe is already at the root of the tree, and the tree that fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

## Book Reviews

Brothers of the Faith. By Stephen Neill. Abingdon, S.D.

In this book, Dr. Neill tells the story of the ecumenical movement through the lives of such men as John R. Mott, Bishop Soederblom, Bishop Brent, and William Temple, as well as others equally important, and closes with a study of the policies of Pope John XXIII and their relation to the possibilities of church union. The latter chapter exhibits a cheering optimism over the prospect of a better understanding between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism. But the author cautions against too much hope of unity between the two. —R.P.M.

And Jesus Said. By Hoover Rupert. (Abingdon Press. \$2.50)

Based on the intriguing concept of an imaginary conversation with Jesus, the author takes the real conversations as recorded in the Gospels and seeks to apply them to everyday life in modern times. Ministers who preach to college students may be helped by Dr. Rupert’s experiences as preacher to many young people from the University of Michigan who attend the services of First Methodist Church, Ann Arbor, which is situated adjacent to the campus. These sermons are of the type which seems to be particularly appealing to both old and young. —R.P.M.

Strength for Living. By Hazel T. Wilson. (Abingdon Press. \$1.50)

Mrs. Wilson is not only a writer of books, but a very active churchwoman who has served in many capacities. This little book contains daily devotions for a month. Compiled, rather than written, the volume contains some excellent material. —R.P.M.

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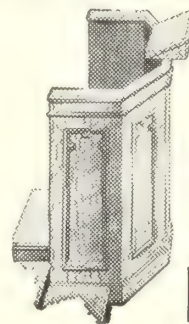
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## IN PASSING

### *I Remember Kagawa*

A few weeks ago word came that Toyohiko Kagawa had died, after a lingering illness, in Tokyo. As I read that news story I remembered the day when I had visited him in a Chicago hotel room, in company with two editors. They were asking the questions and I was preparing the story for the magazine.

It was October, 1941, and war with Japan seemed inevitable. Yet Kagawa had braved the disapproval of Japanese officials and the danger of being caught on the wrong side of the fence if war should break out, in order to try once more to bring about peace between his homeland and the nation he loved next to his own.

Sitting restlessly in his chair, smiling and gesticulating almost every moment, the little Japanese Christian answered questions frankly and freely — so frankly that he took our breath away.

"Will there be war?" someone asked, and he answered that there was a good chance that it would come, unless someone at the top in both nations stemmed the tide of misunderstanding. "I have come to your country," he said, as I remember, "in order to talk with President Roosevelt and with our ambassador. I have done what I could in my country. Perhaps I have failed, but I have tried."

He spoke of his love for America and Americans, among whom he had spent so many pleasant visits during the years, but then, in response to a question regarding the reason for the anti-American spirit then rampant in Japan, he became very serious.

"To understand that," he said sadly, "one would have to review the events of the past twenty years. It is hard for you to understand the change in Japanese attitude, but there is good reason for it.

"You see," he continued, "the Japanese are a friendly sort of people. They like to be loved and they respond to love. They are also ambitious and enterprising. But one of their characteristics is their tendency to imitate other nations, to make heroes of foreigners who please them. After World War I, the English and the Americans were our friends and we tried to act like them, to be like them. Whatever they did was right. But then your government changed toward us. We were no longer needed and so we were discarded. We were not allowed to come to this country to live, and visitors, such as students, were treated with contempt.

"When this word got back to our country, the love that we had for you turned to hatred. In our government were many former students who had learned much in your country. They had studied in your schools, they had walked your streets. From the first they gained knowledge of Western ways and ideals; from the second they learned that you considered us as inferior people.

"As the American influence waned, the German propagandists sought us out. They treated us as equals; they deferred to us and courted us. And the leaders, who had

learned information in your universities and experienced racial prejudice in your streets and stores, became the ardent friends of the Germans. Now they are determined to join Hitler in his attempt to wipe you out."

I cannot recall the exact words of what came next, but Kagawa told of one incident which he said might have had more influence upon the history of the world than anything else. He recalled how one young Japanese student some years before had entered a barber shop in Los Angeles. Waiting for more than an hour for a haircut, he had at last been sent away with a curse. The barber had declared in no uncertain words that he had no intention of cutting the hair of a "damned Japanese." That young man never forgot.

"Today," said Kagawa, "this man is in a position of great power in the Japanese government. It is this man who will decide when our nations go to war."

The interview ended and we thanked the great Japanese Christian for his patience and friendliness. Bowing and smiling, he bade us goodbye. "I hope," he said, "that I shall see you again as friends. But, no matter what happens, we will pray for each other."

As I stepped out of the room, his traveling companion, himself a well-known Christian leader, said to me in a whisper, "Please do not write this in your paper."

Noting my astonishment, he explained.

"Kagawa has no fear. He does not care if he is imprisoned or if he dies. He says what he thinks. But if you print the story of today's interview, he will be imprisoned and perhaps killed when we return home. You have his life in your hands."

I did not print it and have never written it down until this day. But now it cannot hurt him, either in body or in memory, for his nation is at peace with ours and the Japanese people, who, as he said, love to be loved and to imitate their friends, are busy trying to Americanize their way of life. Only a few small clouds mar the horizon of our relations and Japanese-American friendship seems secure.

But I wonder, as I think back on that day, what would have happened if a barber in Los Angeles had been kindly and brotherly to a Japanese student? Would we ever have gone to war?

As it was, less than two months later, the bombing of Pearl Harbor paid the debt of hatred for that insult, and the war was on.

*Postscript:* All over America today there are thousands of foreign students. Some of them are from Africa, some from China and Japan. They will be the leaders of their nations in the future.

The young black man or yellow man we scorn because of his skin may be the one who puts his finger on the bomb that blows up our world. Our actions toward them will determine their opinion of us, and that opinion may determine our survival or our destruction in the years to come.

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# LETTERS

## "Honesty In Advertising"

Dear Editor:

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The Methodist Church, as part of the Church Universal, takes its stand on the life and teachings of One who gave His life "for the sin of the world." This is enforced by St. Paul, who tells us that in Christ there is neither bond nor free, race or sex, but that all are one in Christ Jesus. He puts this view into practice when He sends Onesimus the slave home, no longer as a slave but as a brother beloved. So down the ages to John Wesley who, declaring, "The world is my parish," began Methodist missions just 200 years ago this year by bringing the gospel to the West Indian Negroes.

Sometimes it may be advisable to hold sectional meetings for people of a certain point of view, occupation, sex or race. Then, of course, the need for "honesty" demands a clear statement of plans. But whenever a general appeal is made (in this case to all students), the universal Christian attitude should be taken for granted, and no local or temporal restrictions stated or implied.

In this age of expansion into space, let us not so contract our outlook and sympathies as to accept unthinkingly a sub-Christian view of life. In this I believe we can trust our young people, who are often in these and other matters, away ahead of their elders.

Sincerely yours,

EDMUND E. CHAMBERS

2104 Ninth St. N.  
St. Petersburg, Fla.

## Report From Welcome

Dear Friends:

We have just closed a "Leet Crusade" with a great "Revival in a Day Victory Service." All previous records for our church were broken with an attendance of 360 out of a membership of 401. The highest ever before was 333 and that on an Easter Sunday. There were 119 who pledged to tithe. There was a wonderful moving of the Spirit upon the people. Seventy came forward to rededicate their lives to Christ. A number of folk had been trying several years to get a father and his family to come into the church by the transfer of their letter. It was a happy surprise to the church when they all walked down the aisle and requested the pastor to get their letters. Even the wife did not know it, but was told the night previous that she would get an anniversary present the next morning. Needless to say the wife shed some happy tears.

Another fine young lady who recently

married one of the young men of our church is also moving her letter. There was not a great harvest as far as church membership is concerned as we had already received a good number on profession of faith and by transfer. But the revival seemed to bring to our church just what we need now, a sense of real Christian stewardship on the part of our people. We feel truly that a new day has dawned for Center Methodist Church. We recommend the Leet-McCullar team to any church that would like to have a real Stewardship-Evangelism campaign that will revolutionize your congregation.

Sincerely yours,

CLARENCE E. WILLIAMS, *Pastor*  
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## Carolina Briefs

SUSAN HILL BLOUNT, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. George Blount of Wesley Memorial Church, Raleigh, was graduated from Broughton High School with an exceptional record. Coming to Raleigh in the sophomore class, she had already won honors in the Louisburg High School. At Broughton she was elected to the National Honor Society, the Service Club, the Queen of Hearts Court, was treasurer of the junior class and later treasurer of the student body. As a senior she was elected "Miss Needham Broughton" of the class of '60, and upon graduation was presented the Danforth Foundation citation as the outstanding girl of the class. She has been active in the work of the church, and was assistant organizer at Louisburg, where she also studied organ at the college there and later at Peace College. This fall she enters Duke University where she will pursue her studies in social and religious work and music.

AN OPEN HOUSE on June 5 gave members of the Franklinville Church an opportunity to see the new parsonage which was built at a cost of \$40,000, including furnishings. The brick-veneer house stands on property donated by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Clark of Greensboro and has seven rooms two full baths, a half-basement, a carport and a utility room, according to the pastor, the Rev. Raymond J. Hahn.

DR. ARCHIBALD SHARER has been appointed as associate professor of Biology at Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount.

## No Advocate Next Week

According to custom, we will omit the issue nearest July 4, and thus there will be no Advocate printed next week.

Reports and appointments of the NC Conference, will appear in the issue of July 7.

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# Highlights of the WNC Annual Conference

The impression received at the recent session of the Western North Carolina Conference was one of frenzied activity behind the scenes and foot-slogging deliberation in the daily sessions. "One of the most talkative sessions we have ever had," was the verdict of old-timers who observed with some wry humor the endless discussions and arguments.

Yet it was not a quarrelsome Conference and no one seemed to be in a mood for acrid controversy. The word was "confusion." Much of this stemmed from the fact that appointments were "up in the air" to a degree almost unprecedented in recent years. District superintendents went around with harried expressions and pastors awaited the results of their deliberations with considerable unease. But, in the end, everything came out all right, as usual.

One of the elements contributing to the confusion was the last minute revision of appointments made necessary by the death of one of Western North Car-

olina's most beloved district superintendents, Dr. J. E. Yountz of the Marion District, who died suddenly almost on the eve of the session. Coupled with this was the expected difficulty of assigning two other district superintendents to supervise the new districts, according to the plan suggested by the Conference in a previous session and adopted at this meeting.

The need for the two new districts was apparent and the action of the Conference will receive hearty commendation from all Methodists in the area - except, perhaps, those who were moved out of a district of which they had long felt a part. Such feelings are natural, but will not last long.

The usual brotherly and calm attitude which has endeared him to ministers and laymen alike served Bishop Harmon in good stead this year.

## Appointment Problems

It was hard for some ministers to appreciate the problems faced by the

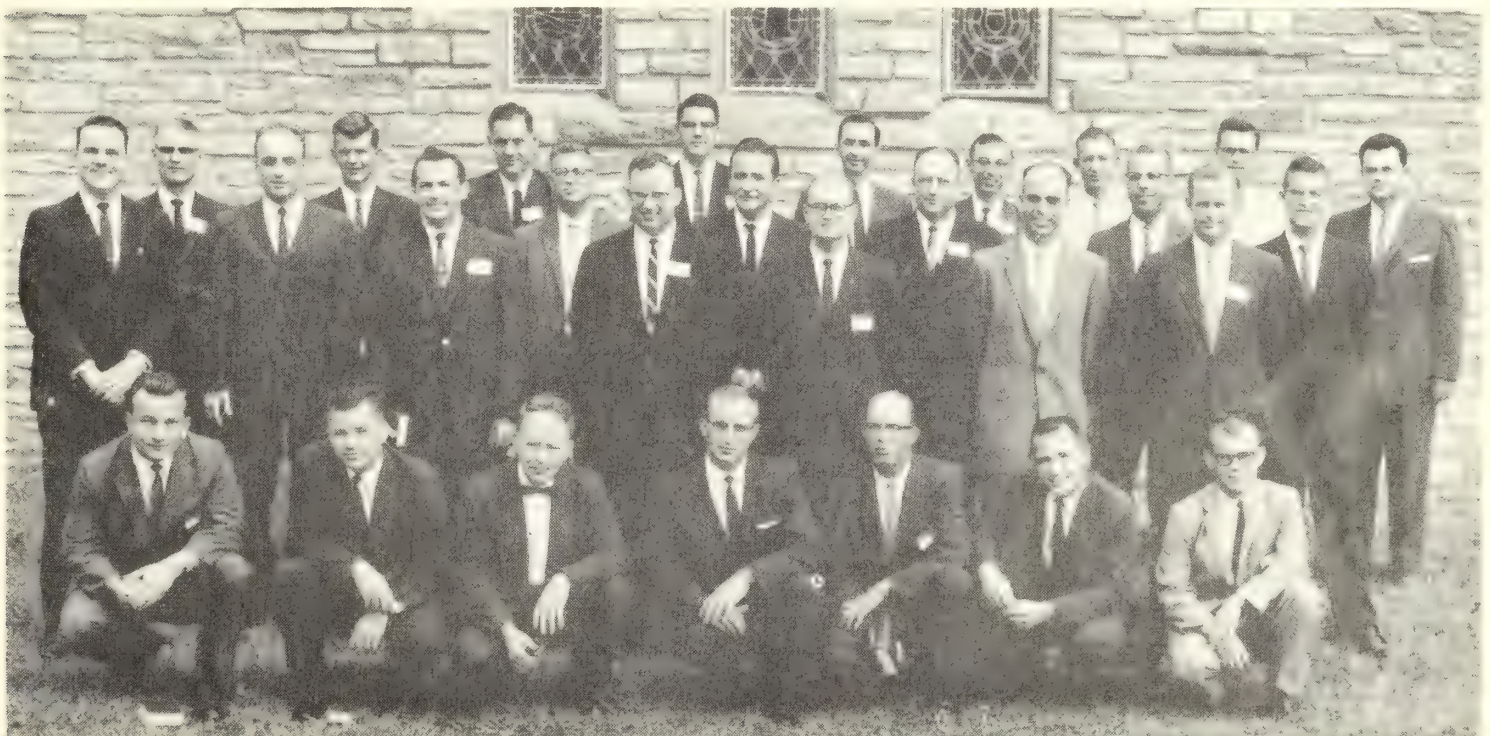
Cabinet this year. The WNC Conference suffers from an over-supply of medium-salary appointments (between \$5,000 and \$6,000), consequently there was little opportunity for salary increases in the moves made in this category. In contrast to some Conferences, which have many small circuits, this Conference has a large number of "station churches" which are paying a larger salary than can easily be raised, thus placing a strain upon finances and possibly making it difficult to care for other interests of the church.

It was pointed out by several speakers that the trend toward making "stations" should be watched carefully, for such a trend was capable of injuring the work of the church.

## Pfeiffer College

One of the expected issues of controversy failed to materialize. The proposal to admit Pfeiffer College as a WNC Conference institution in 1961 was accepted by the delegates without

## Admitted Into Full Connection—1960—W.N.C. Conference



*First Row, Left to Right: George P. Robinson, Earl P. Crow, G. Bruce Nelson, R. Cliff Summey, Tracy H. Streater, James C. Singleton, James P. Burnett.*

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## Admitted On Trial—1960—W.N.C. Conference



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Third Row, Left to Right: Dwight Whitlock, O. Ray Moss, Douglas W. Gilbert, David A. Yount, Ole Edv. Borgen, Budd Ellington, Robert M. Smith, Jr.*

argument and only a very few dissenting votes were counted. Some delegates pointed out, however, in private conversation, that the stipulations contained in the acceptance agreement might make eventual acceptance rather difficult. The special commission which brought in the report included a recommendation that Pfeiffer put its financial house in order and that the Board of Trustees should include 60 per cent of its membership from the Conference. Calling attention to the fact that Pfeiffer had operated on a deficit for two years, the commission insisted that the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church continue its support of the college, and provided that, in giving aid to Pfeiffer the Conference should not reduce its support to the other three colleges maintained by it.

### Missionaries Honored

Dr. and Mrs. George W. Harley, missionaries to Liberia for the past 34 years, were honored in a special session on Thursday night. His Excellency George Arthur Padmore, Liberian ambassador to the United States, spoke in praise of the work which the Harleys had done for his country. Dr. Harley is a native of Asheville and has retired

from active missionary work. (See story and pictures on another page).

### Ministers' Wives

A proposal made by the study commission on the ministry that "careful consideration be given by the cabinet and by the Conference to ministers' wives who are working outside the house . . ." was stricken from the report as adopted.

This was one of the times when, for a moment, feeling seemed to run high, as several ministers took the floor to protest that, as one put it, "It's none of our business what these wives do about working." The vast majority of the delegates seemed to approve of that statement.

But the Conference accepted the report and adopted it, with this omission. The consensus of opinion seemed to be that the report was an exceedingly valuable study of the ministry in the WNC Conference.

### World Service Askings

The Conference adopted the recommendation of the Commission on Finance that askings for World Service and Conference benevolences be set at \$753,722.

This amount was apportioned to the Districts before the adoption of the plan for two new districts and thus the figures given in the report will be revised before final announcement. The total, however, will remain the same.

The Conference voted to increase the number of districts from 11 to 13 and the new ones will be known as the High Point and Albemarle Districts.

### Editors Honored

During the Friday afternoon session, the present editor of the Advocate, the Rev. R. P. Marshall, and the incoming editor, the Rev. J. S. Starnes, were introduced to the Conference.

On behalf of the two Conferences, Bishop Harmon presented Mr. Marshall with a wrist watch and commended him for his work at the editorial desk for the past five years. Mr. Marshall has been transferred to the Central Pennsylvania Conference which meets this month. He will leave North Carolina for his new appointment on July 6 and will be stationed as pastor of a suburban church in Harrisburg, Pa.

Editor Starnes was assured of the cooperation of the Conference by Bishop Harmon, who spoke of the need for Conference organs and the necessity of



full support. The Conference had already voted to give the Advocate a yearly subsidy of \$6,000, the first such subsidy to be given in the history of the paper. Mr. Starnes, a member of the NC Conference, presently stationed at Sunset Park Church, Wilmington, spoke of his appreciation of the confidence of the delegates and asked for co-operation in securing new subscriptions. He will take office on July 1.

#### Some Statistics

According to the Conference statistician's report, the WNC Conference last year reported a total of 257,599 members. During the past year, 6,723 had been received on profession of faith or restored, 5,906 came by transfer from other Methodist churches, and 2,422 came from other denominations, during the year.

There are 20,600 preparatory members on the rolls, and 3,225 infants have been baptized this past year.

Subscriptions to **Together** magazine now total 11,291. No report was given for Advocate subscriptions, but it is estimated that they total around 6,000 in this Conference.

There are 1,103 organized churches in the bounds of the Conference.

The value of church buildings, equipment and land is \$75,519,227. Parsonages are valued at \$10,291,884, and other property at \$5,981,249. Total indebtedness is \$7,386,373.

The total paid to all causes was \$15,503,035.

#### Ministers Admitted

Twenty-eight ministers were admitted into full connection. They were: Mack M. Armstrong, Brevard; Sherman L. Beird, Murphy; Giles O. Bowman, Greensboro; Erman F. Bradley, Greensboro; Charles E. Bruce, Statesville; James P. Burnett, Wadesboro; Morris J. Byers, Creedmoor; Earl P. Crow, Jr., Mount Pleasant; Lloyd D. Ellis, Murphy; Roy L. Eubanks, Asheboro; Richard H. Finney, Murphy; Oros L. Hancock, Jr., Wingate; Merritt C. Holmes, Albemarle; Joseph R. Morris, Albemarle;

Gordon B. Nelson, Albemarle; James A. Northington, Charlotte; Herbert T. Penry, Jr., Asheboro; Marrill G. Perkins, Greensboro; William H. Pheagin, Gastonia; George P. Robinson, Charlotte; James C. Singleton, Thomasville; Tracy H. Streeter, Salisbury; Raymond C. Summey, Raleigh; James B. Thomas, Brevard; James M. Thurman, Mars Hill;

James S. White, Farmer; Howard R. Wilkinson, Greensboro; and Mark F. Wimmer, Duke University.

#### Ministers Retired

Fourteen ministers were retired because of having reached age 65. They were: Walter R. Jenkins, Charlotte; Joseph M. Brandon, Sr., Lowell; Ezra M. Jones, Belmont; Herbert F. Kuehn, Charlotte; Alfred C. Gibbs, Statesville; Ralph W. Blanchard, High Point; Archie Dean Shelton, Reidsville; Bayne W. Lefler, Todd; James Samuel Gibbs, Sr., Hickory; Henry R. Connelius, Catawba; John C. Ammons, Winston-Salem; Neil C. Williams, Sr., Winston-Salem; I. Leroy Shaver, Caldwell, Idaho, a conference missionary to Japan, and Cicero William Kirby, Charlotte.

#### NC Wesleyan Announces Two Scholarship Awards

**Rocky Mount**—North Carolina Wesleyan College announces the first recipients of the Oscar and Tommy Taylor Memorial Scholarship Award. Miss Judy Louise Biggs and William Ronald Carter were chosen for this honor and the \$450.00 Freshman Award to each which accompanies it.

Judy Biggs is an honor graduate of West Edgecombe High School in the upper 10th of her graduating class and a life-long resident of Rocky Mount. Judy, the daughter of Mrs. Louise G. Biggs and the late D. G. Biggs, was secretary of the Beta Club, vice-president of the student government, an officer of her class each year of high school, a member of the glee club, 4-H Club, FHA Club and the varsity basketball team.

She is an officer in the Youth Fellowship of the Second Presbyterian Church, pianist for her Sunday school, and has been a delegate to the Synod Youth Conference. She recently was a winner of the 4-H public speaking contest and the Jaycee Award in the "My True Security" essay contest.

William "Ronnie" Carter is a graduate of Rocky Mount Senior High School in the upper fifth of his class and is a native of

Battleboro. Ronnie, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Sidney Carter, was an officer in the S.O.S. Service Club at Senior High, officer of his class and homeroom, member of the glee club and a good all-around student.

Ronnie is a member of the Battleboro Methodist Church, officer of his sub-district Youth Fellowship and president of the Battleboro Methodist Youth Fellowship. He has participated in summer camps at Camp Don Lee and does some teaching in his home Sunday school.

#### Missionary Conference Slated For Junaluska, July 22

**Lake Junaluska, N. C.** — A Southwide Missionary Conference for Methodist church workers will be held here July 22-28 at the denomination's southeastern summer assembly.

Directing the conference will be the Rev. Dr. Walter C. Gum, pastor of Park place Methodist Church, Norfolk, Va., and the Rev. Dr. J. A. Engle of New York City.

Dr. Gum is chairman of the Missions Committee of the Methodist Southeastern Jurisdictional Council. Dr. Engle is general secretary of the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation of the Methodist Board of Missions.

Two features will be a youth conference and a workshop for local church chairmen of missions commissions.

Principal speakers will include Dr. Gordon Gould and the Rev. Theodore H. Leonard, both of the Methodist Division of National Missions, Philadelphia, Pa.; Prof. J. B. Holt of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas; the Rev. Ted Hightower, Louisville, Ky.; Miss Cornelia Russell of the Methodist Woman's Division of Christian Service, New York City; the Rev. W. S. Hughlett, missionary to Africa, and the Rev. Victor Rankin, missionary to Cuba.



**DR. LEE F. TUTTLE**, superintendent of the Winston-Salem District, dedicated the parsonage at King. The charge was formed two years ago, and the people of Antioch, Bethel and Trinity Churches have completely paid for this new home for their pastor.



Pictured here is a scene from the recent groundbreaking held at Centenary Methodist Church in Winston-Salem. Breaking ground is Miss Mable Meyers, representing the children of the church. The service was presided by Rev. Richard B. Hanner, Jr., minister of education. The building will be completed this year and is expected to accommodate children from the nursery age through the fifth grade. Pictured above, left to right, are Mr. Marvin Wood, representing the Antioch Church; Mrs. Robert Rankin, superintendent of Elementary Education; Mrs. Wilburn Clary, W.S.C.S. president; Mr. C. E. Pleasants, chairman of Official Board; Mr. P. mission on Education; Dr. Mark T. Wilson, Jr., chairman Com-Depp, pastor; Dr. Lee Tuttle, district superintendent.



# Dr. and Mrs. George W. Harley Given Recognition at W.N.C. Conference

By Mrs. Howard Doyle

Following close upon a recognition dinner given by the President of Liberia, the Board of Missions of the Western North Carolina Conference held a recognition program in honor of Dr. and Mrs. George W. Harley, missionaries for 34 years at Ganta Mission, Liberia, at Lake Junaluska at the recent Annual Conference.

Beginning with the groundbreaking at Brevard Institute when Dr. Harley, then a lad of six, had his own spade and participated in the ceremonies, persons from various periods of his life represented to the members of the Annual Conference outstanding events in his childhood, young manhood on through medical college to the high calling in the mission field. It is significant that those persons who came to pay tribute to Dr. and Mrs. Harley are themselves leaders in various fields.

Mrs. Leola Atkins Burris, of Norwood, unable to be present because of ill health, sent a telegram recalling the days when she had been Dr. Harley's church school teacher.

Miss Sadie North, of Brevard, was present at the time a small boy tangled with the district superintendent over the breaking of ground for Brevard Institute which was later to become Brevard College.

Dr. Ben L. Smith, a classmate of Dr. Harley's at Trinity College (Duke University) in the class of 1916, was among those present. Dr. Smith presented the credentials of this outstanding missionary-physician to Duke University for the Doctor of Humanities degree which was conferred upon him in June 1957. In making this award, Dr. A. Hollis Edens, president of Duke University, said, "George Way Harley, missionary and physician, scholar and statesman, author and builder who has attained the highest distinction in medicine, anthropology and humanitarian service. As a scientist he has earned a worldwide reputation. As teacher, preacher and healer for more than thirty years to the people of the Republic of Liberia he has lifted the lives of men and of a nation. This ingenious missionary has lived

for others. Duke University honors itself in honoring this son who has exemplified the highest ideals of the University. I confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Humanities."

The Honorable J. C. Satterwhite, Assistant Secretary of State for Africa, who could not be present because he was out of the country, wrote, "I am well aware of the tremendous esteem enjoyed by Dr. and Mrs. Harley both of whom were recently decorated by President Tubman of Liberia. They are known far beyond the borders of Liberia in West Africa as outstanding individuals not only for their medical and missionary work, but also for their profound knowledge of that area. We in the Department of State have frequent cause to be thankful for the unselfish work performed by the Harleys and by so many other Christian missionaries who work for the welfare of the advancement of the African peoples. In doing this, they work for the welfare of the United States as well."

Recognition also came straight from the White House in a telegram from President Eisenhower, who said, "It is a pleasure to send greetings to those attending the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in Western North Carolina. On this occasion I understand your delegates will join in tribute to the missionary work of Dr. George W. Harley in Africa. This work conducted in the finest tradition of Christian service has strengthened the lives of many people, and I am delighted to extend congratulations to him and best wishes to all gathered in his honor."

Signed: Dwight D. Eisenhower."

Dr. W. Kenneth Goodson, president of the Board of Missions of the Western North Carolina Conference, and Bishop Nolan B. Harmon expressed appreciation from the church. A note of appreciation printed in the program said, "Though the Western North Carolina Conference has no tangible award to bestow today, it comes to recognize, pay tribute, and express appreciation to this missionary couple who have so nobly answered the Great Commission. In their unselfish and outstanding service, they symbolize the "endless line of splendor." With the remarks of Dr. Goodson and Bishop Harmon, the American side of the recognition was fully covered.

But the Harleys, who have been called those persons who "live in two worlds," were also honored by their African friends, through the address



President William V. Tubman, of Liberia, presents Liberia's highest honor, Knight with Great Band of Liberian Humane Order of African Redemption, to Dr. George W. Harley, missionary, who is retiring after thirty-four years at Ganta Mission, Liberia. This presentation took place at a dinner in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Harley in the capital, Monrovia, just before they returned to America.





*Dr. and Mrs. George Harley with Liberian Ambassador*

given at the Annual Conference by the Honorable George Padmore, Ambassador from Liberia to the government of the United States, who represented President Tubman of Liberia. Ambassador Padmore was received with a standing ovation by the Conference. Other members of his party seated on the platform were Mrs. Edith Harris, Assistant Secretary of the Department of Utilities and Public Works of Liberia, and Mrs. Martha Johnson, widow of a former Legislator of Liberia.

In tribute to the work of the Harleys, His Excellency, George Arthur Padmore, compared Dr. Harley to David Livingstone. He said, "A good many human beings are able to make very little use of the one life God has given them. The man whom we are honoring today has managed to live several lives at the same time and all of them have been useful. He has been, for instance, a road builder, map-maker, and surveyor. He has operated a sawmill, a blacksmith shop, a furniture shop and a pottery kiln. He laid out the only tile yard in all of West Africa. As an anthropologist he is a member of the Harvard University faculty in the role of Research Fellow. And he is one of the two medical missionaries (Dr. Albert Schweitzer is the other) whose work is said to rank with that of the immortal David Livingstone.

"Dr. Harley did not accumulate his vast knowledge of the Liberian native's way of life by observing it from a distance. He dwelt not beside the Africans but among them.

"Dr. Harley has been honored by Liberia in many ways. Both he and his wife have been awarded our highest decorations, Knight with Great Band of Liberian Humane Order of African Re-

demption. The President of Liberia, William V. Tubman, himself an outstanding leader and local preacher in the Methodist Church, made this presentation at a dinner in honor of the Harleys just prior to their departure from the mission field in April of this year. One distinction he bears is unique and has been conferred upon no other non-Liberian. He has had a public building named in his honor, The G. W. Harley Hospital.

"But like Livingstone, Dr. Harley has left his true memorial in the hearts of men . . .

"Almost of equal variety in her accomplishments, and no less dearly cherished in the memory of the Liberian people, is the one who has been Dr. Harley's companion through his years of unrelenting labor in the missionary field. On behalf of the President, his government, and the two and one-half million Liberians to whom the name 'Harley' has become a watchword, I wish them both many happy years of retirement which could not have been more thoroughly earned.

"Truly, here are two Christians whose lives have risen to heaven like the incense of prayer and have glorified before all men the Master whom they serve."

In a private conversation, Ambassador Padmore expressed the conviction of the Liberian leadership that Dr. Harley's mission work, though less publicized, was equally as great as that of Dr. Schweitzer.

A letter from the United States Embassy in Liberia read, "Dr. and Mrs. Harley have lived an African saga in Liberia. They have contributed marvelously to fine relations between the United States and Africa."

Dr. Harley, a native of North Carolina and son of the late Rev. and Mrs. G. G. Harley, along with Mrs. Harley have been honored as no other missionaries by the Western North Carolina Conference for accomplishments which have changed the lives and future of numerous Africans, have brought about good relations between two nations, and promoted the Kingdom of God. Who could do more? Now they move into retirement and are at home at Route 1, Lancaster, Virginia.

## Hamlet Laymen Hold Retreat

Laymen of First Church, Hamlet, led by the church lay leader, Fred M. Avett, conducted a laymen's retreat on May 28-29, at which Nelson Gibson, Conference Lay Leader, was the principal speaker. Recreation was led by the Rev. Kirk McNeil, director of Christian Education at First Church, and the Rev. George Megill, former pastor of Fellowship Church, gave an address on the subject of the pastor's dependence on the laymen. The Rev. J. D. A. Autry conducted a Galilean service, and Eldridge Fergus of Wilmington led the singing at a service of testimonies and hymn singing.

The retreat was opened by the Rev. R. T. Commander, pastor of Fellowship Church, and a Sunday school lesson was taught by Henry Gibbons, as the men returned to the church on Sunday morning. The retreat closed with a laymen's service at 11 o'clock at which Eldridge Fergus and J. P. Gibbons spoke.

## Miss Ida Heard Dies In Winston-Salem

Miss Ida Heard, retired deaconess of the Methodist Church, died at City Hospital, Winston-Salem, on June 9.

She had been preparing for a trip to her home in Covington, Ga., when physicians advised her to enter the hospital. She was 73 years old.

Miss Heard's service as a deaconess began in 1920 when she left Georgia to enter the work in West Virginia. She retired in 1950, but continued active in church work, as a member of Union Methodist Church. She was responsible for organizing the Concord WSCS, taught in vacation Bible schools and the Sunday school at Union Church, organized the West Bend Home Demonstration Club, conducted a vacation school in the A.M.E. Zion Church, and was known in the community for numerous acts of kindness and helpfulness to many individuals.

Miss Heard came to Lewisville in 1936 to serve as institutional director of Sunnycres, the home of the late Miss Anna Ogburn, which was leased to the WNC Conference for use by ministers and church leaders as an assembly building.

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Liberty consists not in doing what one wishes, but in doing what one ought.

—Author unknown.



# WNC Conference Appointments for 1960-61

## ALBEMARLE DISTRICT

District Supt.—W. J. Huneycutt  
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Bethel—Palestine—Budd Ellington  
Bethlehem—Harold Austin  
Camp Ground—Robert F. Nay  
Friendship—John W. Hall (AS)  
Lilesville—Robin Hurley  
Locust—Oakboro—John A. Petty  
Norwood—P. Montgomery  
Morven—Melvin D. McIntosh  
P. V. Ridenhour (AS)  
New Hope—Bethel  
Stanfield—John M. Ruffy  
Unionville—C. J. Winslow  
Wade—Harry Queen (AS)  
Wadesboro—First—D. Moody Nifong  
Waxhaw—Jerry M. Alexander  
Weddington—Carl W. Dennis  
Wesley Chapel—Daniel D. Sain  
Wingate—O. L. Hancock, Jr.  
Bible Society—C. O. Kennerly  
Christian Social Concerns—O. L. Hancock, Jr.  
Christian Vocations—A. J. Clemmer  
Evangelism—D. M. Nifong  
Golden Cross—L. L. Sharpe  
Missions—Harley M. Williams  
Publishing Interests—C. Harley Dickson  
Town and Country Work—Harold Austin  
Retired: Brooks Jerome, and J. R. Short.  
ASHEVILLE DISTRICT  
District Supt.—Robert G. Tuttle  
Acton—Glenn R. McCulley  
Asheville—Abernethy—W. B. A. Culp  
Asbury Memorial—Leroy A. Scott  
Bethesda—Richard A. Howle  
Biltmore—John A. Lowder  
Central—Emilee H. Blackard  
Associate—Henry F. Flowers  
Associate—Walter B. West (RS)  
Elkwood—H. C. Witter  
French Broad—Cecil K. Myrick  
Associate—A. B. Dennis (RS)  
Grace—Jerry D. Murray  
Haywood St.—John S. Jordan  
Oakley—Ray F. Sandt  
St. Paul's—L. R. Akers, Jr.  
Trinity—Paul W. Towner  
Avery's Creed—Sardis—Mark F. Wimmer  
Bald Creek—L. H. Gowan  
Associate—J. E. B. Hauser (RS)  
Pell—W. Stanley Baker, Jr.  
Bethel—C. V. Hall (AS)  
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Burnsville—O. L. Brown  
Candler—W. S. Smith  
Dana—To Be Supplied by  
East Flat Rock—C. Milton Young  
Ecstasy—M. M. Armstrong  
Lonnie Lewis Vuncannon  
To Be Supplied by Jack Waldrep  
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Mars Hill—James M. Thurman  
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E. Marvin Hoyle, Jr.  
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Piney Mountain—Pisgah—L. B. George  
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Weaverville Group Ministry—Boyce Huffstetler  
Saluda—Thomas L. Cassady (AS)  
Sandy—Edwin C. Goyer (AS)  
Skyland—J. Edwin Houk  
Swannanoa—Ben F. Stamey  
Tryon—M. Marion Workman  
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# Woman's Society News

## N. C. Conference

By MARY GARDNER



### Annual School of Missions Scheduled

At least one representative from every Woman's Society of Christian Service in the Conference; and, if possible all local and district officers for whom clinics are held is the attendance goal which has been set for the 1960 Annual School of Missions and Christian Service. Scheduled to be held at Duke University August 8-12, the school will have for its theme "Thy Word, Our Law."

The School of Missions will follow a weekend Spiritual Life Retreat, August 6-7, under the direction of Mrs. R. L. Jerome, Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life, with Miss Clarice Bowman, assistant professor, Department of Religion, at High Point College, as the leader.

The four courses of study offered at the School of Missions and their instructors are: Basic Christian Beliefs, Dr. Thomas A. Langford and Dr. Frederick L. Herzog; Christian Responsibility and the Alcoholic Problem, the Rev. Leon Couch; Heritage and Horizons in Home Missions, Mrs. Henry Barnett and Miss Roma Cupp; Into All the World Together, Mrs. W. B. Landrum and Dr. Henry Barnett.

Also included on the school's program are a daily hour of Bible study, taught by Dr. Bernard Boyd; clinics for officers' training and evening platform hours, featuring members of the school's faculty as speakers.

Registration fee for the School of Missions is \$2.00; Retreat, \$1.00, to be sent to Mrs. Shelton Boyd, Mount Olive, N. C., by July 30. No registration fees should be sent to Duke University.

A native of Mount Airy, N. C., Miss Bowman holds A.B. and A.M. degrees from Duke University, where she majored in Christian Education, and a Ph.D. from the

University of Chicago. She has also studied in the Schools of Theology at Boston and Vanderbilt Universities, and at the University of Southern California.

Educator, author, and an ordained minister with Deacon's orders (a member of the Western N. C. Conference), Miss Bowman has served as director of Christian education, and as a member of the staff of the General Board of Education of the Methodist Church. She is a member of the National Program Committee of the YW-CA; the Advisory Committee, American Friends Service Committee Children's Work, and is among those listed on the speakers' roster for the American Bible Society, National Council of Churches Bible Department, and the WSCS. Miss Bowman has authored a vast number of manuals, lesson materials, and articles for church periodicals, as well as syndicated articles in other languages.

Other fees, to be paid upon arrival at Duke, includes room, board, and insurance for school, \$14.85, and for Retreat, \$6.90.

Mrs. Sam A. Dunn of Enfield is the school's general chairman, and Mrs. E. G. Cothran of Raleigh is serving as dean.



Mrs. E. G. Cothran, Raleigh, Dean of the 1960 Annual N. C. Conference WSCS School of Missions and Christian Service.

### Wesleyan Service Guilds Increase

Thirty-five certificates for newly organized Wesleyan Service Guild units were issued in the Southeastern Jurisdiction during the last report period, according to the annual report of Mrs. E. V. Ennis, the jurisdiction's secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild.

Mrs. Ennis reports 2,123 Guild Units, with a membership of 47,846—2,154 members short of the 50,000 membership goal which she has set for the quadrennium just ended.

Mrs. Ennis cites as highlights of the year 1959-60 attendance of the chairmen of Christian social relations at the Jurisdictional School of Missions for the first time; as well as a meeting in Atlanta, Ga., with Mrs. Clifford Bender, assistant secretary Christian social relations, Woman's Divi-

sion of Christian Service. Also, a three-day meeting of the Southern Regional Council Woman's Work, "The Fellowship of the Concerned."

All Conference Wesleyan Service Guilds in the jurisdiction held annual meetings; eight of the 16 had mission study weekends and Spiritual Life Retreats. An outstanding record of giving to supply work was noted.

Among the major goals of the N. C. Conference Wesleyan Service Guild is organization of new local Guild units.

### Missionary Cites Riot In Korea

A missionary, in a recent letter, gives a graphic picture of the fight for freedom by the Korean people. She is Miss Marjorie Yarborough, a representative of the N. C. Conference WSCS in Korea, and sponsored by the WSCS of the Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh. Miss Yarborough writes in part:

"During these days when the Korean students are giving their lives for the ideals of freedom, one is caused to pause in thought and prayer. Because of the marital law throughout major cities of Korea, our schools were closed. Holston students were out of school for almost two weeks. Students were asked not to meet. However, this did not stop the rioting and destruction . . .

"As our preacher shed tears while delivering his sermon from the pulpit the first Sunday after the riots, he asked the congregation to pray with him. As they began to murmur their prayers, the emotion caused a crescendo of voices that gradually faded away to 'In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.' Will you not join with all people as they pray that through these incidents the government of this country will be strengthened and that the church will become stronger . . .

"No doubt you have surmised that the students are most concerned that the ways of freedom be preserved in this country. I am so thankful for an opportunity to have worked with the students at Holston during the past three years. In my work with special classes, I have come to know some of the aspirations of the Korean students. It has been made possible through you in the American Methodist Church. I will ever be thankful for this opportunity to learn more about God's world and His world and His church for which He gave His life.

Miss Yarborough will be returning to her home next month. She plans to attend a session of summer school in order to renew her teacher's certificate. Any correspondence for Miss Yarborough after July 1 should be addressed to Route 8, Sanford, N. C.

## W. N. C. Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



### Our Most Precious Resource

By MRS. J. ELWOOD CARROLL

Workers with children in our Conference have been dealing with "our most precious resources," according to President Eisenhower, in his address to the 1960 White House Conference delegates. Dur-



Miss Clarice Bowman, Leader for the Spiritual Life Retreat at Duke University, August 6-7.



ing this past quadrennium our secretaries of children's work have endeavored to plant the seeds of brotherhood and good will, as they helped to carry out the total Christian education programs for children in our churches. They have taught in their regular Sunday school sessions, in additional sessions and in vacation church school sessions.

In additional sessions where emphasis has been on missionary education our boys and girls have studied about friends in Japan, Philippines, Mexico, Alaska, and Africa. Through the missionary units of study our children are being helped to know why they give to missions and what their giving will do for others. They have been given an opportunity to bring an offering during the additional sessions, which is channeled through the Children's Service Fund.

With the help of Miss Louise Robinson, our conference director of children's work, a coaching conference of those who were to teach in the district mission institutes was held at Broad Street Church, Statesville, last August. As a result of this coaching conference, twelve mission institutes were held in nine districts of our Conference. They were attended by 500 local children's workers who received help on this past year's study on "Africa," which they presented to children in local churches during January and February.

Materials for use in additional sessions for the coming year will have the following themes: the national missions theme will be "Good News to Share;" the world mission theme will be, "Into All the World with the Bible." Lists of books, pictures, maps, etc., dealing with these themes will be sent to the children's workers later.

The Council of Children's Workers of the Methodist Board of Education of the Western North Carolina Conference held its annual meeting in April at the Methodist Building in Statesville. The meeting was under the direction of Miss Louise Robinson and Mrs. J. E. Carroll. Accomplishments in the field of children's work of the past conference year were considered.

The past four years have been very rewarding ones for your conference secretary of children's work. For whatever has been accomplished in the important task of making Christ's message clear to our children, credit goes to our local and district workers with children and to Miss Louise Robinson, our conference director of children's work. Without their co-operation, planning and hard work, our program could not have been carried out. And so it is with deep gratitude to all these friends and co-workers I close my four years of service as conference secretary of children's work.

I shall always be interested in children's work, even though I am relinquishing this official responsibility, I hope to continue to work with and for children. May God's richest blessings be upon my successor and upon all of you who carry on this important work in the quadrennium which lies ahead.

## Office of Status of Women Discontinued

By MRS. JAMES W. FOWLER, JR.

When the office of the Secretary of the Status of Women was created, probably



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the greatest goal set to be achieved by the office was the gaining of full clergy rights for women in the Methodist Church. This became a reality at the General Conference of 1956. There are other goals, but after careful study, it has been decided that they can best be reached by distributing the work among the offices of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Therefore, as an office, "Status of Women" is being discontinued on every level this year. It is well to remember, however, that women in this country and in all countries have status. An English novelist who made a trip in the early eighteen hundreds to plantations of the Carolinas, described the role of women at that time in this way, "Ladies must make the best of their lot for they cannot help themselves."

Tremendous changes have taken place since then. Today we find 22,000,000 women employed in the ranks of labor. Three of every ten homemakers are working outside the home. Women have entered nearly all professions, and it is not unusual to find them highly successful.

The changes that have taken place in the status of women during the past century and a half have not been accomplished without creating problems. Much of the work to be distributed among the other offices of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will have to do with the solution of these problems.

As this office is discontinued, let us stress one fact - - whatever the status of women is, it will be what we *earn*, it cannot be a gift.

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Lord, let our prayers not be a night letter, but a conversation.

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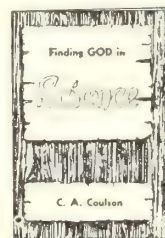
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Groce	10.50	10.50
Haywood Street	50.00	50.00
Oakley	15.00	15.00
St. Paul's (Int.)		28.00
St. Paul's	125.00	125.00
Trinity	12.00	52.56
Bald Creek	10.00	10.00
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Fruitland-Moore's		
Grove (Balfour)	40.00	43.15
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Bethesda	20.00	20.00
Tabernacle	10.00	9.35
Black Mountain	24.00	24.00
Brevard	100.00	117.00
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Burnsville (Sr.)	5.00	5.00
Davis Chapel	5.00	5.00
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Snow Hill (Candler)	25.00	25.00
Trinity	15.00	15.00
East Flat Rock	12.00	12.00
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Edneyville	30.00	30.00
Fletcher	30.00	20.00
First, Hendersonville	135.00	58.00
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Laurel Hill	5.00	5.00
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Marshall	60.00	61.33
Mills River	10.00	10.00
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Oak Hill	10.00	10.00
Piney Mt.	5.00	5.00
Saluda	30.00	30.00
Avery's Creek	10.00	10.00
Swanton	15.00	15.00
Trinity	20.00	20.00
Wesleyville	10.00	10.00
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Blue Ridge Subdistrict		2.75
Totals:	\$1,253.50	\$1,176.61

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Huntersville	15.00	14.50
Bethlehem	60.00	60.00
Bond's Grove (Camp Ground)	15.00	15.00
Union (Camp Ground)	25.00	30.00
Albion	10.00	10.00
Belmont Park	35.00	60.00
Big Springs	35.00	35.00
Blair Road	10.00	10.00
Calvary, Charlotte	50.00	50.00
Central Avenue	25.00	25.00
Cole Memorial (Sr.)	75.00	75.00
Cole Memorial (Int.)	18.00	18.00
Commonwealth	50.00	50.00
Dilworth	10.00	225.00
Duncan Memorial	25.00	25.00
Epworth Lane	5.00	10.00
First, Charlotte		12.50
Glenwood		45.70
Hawthorne Lane	250.00	50.00
Hickory Grove	48.00	48.00
Memoria	50.00	50.00
Morris Field	20.00	20.00
Mouzon	20.00	45.00
Myrtle Park	500.00	512.50
Oak Grove		25.00
Providence	75.00	105.47
Purcell	1.00	36.00
St. James	105.00	105.00
St. John's		37.50
St. Luke's	25.00	25.00
St. Paul's	40.00	44.00
Spencer Memorial (Int.)	20.00	20.00
Thrift		15.00
Trinity	115.50	49.70
Wesley Heights	50.00	50.00
Warren	50.00	26.00
Carmel (Hebron)	5.00	
Chapel	6.00	4.00
Homestead	40.00	40.00
Indian Trail		15.00
Forestville (Lilesville)		1.25
Lilesville	6.00	6.00
St. Andrew	14.00	14.00
St. Paul	15.00	15.00
Mineral Springs	12.00	23.00
Central, Monroe	75.00	100.00
Trinity	5.00	5.00
N. Monroe	5.00	5.00

Moore Chapel	75.00	75.00
Morven	21.00	24.00
Pleasant Hill (Morven)		
	11.00	14.00
Sandy Plains (Morven)		
	28.00	28.00
Shiloh (Morven)	7.00	6.00
Mt. Zion (Int.)	10.00	10.12
Mt. Zion (Sr.)	69.60	70.00
Bethel (New Hope-Bethel)		4.00
Fountain Hill-Mt. Moriah		
	12.00	12.00
Hopewell (Peachland)		
	12.00	12.00
Peachland	6.00	6.00
Pineville	3.75	5.00
Wightman (Polkton)	5.00	5.00
Prospect	20.00	10.00
Mill Grove (Unionville)		
	15.00	15.00
Union Grove (Unionville)		
	12.00	15.00
Unionville	15.00	15.00
Zion (Unionville)	15.00	10.00
Grace (Wade)	5.00	5.00
First, Wadesboro	80.00	80.00
Totals:	\$2,659.10	\$2,677.99

## GASTONIA DISTRICT

	Pledged	Paid
Asbury	\$ 75.00	\$ 120.00
First, Belmont	60.00	60.00
Park Street	50.00	50.00
St. Mark's, Belmont	15.00	15.00
South Point, Belmont		
	15.00	15.00
Kadesh-St. Peters (Belwood)		
	75.00	90.00
Knob Creek (Belwood)		
	20.00	22.05
Betha, Bessemer City		
	8.00	8.00
Puett	20.00	20.00
Odell Memorial	15.00	15.00
Bethesda	40.00	40.00
Crowell Memorial	35.00	35.00
Bess Chapel (Bethlehem-Bess)		
	20.00	20.00
Bethlehem (Bethlehem-Bess)		
	15.00	15.00
Boger City	100.00	100.00
Casar	5.00	5.00
Kistler's Union (Casar)		
	25.00	25.00
First, Cherryville	50.00	50.00
New Home (Cleveland)		
	25.00	25.00
Mt. Pleasant (Cleveland)		
	20.00	20.00
Concord (Concord-Mary's Grove)		
	86.40	13.40
Cramer Memorial	25.00	25.00
Crouse	10.00	10.49
Pleasant Grove (Crouse)		
	25.00	25.00
Dallas	50.00	60.00
El Bethel	50.00	50.00
Friendship (Friendship-Clover H)		
	66.00	65.00
Clover Hill (Friendship-Clover H)		
	30.00	30.00
Bradley Memorial	50.00	45.90
Covenant (Int.)	88.40	20.00
Covenant (Sr.)	60.00	
Faith	30.00	101.50
First, Gastonia	395.00	395.00
Avonia	35.00	35.00
Avonia	50.00	50.00
St. John's (Int.)	40.00	27.00
Trinity (Int.)	10.00	10.00
Trinity (Sr.)	28.00	28.00
High Shoals	10.00	10.00
Iron Station	10.00	10.00
Central, Kings Mt.	7.00	103.50
Grace, Kings Mt. (Int.)		
	15.00	15.00
Grace, Kings Mt. (Sr.)		
	30.00	10.00
Lawndale (Int.)	60.00	90.55
Lawndale (Sr.)	65.00	65.00
Palm Tree (Lawndale)		
	50.00	50.00
Laboratory	30.00	30.00
Lander's Chapel	10.00	10.00
McKendree (Lincoln)		
	5.00	35.00
First, Lincolnton	60.00	100.00
Rhyme Heights	25.00	25.00
Lowell	10.00	15.00
Hill's Chapel (Lowesville)		
	15.00	1.00
Aldersgate, Mt. Holly		
	15.00	15.00
First, Mt. Holly	100.00	50.00
Salem (New Salem-Fairfield)		
	25.00	
Reeps Grove (N. Brook)		
	25.00	25.00
Pisgah	25.00	25.00
Rehobeth (Polkville-Rehobeth)		
	24.00	24.00
Riverbend-Snow Hill		
	50.00	57.00
Rock Springs	20.00	20.00
Sharon	30.00	9.25

Aldersgate, Shelby	50.00	50.00
Central, Shelby	150.00	190.72
Hoyle Memorial	40.00	40.00
LeFayette Street	50.00	50.00
Stanley	40.00	40.00
Sulpaur Springs	10.00	10.00
Hebron (Toluca)	15.00	30.00
Palm Tree (Union)	10.00	10.00
Zion (Union)	15.00	15.00
Totals:	\$3,015.80	\$3,033.19

## GREENSBORO DISTRICT

	Pledged	Paid
Glencoe (Bethany-Glencoe)	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Bethlehem		4.70
First, Draper	20.00	49.05
Bessemer	65.00	84.40
Bethel, Greensboro (Int.)		
	25.00	24.50
Bethel, Greensboro (Sr.)		
	100.00	100.00
Carraway	50.00	50.00
Calvary, Greensboro		
	30.00	30.25
Centenary	40.00	40.00
Christ (Int.)		21.45
Christ (Sr.)	65.00	101.00
College Place (Int.)		5.35
College Place (Sr.)		20.00
Friendship	25.00	25.00
Gethsemane	8.00	8.00
Glenwood	80.00	80.00
Grace (Int.)		97.00
Groometown	50.00	50.00
Hinshaw Memorial	100.00	30.00
Mt. Pisgah	80.00	80.00
Muir's Chapel (Int.)	50.00	51.82
Muir's Chapel	50.00	132.37
Proximity	25.00	
St. Andrews (Int.)	15.00	15.00
St. John's	50.00	50.00
St. Paul's	20.00	
West End	50.00	
West Market Street		
	500.00	500.00
Gibsonville	25.00	60.00
Vickrey (Guilford Ct.)		
	10.00	10.00
Guilford College	20.00	21.25
First, High Point	24.00	24.00
Highland	5.00	5.00
Lebanon	40.00	44.87
Main St., High Point		
	75.00	10.00
Oak View		39.16
Rankin Memorial	60.00	60.00
St. Timothy	5.00	5.00
Ward Street	15.00	15.00
Welch Memorial	15.00	15.00
Wesley Memorial (Sr.)		
	100.00	100.00
Jamestown	30.00	65.00
Leaksville	100.00	105.00
Madison	25.00	25.00
Mitchell's Grove	96.00	35.00
Mt. Herman (Mt. Herman-Meadow V.)		
	10.00	10.00
Oak Ridge		7.50
Hickory Grove (Pelham-Hickory G.)		
	20.00	20.00
Pelham		42.82
Pleasant Garden	35.00	65.00
Rehobeth	50.00	51.25
First, Reidsville		50.21
Main St., Reidsville		230.07
Spray	100.00	100.00
Eden (Stokesdale)	12.00	
Mt. Tabor (Stokesdale)		
	12.00	13.00
Stokesdale	30.00	30.00
Stoneville (Hodges Memorial)		
	60.00	60.00
Center (Summerfield)		
	10.00	10.00
Summerfield	32.64	16.00
Greensboro Subdistrict		25.00
Rockingham Subdistrict		24.36
Totals:	\$2,554.64	\$3,054.38

## MARION DISTRICT

	Pledged	Paid
Avondale-Henrietta	20.00	20.00
Bakersville	6.00	6.00
Chapel	15.00	15.00
Kistler's Chapel	12.00	13.00
Tanners Grove (Broad River)		
	10.00	10.00
Carleen	10.00	10.00
Cliffside	35.00	36.00
Bollingers Chapel (Connelly)		
	10.00	10.00
Connelly Springs	10.00	10.00
Zion (Drexel)	15.00	15.00
Arney's Chapel (Fairview-Arney)		
	5.00	5.00
First, Forest City	50.00	103.00
Pleasant Grove	50.00	50.00
Friendship (Shady Grove)		
	5.00	5.00
Shady Grove (Friendship)		
	10.00	10.00
Gilkey		10.00
Thermal City (Gilkey)		
	10.00	10.00
Glen Alpine	35.00	35.00
Hildebran	15.00	15.00
Clinchfield, Marion	75.00	101.60

Cross Mills	75.00	75.00
West Marion	10.00	10.00
East Marion	61.80	62.00
First, Marion (Int.)	30.00	30.00
First, Marion (Sr.)	30.00	30.00
Glenwood (Marion Ct.)		
	3.00	3.00
Pleasant Hill (Marion Ct.)		
	15.00	15.00
Pleasant Grove (Marion Ct.)		
	5.00	5.00
Providence (Marion Ct.)		
	21.00	24.00
Bethel (Burke-McDowell)		
	10.00	10.00
Trinity (Burke-McDowell)		
	70.00	1.00
First, Morganton (Int.)		
	70.00	82.00
First, Morganton (Sr.)		
	75.00	78.00
North Morganton	55.20	30.95
St. Matthews	50.00	50.00
Zion Memorial	25.00	25.00
Mt. Pleasant (Morganton Ct.)		
	25.00	25.00
Oak Forest (Morganton Ct.)		
	5.00	5.00
Mt. Harmony	15.00	15.00
Mt. Hebron	20.00	20.00
Oak Grove (Oak Grove-Salem)		
	25.00	25.00
Salem (Oak Grove-Salem)		
	45.00	45.00
Ebenezer (Old Fort, Ct.)		
	50.00	50.00
Dayton's Bend (Red Hill-Tipton H)		
	15.00	15.00
Tipton Hill-Red Hill		
	15.00	15.00
Rutherford College	20.00	20.00
Rutherfordton, First		
	75.00	
Salem, Morganton	170.00	170.00
Spindale	75.00	75.00
Mountain Grove (Table Rock)		
	30.00	30.00
Oak Hill (Table Rock)		
	15.00	15.00
First, Valdese (Int.)	15.00	15.00
Valdese (Sr.)	50.00	25.00
Totals:	\$1,617.00	\$1,575.55



Ann Street	75.00	75.00	Olney	24.00	24.00	Fairview (Pinewoods-Fairview)	30.00	30.00	Waynesville, First (Sr.)	75.00	75.00	
Center	48.00	49.45	Ebenezer (Rhodhiss)	20.00	21.45	Pinewoods (Pinewoods-Fairview)	16.50	20.00	Speedwell (Webster)	21.00	21.00	
Central, Concord	125.00	125.00	Rhodhiss	8.00	8.00	Pleasant Grove Station	30.00	30.00	Webster	10.00	10.00	
Epworth	35.00	35.00	Rose Chapel	18.00		Pleasant Hill (Prospect-P. Hill)	15.00	15.00	Mt. Zion (W. Macon)	21.00	24.00	
Forest Hill	8.00	17.00	Ebenezer (S. Fork)	25.00	25.00	Prospect	15.00	15.00	Whittier	20.00	20.00	
Harmony	50.00	50.00	Plateau (S. Fork)	50.00	57.45	Jordan Memorial	75.00	75.00	Totals:	\$1,428.40	\$1,470.31	
Kerr Street	80.00	67.70	Wesley's Chapel (S. Fork)	22.76	22.76	First, Randleman	50.00	50.00	WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT			
Westford	50.00	50.00	Boulevard	25.00	25.00	New Salem (Randleman Ct.)	61.00	55.92	Pledged	\$ 20.00	Paid	\$ 20.00
Mt. Carmel (Concord Ct.)	20.00	20.00	Broad Street, Statesville	346.00	346.00	Reeds Charge	45.00	45.00	Mitchell Chapel (Booneville)	25.00	25.00	
Friendship (Int.)	5.00	5.00	Rehobeth (Terrell)	44.25	28.50	Friendship (Reeds)	15.00	15.00	Concord (Concord-Sharon)	30.00	30.00	
Friendship (Sr.)	10.00	10.00	Triplett	75.00	68.25	Seagrove	22.00	11.00	Harmony Grove (Concord-Sharon)	5.00	5.00	
New Mt. Tabor (Friendship)	10.00	10.00	Troutman	40.00	40.00	Chapel Hill (S. Davidson)	10.00	10.00	Sharon (Concord-Sharon)	5.00	5.00	
Oak Grove, Friendship	10.00	10.00	Friendship (Union Grove)	24.00	22.00	Lineberry (S. Davidson)	10.00	10.00	East Bend (Concord-Sharon)	35.00	35.00	
Gay's Chapel	20.00	20.00	Bethel (West Iredell)	10.00	10.00	Flag Springs (S. Randolph)	25.00	25.00	Union Hill (East Bend)	10.00	10.00	
Gold Hill	40.00	40.00	Whitney	20.00	20.00	New Hope-Pisgah (S. Randolph)	20.00	20.00	Elkin, First	87.00	95.00	
Bethpage, Kannapolis	25.00	25.00	Mt. View (Zion)	12.00	5.00	Spring Hill	69.00	69.00	Antioch (Forsyth-Stokes)	25.00	25.00	
Jackson Park (Int.)	100.00	100.00	Statesville Subdistrict	9.70	9.70	Bethel, Thomasville	50.00	50.00	Bethlehem (Forsyth-Stokes)	10.00	10.00	
Jackson Park (Sr.)	50.00	64.30	Totals:	\$1,745.01	\$1,807.82	Fairgrove	60.00	22.05	Forest Chapel (Forsyth-Stokes)	20.00	22.30	
Memorial	69.60	63.22	THOMASVILLE DISTRICT			First, Thomasville	60.00	60.00	Germanton	50.00	50.00	
Midway	50.00	50.00	Pledged	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	Johnsontown	20.00	34.00	Hickory Ridge (Int.)	22.00	28.75	
Mt. Mitchell	53.00		Advance Charge	30.00	30.00	Memorial, Thomasville (Int.)	100.00	80.00	Hickory Ridge (Sr.)	60.00	60.00	
North Kannapolis	66.12	39.54	Mocks (Advance)	10.00	10.00	Memorial, Thomasville (Sr.)	100.00	50.00	Cherry Street (Int.)	25.00	25.00	
Royal Oaks	122.60	135.00	Archdale (Int.)	50.00	33.05	Trinity, Thomasville	55.00	55.00	Pine Grove (P. G.-Cherry St.)	72.00	41.00	
Trinity	225.00	219.30	Archdale (Sr.)	50.00	50.00	Unity	50.00	60.00	Main St., Kernersville	60.00	60.00	
First, Landis	25.00	25.00	Central, Asheboro	150.00	160.00	West End, Thomasville	10.00	10.00	Antioch (King)	20.00	20.00	
Long Street	35.00	35.00	First, Asheboro (Int.)	150.00	179.34	Trinity Memorial	60.00	60.00	Bethel (King)	25.00	25.00	
Yadkin	19.50		First, Asheboro (Sr.)	100.00	100.00	Center, Welcome	60.00	60.00	Trinity (King)	10.00	10.00	
Midland Circuit	25.00	25.00	Giles Chapel	40.00	40.00	Totals	\$3,850.25	\$3,933.94	Brookstown (Lewisville)	20.00	20.00	
Mt. Olivet	180.00	108.13	Grace, Asheboro	15.00	15.00	WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT			Lewisville	50.00	50.00	
New London	10.00	11.61	West Bend	56.55	52.55	Pledged	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	Central, Mt. Airy	100.00	100.00	
Bethel (New London)	8.00	8.00	West Side, Asheboro	36.00	6.92	Bethel	10.00	10.00	Franklin Heights	10.00	5.00	
Palestine (New London)	15.00	15.00	Asheboro Circuit	25.00	25.00	Bryson City	65.00	66.00	Oak Grove, Mt. Airy	5.00	5.00	
Norwood (Int.)	15.00	15.00	Cedar Falls Ct.	15.70	30.70	Canton, Central (Int.)	50.00	53.35	Rockford Street	53.96	55.58	
Norwood (Sr.)	35.00	20.00	West Chapel Ct.	5.00	5.00	Central, Canton (Sr.)	100.00	110.00	Mt. Pisgah	50.00	30.30	
Green Memorial (Norwood Ct.)	5.00	2.50	Bethany (Bethany-Cotton Grove)	35.00	35.00	Canton, First (Sr.)	100.00	78.00	New Hope	30.00	33.29	
Mt. Zion (Norwood)	10.00	10.00	Cotton Grove (Bethany-Cotton G.)	10.00	15.00	Cherokee	30.00	30.00	First, Pilot Mt.	25.00	25.00	
Oak Grove (Oak Grove-Unity)	10.00	10.00	Bethany (Bethany-Gray's Chapel)	25.20	25.20	Clyde, Central (Int.)	12.00	12.00	Bethel (Pine Grove)	45.00	45.00	
Bethel (Providence)	10.00	10.00	Bethel-Julian-Shiloh	10.00	17.00	Central, Clyde (Sr.)	20.00	20.00	Pine Grove (Pine Grove)	10.00	20.00	
Mt. Tabor (Providence)	20.00	20.00	Bethesda (Int.)	25.00	25.00	Cullowhee	25.00	25.00	Chestnut Grove-Mt. Zion	30.00	30.00	
Providence	15.00	15.00	Bethesda (Sr.)	25.00	50.00	Dellwood (Int.)	24.00	24.00	(Pinnacle)	50.00	50.00	
Roberta	50.00	50.00	Browsers (Browsers-New Union)	10.00	10.00	Dellwood (Sr.)	12.00	18.00	Rural Hall	50.00	57.40	
Rock Grove	30.00	30.00	Clarksburg (Cid)	24.00	22.88	Elizabeth Chapel (Int.)	15.00	15.42	Salem	5.00	5.00	
Rocky Ridge (Int.)	50.00	51.50	Coolidge Charge	50.00	50.00	Elizabeth Chapel (Sr.)	25.00	28.00	St. Paul	12.00		
Rocky Ridge (Sr.)	60.13	33.13	Cooleemee (Int.)	38.18		Maple Grove (Int.)	15.00	25.00	Temple Hill (Saint Paul)	5.00	5.00	
Salem (Int.)	10.00		Cooleemee (Sr.)	25.00	25.00	First, Franklin	30.00	30.54	Eedge Garden (Int.)	40.00	40.00	
Salem (Sr.)	25.00	25.00	Center (Davie)	30.00	30.00	Hayesville	48.00	48.00	Sedge Garden (Int.)	40.00	40.00	
Coburn Memorial (Int.)	10.00	40.00	Oak Grove (Davie)	70.00	70.00	Beverdam (Haywood)	50.00	50.00	Prospect-New Home (Smithtown)	30.00	30.00	
Coburn Memorial (Sr.)	10.00	40.00	Centenary (Davidson)	15.00	15.00	Hazelwood-Faith	10.00	10.00	Pine Hall (Stokesburg-Pine Hall)	20.00	20.00	
First, Salisbury	250.00	392.62	Mt. Olivet (Davidson)	45.00	45.00	Cashiers	15.00	15.00	Stokesbury	100.00	100.11	
Main St., Salisbury	50.00	50.00	Central, Denton	50.00	50.00	Highlands	20.00	20.00	Love's, Walkertown	60.00	30.00	
Milford Hills	10.00	40.00	Canaan (Denton Ct.)	15.00		Long's Chapel, L. Junaluska	35.00	35.00	Morris Chapel (Int.)	24.00	21.00	
Park Avenue (Int.)	25.00	25.00	Clear Springs (Denton Ct.)	10.00	10.00	Asbury (Macon Ct.)	10.00	10.00	Morris Chapel (Sr.)	25.00	25.00	
Park Avenue (Sr.)	40.00	42.00	First, Denton	12.00	10.00	Morning Star (Int.)	31.00	31.00	West Forsyth Charge	36.00	36.00	
Shiloh, Cabarrus	28.60	28.60	Bethlehem (Dulins)	25.00	25.00	Morning Star (Sr.)	32.40	44.00	Ardmore	300.00	300.00	
Shiloh, Granite Quarry (Int.)	15.00		Dulins	10.00	10.00	First, Murphy	150.00	150.00	Burkhead (Int.)	40.00	40.00	
Shiloh, Granite Quarry (Sr.)	50.00	30.00	Eldorado Charge	10.00	2.00	Ranger (Murphy Ct.)	20.00	20.00	Burkhead (Sr.)	50.00	50.00	
Central, Spencer	2.00		Macedonia (Eldorado Charge)	2.00	6.00	Carson Chapel (N. Macon)	5.00	5.00	Centenary	500.00	500.00	
Stanfield Charge	14.00		Fairfield	10.00	11.00	Snow Hill (N. Macon)	15.00	15.00	Central Terrace	75.00	75.00	
Woodleaf	10.00	10.00	Fairview, Trinity	30.00	30.00	Long's (Pigeon Valley)	24.00	24.00	Crows (Int.)	16.00	16.00	
Totals:	\$3,135.85	\$3,043.70	Farmer	7.00	7.00	Robbinsville	22.00	25.00	Grace, Winston-Salem (Int.)	5.00	5.00	
STATESVILLE DISTRICT			New Hope (Farmer)	10.00	10.00	Plains (Rockwood)	15.00	15.00	Green Street	20.00	20.00	
Balls Creek	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	Farmington-Wesley Chapel	20.00	20.00	Rockwood (Int.)	7.00	7.00	Hanes (Int.)	12.00	12.00	
Catawba	10.00	10.00	Franklinville	100.00	100.00	Rockwood (Sr.)	7.00	7.00	Maple Springs	125.00	125.00	
Bethlehem, Claremont	40.00	41.00	Arcadia (Good Hope-Arcadia)	48.00	48.00	Maggie (Shady Grove)	15.00	15.00	Marvin	20.00	35.00	
Centenary	27.00	27.00	Good Hope (Good Hope-Arcadia)	30.00	16.50	Shady Grove (Int.)	15.00	15.00	Mt. Pleasant (Int.)	12.00	12.00	
Cedar Valley	12.00	12.00	Greer's Chapel	15.00	15.00	Marshall's Chapel (Shout Ct.)	15.00	15.00	Mt. Tabor	200.00	157.35	
Collier's	25.00	25.00	Hopewell	35.00	35.00	Sylva	54.00	54.00	Oak Summit	100.00	100.00	
Concord (Hopewell-Concord)	25.00	25.00	Erlanger	20.00	20.00	Love's Chapel (Int.) (Sylva Ct.)	20.00	20.00	Ogburn Memorial	5.00	5.00	
Hopewell (Hopewell-Concord)	20.00	10.00	First, Lexington	450.00	541.90	Wesleyanna (Int.) (Sylva Ct.)	10.00	10.00	Trinity	40.00	20.00	
Cool Springs	30.00	43.00	Shiloh, Lexington	125.00	125.00	Wesley Chapel (Int.) (Sylva Ct.)	10.00	10.00	Union Ridge	28.00	28.00	
Providence (Cool Springs)	25.00	45.00	First, Liberty	40.00	38.25	Waynesville, First (Int.)	10.00	10.00	Center (Yadkinville)	15.00	30.00	
Elmwood	15.00	15.00	Wesley Heights (Int.)	15.00	15.00	Totals:	\$3,124.96	\$3,043.08	Yadkinville	45.00	45.00	
Fairgrove	35.00	35.00	Bethany (Liberty Ct.)	10.00	10.00	Goal: \$3,000.00			Longtown	5.00	5.00	
Grace Chapel	10.00	10.00	Concord (Int.) Liberty-Concord	30.50	30.50	DISTRICT SUMMARY MY FUND						
Granite Falls	77.40	41.85	Concord (Sr.) (Liberty-Concord)	10.50	20.50	1959-1960						
Harmony	3.90	5.00	Linwood	25.00	25.00	Goal	\$ 1,500.00	Pledged	\$ 1,253.50	Paid	\$ 1,176.61	
Harper's Circuit	5.00		Tyro (Linwood)	30.00	37.50	Asheville	3,300.00		2,659.10		2,677.99	
Mt. Zion (Harpers)	12.00	30.10	Macedonia Station	5.00	5.00	Gastonia	2,500.00		3,015.80		3,032.19	
First, Hickory (Int.)		65.64	Midway	125.00	125.00	Greensboro	3,500.00		2,554.64		3,054.38	
First, Hickory (Sr.)		94.12	First, Mocksville	100.00	174.70	Marion	1,500.00		1,617.00		1,575.55	
Highland	30.00	30.00	Bethel (Mocksville Ct.)	1.80		North Wilkesboro	600.00		681.20		716.88	
Hudson	49.60	49.60	Mt. Pleasant (Mt. Vernon)	10.00	10.00	Salisbury	2,600.00		3,135.85		3,043.70	
Mt. Hermon (Hudson)	12.00	12.00	Mt. Vernon	20.00	20.00	Statesville	2,100.00		1,745.01		1,807.82	
First, Lenoir	100.00	68.00	Shady Grove (N. Mt. Vernon)	15.00	15.00	Thomasville	3,500.00		3,850.25		3,933.94	
Gamewell, Lenoir	15.00	15.00	Canaan (N. Davidson)	74.20	74.20	Waynesville	1,300.00		1,428.40		1,470.31	
First, Maiden	50.00	50.00				Winston-Salem	3,000.00		3,124.96		3,043.08	
May's Chapel	35.00	35.00				Totals	\$25,400.00		\$25,065.71		\$25,5,5	



# A Shortage of Preachers for The Methodist Church

By EBENEZER MYERS

I see in the paper a report from the Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska, dealing with an effort to increase the supply of preachers for the Methodist Church. The shortage has been a source of uneasiness for some time and is growing worse all the time. The Conferences have been gathering up all the local preachers they could find—some of them with very little education.

I am prepared to say that this shortage of preachers is just a symptom of the great disease that has seized the church. There is another symptom that reveals a greater depth of the disease; and that is the church is not saving the people, and we are too slow to see it. When we had great revivals and saving the people, we had no shortage of preachers.

From the work of our great evangelists came a stream of preachers. Dr. H. C. Morrison's revivals brought in many preachers. I refer to one: One of the Northern pastors engaged Dr. Morrison for a meeting. He told the district superintendent about it, and he said, "No, you cannot have that man here," but Dr. Morrison had dated the meeting, so the pastor of a little holiness church nearby said, "Let him come to my church," and he did. And in that meeting E. Stanley Jones was converted, and when he was saved he said to Dr. Morrison, "Now, I have to preach, and I have no education; where must I go to school?" Dr. Morrison said, "We will take you to Asbury College." He went and was sanctified the

first year, and made one of the greatest preachers of the country.

In my pastorate of forty-seven years, we had a number of preachers. In one revival of about fourteen days, we had one hundred twenty-eight saved and four young men to respond to God's call to preach. One did not endure, but three of them made good preachers. Dr. A. P. Brantley, district superintendent of the Burlington District, in the North Carolina Conference, was one of them.

Let us see some facts and figures here in our two N. C. Conferences: Bishop Garber, in a careful study of the churches of the N. C. Conference in 1954, found the following facts:

Two hundred sixty of the 787 churches reported no additions on profession of faith and 137 churches had no new members from any source; and this shocking fact: 344 of the 797 local churches have fewer members than in 1950, four years before. And in the W.N.C. Conference about the same is true, I think. The reports of 1958 show two hundred forty-nine charges which had not received a single member on profession of faith.

I think that all other conferences are about like ours; the whole church is involved in this awful disease. I'll not name it, I'll let others do that; I point out the symptoms.

I think I am a suitable diagnostician. I am now ninety-four years old, and have been a member of the Methodist Church for seventy-six years, have been preaching the gospel for about seventy-four years, joined the W.N.C. Conference at its first session, 1890. I think I am the only preacher living who was in that Conference; I

know the church as few men know it today.

My courses of study when I joined the Conference were of Wesley, Watson Fletcher, Clark, and other old-time Methodists. I preached the gospel twenty or twenty-five years before the 'Higher Criticism' came to our M. E. Church, South. I was not influenced by it, only to take deeper root in our dear old doctrines and polity. I continued to have the great revivals of from ten days to two or three weeks, and get people saved. I held about two hundred revivals, had about six thousand conversions and took into the church three thousand fifty-three people—an average of about sixty-five members each year.

I am not boasting of myself but of God's wonderful grace and saving power, when He can get men to go along with Him in His work.

Now, do not ask me to co-operate in calling men to preach; that is a prerogative of our Lord. Nowhere in the Bible is even a suggestion that the church call preachers. God calls His preachers. Read what God said about the false prophets, whom He had not called or sent.

When the church gets where it can and will save the people, there will be plenty of preachers—and not till then.

I seem to hear our Lord saying, "Why call more preachers when those they have are not carrying out the Great Commission to preach the gospel?"

Jesus said to His disciples, "Come ye after me and I will make you to become Fishers of Men." He showed Peter how to do it. He borrowed Peter's boat for a pulpit and when the sermon was over He said

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## WNC CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS FOR 1960-61

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F. A. Wright  
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# International Sunday School Lesson

FOR JUNE 26

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH

Head, Department of Religious Education, Greensboro College

## HEEDING CHRIST'S TEACHINGS

*Background Scripture:* Matthew 7:24-29;  
21:23-32

*Lesson Scripture:* Matthew 7:24-29; 21:28-32

This lesson concludes our series which has run for thirteen weeks on "Marks of Citizenship in the Kingdom of God." Our Scripture from Matthew very fittingly closes the great Sermon on the Mount with an appeal to action. There is more than one way of translating the New Testament. We can translate it from one language into another, and this has often been done. But there is a better way; and that is to translate it into deeds. It was the poet John Drinkwater who wrote a memorable prayer-poem from which are selected these lines:

"Knowledge we ask not, knowledge Thou hast lent;

But Lord, the will, there lies our bitter need;

Give us to build above the deep intent,  
The deed, the deed."

Jesus used many figures of speech from the building trades. Tradition says he followed the trade of a carpenter. It was natural for him to draw his illustrations from the life with which he was most familiar. In our Bible study for this lesson we have the story of two house builders. One represents the type of person who embarks on some venture without giving it proper thought. The other is careful to see that the necessary conditions are met before he begins the structure. In the former case disaster and failure were the inevitable result. In the latter case, success was assured because thorough preparation had been made.

Travelers to the Holy Land tell us there are many stream beds which are filled with water only when there are hard rains. Evidently the first builder referred to had erected a house on sand washed down by earlier storms. When the hard rains returned his mud house went down the stream with the water. The second man chose a higher, firmer site for his dwelling and it suffered no ill effects. He put into actual use the knowledge he possessed. That is what *we* need to do. Readers will recall the well-worn story of the farmer who, upon being asked to buy a book on "How To Be a Better Farmer" replied: "I am not farming as well as I know how to farm now." This is the case with most of us; we *know* better than we *do*.

We are told that when the crowds heard Jesus' words they recognized "their ring of authority, quite unlike those of their Scribes" (Phillips.) The reference is to the practice quite common in New Testament times, of citing various rabbis who had lived in the past as one's authority for some belief or act. Jesus didn't bore people by giving a long list of authorities to support his teaching. He didn't need any. He was his own authority.

In Matthew 21:28-32 we have one of Jesus' short stories. To get the full meaning we need to see it in context. In one of the controversies with temple authorities Jesus was asked by what authority he did and said these things. Jesus countered with another question about John the Baptist—was he God-sent, or was he self-sent? This placed the questioners in a most embarrassing position. To see why, read the account. It was immediately following this incident that

Jesus told the story of the two sons.

In the story, one of the sons readily agreed when his father asked him to work in the vineyard—but he didn't go. The other flatly refused to go, but he later went and put in a good day's work. Jesus then asked his questioners another question: "Which of these did what his father wanted?" There was only one answer: the one who actually did the work. Having got this admission from them, Jesus proceeded to make his point. It was this: those who were not highly respected believed in and followed John the Baptist, while the religious aristocracy scorned him. The common, ordinary sinner who believed, would go into the kingdom ahead of the self-righteous ones, said Jesus.

We know there are many of us today who make a great show of outward conformity to religion, but our lives will not bear close examination. On the other hand, there are those who make no pretensions of piety and yet live their lives in purity and service to God and man. Read Matthew 25:31-46 for another good example of the teaching of this lesson. It shows that there will be some surprised people in the future.

## LESSON FOR JULY 3

### MEN WHO SPEAK FOR GOD

*Lesson Scripture:* Amos 7:7-15

*Background Scripture:* Amos 7:1-17;  
2 Kings 14:23-29

With this lesson we begin the third quarter, the general subject of which is "Century of Great Prophets." This unit, consisting of eight lessons, has the general title "God's Justice and Mercy." It begins with a consideration of Amos, the prophet of Tekoa, a layman who specifically denied that he belonged to the professional class of prophets, but who received a compelling call to become God's spokesman in a critical hour of his country's history. In books which list the Biblical writings in chronological order we find Amos listed first. This is because he is the first of the "writing prophets." Either he, or his friends and followers, committed his messages to writing.

Amos gives an account of his call to be a spokesman for God in 7:15—"The Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, go prophesy to my people Israel." The impelling nature of this call is further described in 3:8, where we read: "The lion has roared; who will not fear? The Lord has spoken; who can but prophesy?" Just as a shudder runs through a man when he hears the roar of a lion, so there is no way for a man to keep from responding when he feels the divine call. There is a story of Hugh Latimer who, when about to preach in Westminster Abbey was sent a note informing him that the king was to be present at the service that day and to be careful what he said. When Latimer began his sermon he found himself saying aloud: "Latimer, be careful what you say; the *King of Kings* is here." Thus spoke a true prophet. To disregard

the danger of offending the king of England in favor of speaking truthfully the message of God was Latimer's aim.

Continuing our thought of the above paragraph, we notice that Amos was warned by Amaziah, the high priest, to stop proclaiming his message. Study carefully verses 10-12, where it is implied that since Bethel is the royal sanctuary, nothing should be said or done there which would offend the king. What made Amos' message so distasteful to the king? It was the threat of impending doom (see verses 8-9). Many of us, like the king, prefer "smooth words."

Now we need to recall that the reign of Jeroboam II was one of great prosperity - - especially for the privileged classes. Moreover the people regarded this prosperity as a sign of divine favor. Because of this way of looking at things, they were deeply offended by Amos' sermons. Amos saw their luxurious living and ornate worship as a sign of decay in spiritual life. Here is a good place to raise a question for class discussion: is the present prosperity of our country a sign of God's favor - - a sign that we are good, and that we deserve all this? Furthermore is the "improvement" of our worship services necessarily a sign of religious vitality? Let us think carefully on these questions.

We see in the sermons of Amos a good illustration of the perennial tension that exists between love and justice. Notice that in the first verses of chapter 7 there are two visions of doom that had been averted through the prayers of Amos and the mercy of God. And now comes the vision of the plumb line (see verses 7-9). The reader may know that the purpose of a plumb line (a weight tied to the end of a string) is to test the straightness of a wall. The idea suggested is that the Lord is going to apply the plumb line of righteousness to his people and see whether or not they prove "crooked." The time for judgment is come: "I will never again pass them by." Somewhere God's judgment must begin, though his love will continue. God would not be a father, but only a doting grandfather, if his love lacked the quality of justice.

Here is where the truth of this lesson comes closest to us as persons and as a nation. When we are inclined to quarrel with these voices of warning that are crying in the wilderness, and pointing out our personal and national sins, we need to remember one thing: *you don't put out a fire by shooting the man who turns in the alarm!*

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# In Passing



## An Old Friend

One of the familiar faces around Lake Junaluska is that of Dr. Walt Holcomb, who makes his home here, with Mrs. Holcomb, when he is not touring the country conducting "one-day" revivals. Despite his 83 years, he is active, and shows little signs of age.

Seeing him the other day, I was reminded of the time, back in 1930 when he hired me as a combination musical director and assistant pastor at Trinity Methodist Church, Miami, Fla. He had been appointed to that great church after years of evangelistic work, following in the footsteps of his wife's father, the famous Sam Jones. I was conducting a radio program over a local station at that time and, somehow, Walt had decided that I could be useful.

I will never forget the circumlocution with which he introduced me to the congregation. I had come, he said, "to help around the church." I wasn't sure what that included, but I got a lot of valuable experience finding out. I was pretty poor at most of the jobs, but managed to hold out until the next Conference, when I was appointed to a small church near Miami in preparation for my career as a pastor.

We both left Trinity about the same time, as I remember, but through the years I have seen him often and read about his work. I was surprised that he remembered so vividly those far-off days, but he is kind enough to claim me as a fellow-worker.

I took his picture and he picked out the spot. "Put me out there beside the 'refreshment tent,' he suggested. "You know I started out as a tent preacher."

He tells me that he is writing the story of his long and varied career. If he tells



Dr. Walt Holcomb

the truth about my short career as an assistant pastor, it won't add to my reputation, I'm sure. But we had some good times together.

Dr. Holcomb would like to hear from his friends of many years who might have reminiscences to contribute to the story. He may be addressed at Box 73, Lake Junaluska, N. C.

## A Word of Farewell

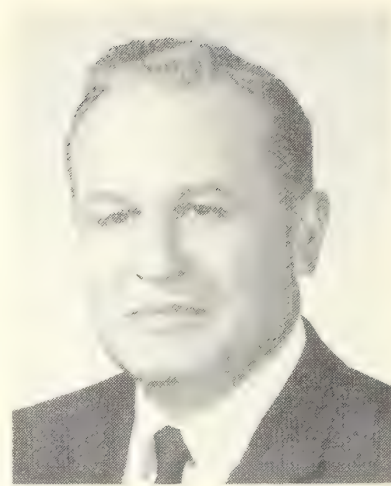
With this issue of the ADVOCATE, I complete my five years of service to North Carolina Methodism and prepare to return to my former Conference in Pennsylvania.

It is with a feeling of sadness that I leave this state where I have received so many expressions of kindness. You have been good to me, all of you, and I will never forget the years spent here.

Especially would I thank the Board of Publication for their unfailing co-operation and understanding. And without the help of Managing Editor O. D. Park, I would not have been able to do the work of editing this magazine. He has taken many details off my hands and left me free to visit the churches, answer your letters and write news and editorials. The Rev. Henry Gibat, who came to us two years ago, has been an efficient manager of the Piedmont Press, and a faithful friend and co-worker. The former superintendent of printing, Mr. Renard Mitchell, now in charge of proof-reading, was my right-hand man during the first four years. He has served the Piedmont Press and the ADVOCATE for more than fifty years, and like Mr. Park, refuses to stop working.

All of the staff have been kind and co-operative. I could not fail to mention the excellent work of our former news editor, Miss Elizabeth Whisner, now with the Methodist Children's Home in Raleigh, for her two years of efficient service, both as an editor and writer. And there are many others to whom I am indebted.

The new editor, the Rev. J. S. Starnes.



DR. LYNNE H. CORSON  
N. C. Conference Speaker for the  
Board of Temperance

will take over July 1, and I leave soon after that for my pastorate in Pennsylvania. It will be good to see old friends again, but I shall not forget North Carolina and the fine people in this state.

And so I say goodbye - - in passing.

R. P. MARSHALL



## A SHORTAGE OF PREACHERS

(Continued from page 14)

to Peter, "Launch out into the deep and let down your net for a draught." Peter said, "Lord, I have toiled all night and have taken nothing, nevertheless, at Thy word I will let down the net," and so many fishes were caught that they had to have other boats come and help take care of the fish.

Brother preacher, you and your church launch out into the deep, preach the gospel, work and pray, till you enclose a multitude of the souls that must otherwise perish, that are all around your church.

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# LETTERS

From C. W. Kirby

Dear Sir:

Due to ill health it has been necessary for me to retire from active duty. For this reason I am moving from the Methodist Home for the Aged in Charlotte, N. C., and my new address will be, after July 1, 5 Terrell Cove Road, Canton, N. C.

This location for our home will enable Mrs. Kirby and me to live near our only daughter, Mrs. John R. Stephens, who lives in Clyde, North Carolina.

It will be a great favor to Mrs. Kirby and me, if you will print this letter in the ADVOCATE as early as you can.

Yours sincerely,

C. W. KIRBY

Canton, N. C.

## Carolina Briefs

FROM THE BULLETIN of Myers Park Church, Charlotte, Dr. Wilson O. Weldon and the Rev. William Bobbitt, Jr., ministers, we learn that the church received 98 members by profession of faith and a total of 269 last Conference year. Also that the church has had its largest increase in the history of the congregation during the last two years.

ST. JAMES METHODIST CHURCH at Newport reports 40 subscriptions which exceeds ten percent of the total membership. Their recent ADVOCATE subscription campaign was headed by Mrs. Walter D. Heath, Sr.

THE CARTERET COUNTY Ministers' Association recently elected the Rev. Ralph L. Fleming, Jr., pastor of the St. James Methodist Church, Newport, as president for the year 1960 and 1961.

THE FIRST OF METHODISM's regional conferences for older adults was held at Lake Junaluska June 19-22. The conference theme was "Facing the Future with Faith," and older adults from the Southeastern Jurisdiction gathered to hear speakers and find enrichment along these lines. The Southeastern Jurisdictional Council sponsored the conference in co-operation with the General Board of Education and Conference Boards of Education within the Jurisdiction.

MR. THOMAS UPCHURCH, JR., of Raeford, was among those who received an honorary degree from North Carolina State College during commencement exercises held recently in William Neal Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh. Mr. Upchurch was granted the degree of Doctor of Humanities. He is president and general manager of T. B. Upchurch, Inc., and president of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Association. He is also an active member of the Raeford Methodist Church.

REV. WESLEY NOBLE, pastor of Reigelwood Methodist Church, Wilmington District, who was critically injured in an automobile mishap on May 22, is still a patient in Bladen County Hospital, Elizabethtown, where he has been for several weeks. His condition has improved, but he will be confined for several weeks.

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## Methodism's 236 Hospitals And Homes

Dr. Olin E. Oeschger, general secretary of the Board of Hospitals and Homes of the Methodist church, in his report to the board in its annual meeting recently in Columbus, Ohio, stated the Methodist Church has served 1,520,913 persons last year in its 236 institutions. Those hospitals and homes affiliated with the board increased during the past year from 229 to 236. This includes one new hospital and six new homes for older people. Such institutions related to the board now include 104 homes for older persons, 76 hospitals, 49 children's homes, and seven homes for business women. The total capacity of these institutions is 33,361—an increase of 1,631 over last year.

It requires 33,135 full-time personnel to staff these hospitals and homes, he reported, and in addition there are 12,985 doctors who serve on the staff. Assets of these institutions increased from \$45,566,557 to \$465,470,955. During the year 66 new building projects were started, which, upon completion, will represent \$40,407,983 in additional assets. Income from the Methodist churches for the hospitals and homes, including capital and operating purposes, totaled \$5,613,272. The amount of charity services rendered during the year was \$14,428,751.

So, the Methodist church is still engaged in the ministry of healing, following the example and command of the Master and His disciples. It is good to know that a part of the benevolent dollar goes to alleviate the sufferings of mankind.


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## CORRECTION

In this column for June 16 it was stated that Martha Silver had been a member of "Galatia A.M.E. Church in Jacksonville, N. C., for 70 years." It should have read "Galatia A.M.E. Church, Nashville, N. C."

## Subscription Report

Since our last report three churches have qualified for Club rate of \$2.50 a year by sending in subscriptions equal to 20 per cent or more of their membership. They are: Lewisville, Rev. J. T. Ingram, pastor; Mt. Olivet and Centenary on the Davidson Charge, John T. Frazier, Jr., pastor.

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# Laboratory Day Camp in Progress at Charlotte

A "Western North Carolina Conference Laboratory Day Camp" is being held this week for adult leaders in the conference who are interested in day camping for juniors. The Conference Board of Education and Myers Park Methodist Church of Charlotte are sponsoring this training enterprise. First Methodist Church of Charlotte is providing the site—its recreation grounds near Charlotte. The General Board of Education of The Methodist Church is providing the resource leader, Miss Muriel Coltrane, from its staff.

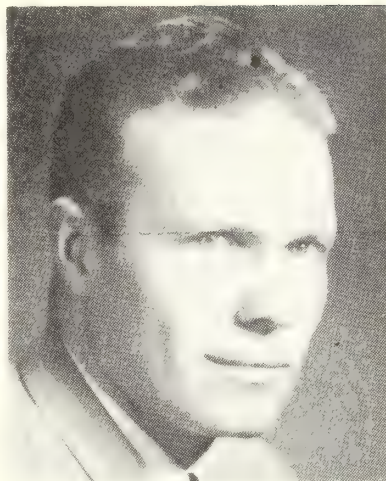
This enterprise is a real day camp, with junior boys and girls from Myers Park Church and the adult students from the Western North Carolina Conference who are registered, participating in the experience under the guidance of the following skilled camp leaders:



MISS COLTRANE

Miss Muriel Coltrane, resource leader—staff member of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church, Nashville, Tennessee. A native of Emory, Virginia. Graduate of Emory and Henry College with additional work at the University of North Carolina and Emory University. A former public school teacher of Virginia and North Carolina, director of Christian education and conference director of children's work of the Holston Conference. Has attended the national and regional camps and has been active in the field of children's work and camping for many years.

Mr. George L. Blackburn, host and director of the camp—now serving as Minister of Christian Education at Myers Park Methodist Church, Charlotte. A native of Sullivan County, Tennessee, graduate of East Tennessee State College and Scarritt



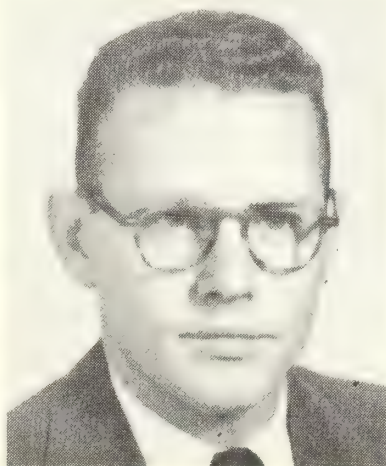
MR. BLACKBURN

College. Formerly served as director of youth work in the Holston Conference and as director of Christian education at First Methodist Church, Gastonia. Has attended national and regional camps and is now serving as chairman of the Camp Leaders' Camp Committee of the Methodist directors organization.

Rev. Bill Carter, group leader—Native of Scott County, Virginia, graduate of Emory and Henry College and Vanderbilt School of Religion. Minister in the Holston Conference, now serving at Rose Hill and Wise Methodist churches. Has attended national and regional camps and has served as a leader in the junior camps in the Holston and Western North Carolina Conferences.

Miss Elsie Stockton, special guest—missionary on furlough from Korea.

Miss Louise Robinson, registrar and supervisor—Director of Children's Work, Methodist Board of Education, Western North Carolina Conference, P. O. Box 749, Statesville, North Carolina.



MR. CARTER

## Workshop on World Disarmament

By W. M. JEFFRIES

Samuel Levering, prominent Virginian and member of the Friends' Committee on National Legislation, will speak and lead a workshop on problems involved in world disarmament, on Monday, July 11, at a meeting at Layden Memorial Methodist Church, Raleigh, sponsored by an informal fellowship of Methodists seeking the will of God in social issues (often referred to as "Informal Fellowship"). The public is invited to attend.

Mr. Levering, eminent Quaker leader, is a foremost student of world affairs, and frequent leader of workshops and seminars on disarmament and other matters of international interest.

The Informal Fellowship has comprised ministers and laymen meeting every few months over the past two years at various places in the N. C. Conference. The group is always open to all ministers and laymen who are seeking to make Christianity relevant to the problems of present-day society. Each meeting is planned by a different temporary chairman.

The July 11 meeting on Disarmament will be conducted by the Rev. Ralph Fleming of Newport, and the Rev. William Jeffries of Whitakers. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a. m., and be over about 3:00 p. m. Each person attending should bring a picnic lunch, and all the lunches will be shared, New Testament style. The host will provide the drink.

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## Four New Bishops Elected By NE. Jurisdiction

Washington, D. C.—Four new bishops of the Methodist Church were elected and consecrated here June 15-19 at the denomination's Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference. They are:

The Rev. Dr. Fred G. Holloway, 62, president of Drew University, Madison, N. J. He was elected June 16 on the fifth ballot despite his request that he be permitted to continue his work at Drew.

The Rev. Dr. W. Vernon Middleton, 57, who was elected on the same ballot with 188 votes. Since 1956 he had been general secretary of the Division of National Missions at the Philadelphia office of the Board of Missions.

The Rev. Dr. W. Ralph Ward, Jr., 51, of Pittsburgh, Pa., was elected June 17 on the ninth ballot with 194 votes. He has been pastor of the Mt. Lebanon Methodist Church, Pittsburgh, since 1948.

The Rev. Dr. James K. Mathews, 47, was elected June 17 on the twelfth ballot with 201 votes. He has served since 1956 as associate general secretary of the Division of World Missions of the Board of Missions, New York City.

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# EDITORIALS

## A Personal Word

Being assigned a new task is a great challenge, especially if it is a pleasant one. As we assume the editorship of this religious periodical, serving as the official organ of two wonderful conferences in the state, we realize something of the shift we must make from the pastoral ministry in a local church to that of rendering service to nearly a half million Methodists in North Carolina. Our "circuit" now stretches from the majestic mountains of beautiful western North Carolina through the piedmont section and on to the lowlands bordering on the Atlantic Ocean, bounded on the north by Virginia and on the south by South Carolina. We have in our two conferences two bishops, twenty-two district superintendents, with some 1,000 active ministers and close to 2,500 churches. These figures give some idea of the marvelous opportunity and the tremendous responsibility facing this freshman editor as he seeks to be of the finest service to everyone.

The fact that we have known the high caliber men who have served the **Advocate** for a good many years, reaching back to Rev. L. S. Massey, Rev. H. M. Blair, Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, Drs. A. W. and M. T. Plyler, Dr. Henry C. Sprinkle, Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, and Rev. R. P. Marshall makes us wonder if we shall be able to carry on the high tradition of good journalism and spiritual understanding established by them.

A good churchman needs to be informed about the program and persons of his church, and there is no better medium for disseminating this information than through the church press. For that reason, the **North Carolina Christian Advocate** should go into every Methodist home. It will implement the work of the pastor and generate enthusiasm in the life of the church.

As we understand it, an editor has the responsibility of giving a good religious news coverage, as well as interpreting and helping promote the program of his denomination. To do this he must keep in constant touch with the men and women on the field who are responsible for its success. This we hope to do by being on call at any time we are needed to help out. We also solicit brief items of interest from ministers and laymen concerning any outstanding work of their church.



## THEME FOR THE WEEK

*"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer."—Psalm 19:14.*



For this writer, coming to this position is not creating new ties, but renewing and strengthening the ones that have bound us together through the years. Having been reared within the bounds of the Western North Carolina Conference, and having served for many years in the bounds of the North Carolina Conference, he feels he belongs to both. Since our educational training was taken in connection with many of the ministers of the two conferences we feel equally at home in either.

We wish to pay tribute to Mr. Marshall for the contribution he has made to Methodism in this state since taking over the job of editor five years ago. This humble scribe may not be able to measure up to the high standard of brilliance set by him in the editorial department, or in his "In Passing" column, or in other ways, but we begin our work with a deep sense of humility and, we trust, with a complete commitment to the task that lies ahead. We shall do our best, and we covet the patience, sympathetic understanding, and full co-operation of everyone. Pray for us, and support us.

## What's In A Name?

As we are beginning with a new administration of the **NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE** it is a good time to remind ourselves of the significance of the name of this periodical. According to the accepted definition an advocate is "one who pleads the cause of another;" "to defend;" to "plead for." Hence the business of this publication is to plead the cause of Jesus Christ within the bounds of these two conferences. That lifts it above the category of the ordinary news reporting agency, and makes it a champion of the cause of righteousness. Its views may not always

be acceptable to all parties, but it has a responsibility to speak the truth as it is able to interpret the truth revealed by Christ. It will also report religious happenings, and present articles of interest to those who read it, but its primary function is to advocate the cause of Christ and guide people in the ways of right living. This it will endeavor to do.

## Strength For These Days

Having come through two annual conferences, two political primaries, and looking forward to two national political conventions, it would seem appropriate for North Carolina Methodists, along with Christians of other denominations, most of whom have recently held annual gatherings, to pause and take stock in order to mend any damage that might have been done to their religious structure. Sometimes in the heat of campaigns and changing conditions men are inclined to lose their spiritual equilibrium. Mark tells us in his Gospel that on one occasion when the disciples had been engaged in a strenuous campaign and came to report the results Jesus said unto them, "Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place and rest awhile." In these days of domestic differences and international unrest it would be well for us to exercise poise and calm.



## Dr. Weldon Heads Publication Board

The Methodist Board of Publication which has charge of the publication of the **NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE** has elected Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, minister of Myers Park Methodist Church in Charlotte, as president, succeeding Dr. Charles E. Jordan of Duke University. Other officers are: N. E. Edgerton, a layman of Raleigh, as vice-president; the Reverend O. Kelly Ingram, professor in Duke University, as secretary; Dr. A. J. Hobbs, district superintendent, New Bern; W. B. Hall, a layman of High Point; and Dr. Charles E. Jordan, vice-president of Duke University, Durham, are on the executive committee.

Other members of the Board are: Dr. H. G. Allen of Statesville, J. N. Hackney of Wilson, and T. C. Hoyle and L. W. Routh of Greensboro. The Board is made up of an equal number of members elected by each of the North Carolina annual conferences.



# Mrs. Katherine Ward Returns to Far East as Missionary

Since 1925, Mrs. Katherine Boeye Ward, of Hendersonville, has been more in the Orient than out of it, and now she is returning to missionary service among the Chinese people of Taiwan where her first assignment will be to help to establish the first Methodist high school for Chinese youth in more than ten years.

The Wesley Girls' High School, now in the planning stage, will be the first high school to be established since the China mainland was closed to mission work in 1949-51. The school is a part of the Methodist "Lands of Decision" program for 1960-64, which includes the "Chinese-In-Dispersion" as one of the four lands.

This distinguished Methodist woman first went to China as a missionary under the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Church in 1925. She worked as a teacher in the Methodist Girls' High School in Nanking. During one year of the Chinese civil war, she evacuated to Singapore and taught in a Methodist school there.

During the summer of 1937, she made the long overland journey from Nanking to Chungking by auto, traveling over mountain roads in western China which had just been completed. In Chungking she experienced several air raids during the Sino-Japanese War. One of these raids destroyed the school in which she was teaching.

During fourteen years in China and Malaya, Mrs. Ward was a teacher and Christian education director. She taught in the Hwei Wen School in Nanking, the Fairfield Girls' School in Singapore, as well as the Methodist schools in Chungking. She also served for several years as Christian education director at the Kuiland Methodist Church in Nanking.

Mrs. Ward returned to the United States in 1939, and she spent two years in speaking and four years as assistant pastor of the Methodist Church in Monrovia, California.

Following her marriage to the late Bishop Ralph A. Ward in Monrovia, California, in 1948, they made their home in Shanghai where Bishop Ward was in charge of the Methodist work in four Provinces of China near Shanghai. After the communists swept over China, the Wards remained in Shanghai eighteen months before they obtained their exit visas. When these were granted, they evacuated to Hong Kong and then later came to America in late 1950.

Then in 1951, it was back East again for the Wards, when Bishop and Mrs. Ward went to Hong Kong and Taiwan (Formosa) to make a survey in behalf of the Methodist Board of Missions to explore the situation for the opening of new mission

work. Subsequently mission work was started by Bishop and Mrs. Ward in these two regions, and he directed all the Methodist work in both Hong Kong and Taiwan. Churches, schools, resettlements for refugees, medical work and relief stations were established. Though the Wards made their home in Hong Kong, half their time was spent in Taiwan.

Although Bishop Ward was retired by the 1956 General Conference, he was asked to return to Hong Kong where he served until his death in 1958. After his death, Mrs. Ward remained in the Far East two months in order to visit each phase of their mission work in Hong Kong and Taiwan before she returned to America in February 1959.

Since her return, she has made her home in Hendersonville, where she and Bishop Ward had planned to re-retire in 1960. Now she is leaving again, and in a sense is

going "back home to Taiwan" where she will be associated with the proposed Wesley Girls' High School as counselor and hostess. She will also be treasurer and field correspondent of the Woman's Division in Taiwan.

Born in Morrison, Ill., Mrs. Ward spent most of her early life in Fort Worth, Texas, and Lincoln, Nebraska. She attended Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln and received the bachelor of arts degree in psychology. After teaching in Nebraska and Iowa, she went to the Columbia University Teachers' College and received the master of arts degree in religious education. She holds the honorary doctor of education degree which she received in 1941 from Nebraska Wesleyan.

Since February 1959, Mrs. Ward has been speaking and writing in the United States in behalf of the Methodist work in Hong Kong and Taiwan. She has arranged a set of color slides and made a tape recording description of her work in Taiwan which is available through the Board of Education and the Board of Missions offices, Box 749, Statesville, N. C. (Service charge \$1.00).



Dedication of the new education building for the First Methodist Church, Mount Gilead, N. C., was conducted at homecoming services on Sunday, June 19, 1960, with the following persons participating: the Rev. O. L. Hathaway, conference secretary on Missions and Church Extension; the Rev. J. A. Russell, retired minister; the Rev. M. C. Dunn, district superintendent; and the Rev. Leon C. Larkin, pastor.

The laying of the cornerstone took place at 10:30 a.m., followed by the dedication service at 11:00 a.m. The Rev. Mr. Dunn had charge of the formal dedication.

Mr. Clay L. Bruton, chairman of the official board, presented several historical facts about the church. This was followed by the presentation of the cancelled mortgage by Homer Andrews, chairman of the board of trustees, and acceptance by Mr. D. T. Scarborough, Jr., superintendent of the church school.

The Rev. J. Paul Edwards, son of a former pastor, returned thanks at the bountiful dinner which followed the dedication service.

The three-story building was started in September 1957 and was first opened for use last year. The 40 x 60-foot building includes a social hall, kitchen, fireproof record room, storage room, nursery, chapel, bride's room, restrooms, an assembly room and classrooms.

Dedication of this building was an appropriate climax to the very successful six-year ministry of the Rev. Leon C. Larkin on the Mount Gilead Charge. The entire program, including planning, erection, and dedication of the building took place during his ministry here. The Rev. Mr. Larkin retires this year after completing forty-two years of service in the North Carolina Conference.



# N. C. Conference Leads Methodism in Handling of Its Financial Affairs

By DALLAS MALLISON

For purposes of economy and efficiency, the North Carolina Methodist Conference has been busily occupied during the past 10 years in instituting the very best and latest in modern business methods and machinery.

Especially in adopting the Central Treasury System and in establishing Methodist Foundation, Inc., the eastern conference stands at the top among its sister 100 conferences in America. Other conferences of American Methodism are looking toward the North Carolina Conference with a view of adopting these practices.

This forward looking program is being carried out with the approval and under the personal supervision of Bishop Paul N. Garber, presiding bishop of the Richmond Area, which includes the North Carolina Conference. Bishop Garber has maintained a great interest in the North Carolina Conference, partly because of the many years he was connected with Duke Divinity School.

During the church year ending on June 30, the conference treasurer's office has handled a total business of nearly three million dollars. For the same period, the conference as a whole will have raised approximately ten million dollars.

The complexities and extent of Methodist activities in this area are indicated by the fact that the eastern conference has at least 30 boards and agencies which literally touch almost every phase of life in eastern North Carolina. The Methodist Church is concerned with the whole man, not only his personal salvation but also the kind of life he lives as a member of society.

## Many Moves Made

In its report to the 1953 annual session, a special study group found that the then "system of handling conference funds appeared to be outmoded and unable to meet the needs of the conference. Therefore, your committee recommends the setting up of a full-time treasurer's office."

This recommendation was promptly adopted and the following day the new office was opened for business under the direction of Marvin J. Cowell, an adopted Tar Heel from New Jersey.

For many years prior to this appointment, Cowell had been connected with various agencies of the North Carolina Conference which supervise its financial affairs.

As conference treasurer he has worked under the supervision of the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance, the official Methodist budgetary and financial body. Officers of this commission are Garland S. Garriss of Troy, chairman; the Reverend C. S. Hubbard of Chapel Hill, vice-chairman; and the Reverend J. V. Early of Wilmington, secretary.

From the initial step in setting up the conference treasurer's office in 1953 have flowed many important moves and programs, all a logical, necessary and progressive outgrowth of the expansion of the treasurer's office. Several of these have been "firsts" in Methodism.

In 1954 the conference set up the original investment committee which found its hands tied because it learned it had to have a corporate agency to work with and through. The 1956 annual session approved the setting up of the old Methodist Fund, Inc., which was changed to the Methodist Foundation, Inc., by the 1959 annual session.

## An Investment Corporation

Then in 1958 the conference set up as a unit of the Methodist Foundation, Inc., the department of gifts and wills.

At the 1958 session, the conference approved the construction of a conference headquarters building in Raleigh.

"The Methodist Foundation, Inc., is an essential part of the conference treasurer's office and should be properly viewed as such," declared Gurney P. Hood of Raleigh, president of the Foundation.

"The Foundation was organized for the specific purpose of buying and selling securities," Hood said. "This policy is approved by the North Carolina Conference and is in accordance with accepted Methodist law and practice. Within our own conference it is a logical and necessary step growing out of the treasurer's office."

"When the treasurer's office had become fully organized, it was apparent that good stewards of the business of the church could handle the funds of the conference in a manner to provide much greater income with proper security for invested funds," declared Cowell. "The centralizing of operations had created a pool of some \$600,000.00 minimum available for investment."

The actual investing is done by a three-man interim investment committee whose work is reviewed quarterly by the full Foundation. Hood, Cowell, and John M. Dozier of Durham make up this group.

The growth and income of the investment department of the Foundation during the five years the department has been in operation have been rapid and great. A total of \$1,113,975.00 has been invested, \$170,178.74 in dividends have been paid and declared, and \$152,844.13 has been realized in capital gains.



THE METHODIST HEADQUARTERS BUILDING COMMITTEE—Above are shown the members of the North Carolina Methodist Conference Headquarters Building Committee which is supervising the construction of the new \$600,000.00 headquarters building to be located in Raleigh. Seated, left to right: Marvin J. Cowell of Raleigh, O. L. Hathaway of Raleigh, D. S. Coltrane of Raleigh, Gurney P. Hood of Raleigh, Eda M. Rogers of Raleigh. Back row, standing: W. L. Clegg of Raleigh, A. C. Edwards of Hookerton, G. S. Eubank of Raleigh, C. W. Davis, Jr., of Raleigh, Frank Turner of Raleigh and H. F. Faucette, Jr. of Raleigh.



## Extra Dividends

The treasurer's office is really "frosting on the cake" because it is not only self-supporting but its income is far more than the total cost of the operation of the office. The total cost of operating the office this year has been around \$34,600.00. This year the income from central funds alone is an estimated \$45,269.00; and from all funds it is an estimated \$82,955.00.

Central funds are of a shorter time spread, usually concerned with the annual operation and administration of the various programs of the conference. Obviously, the more permanent funds, such as Pensions and Ministers' Retirement, offer the greatest maximum opportunities for investment.

Officials of the Foundation and the treasurer emphasized that maximum care is exercised to protect conference funds, to invest only in the best and safest ways, and at all times to maintain a good, sound, fluid condition. The group uses one of the best New York investment firms for professional advice and guidance.

Under the guidance of Dr. F. Olen Hunt, director, the new department of gifts and wills has been making rapid progress. In this activity the North Carolina Conference also stands out among its sister conferences.

More than 100 persons have promised to write wills including church requests. Many ministers have indicated that they will tithe their estates by will. The department initiated and has assumed responsibility for the financial support of J. Nelson Gibson, Jr., of Gibson, conference lay leader, on a full-time basis.

The department of gifts and wills has set up a Collateral Credit Fund which can be used to underwrite credit whereby lending agencies will more readily make loans to worthy conference projects. Gifts have also been received for student loan funds and scholarships.

## Conference Headquarters Building

In 1958 and 1959 machinery was set up and a site obtained as a gift from the Methodist Home for Children for the construction of a \$600,000.00 conference headquarters building. In 1958 the conference approved the project provided it can be self-liquidating. Funds to build the unit are to be borrowed, to be repaid through income from long-term rentals and leases.

Besides getting a modern central headquarters building without cost, the

conference will receive other important benefits. For one thing, the conference will pay only half-price rentals for the space its agencies will occupy and this money will be provided from the income on invested central funds. The income from the building after it has been paid for can be directed by the conference to other needs. Space for expansion will be available.

Step by step the plans for the building have proceeded according to schedule and plans are advertised for receiving of bids. The grading contractor has

already begun preparation of the lot for the building.

## Good Stewards

From all this it is apparent that good stewards of the business of the Methodist Church can and do manage the funds of the North Carolina Conference in a manner which provides much greater income with proper security for invested funds. Like those in the parable of the talents in the Bible, they take what of the Lord's money is entrusted to them and reap profits from the proper use of such money.

## The Turners Return to Hawaii For Child Evangelism Work

By JAMES D. TURNER

Everyone is interested these days in the lovely Hawaiian Islands which make up our 50th state. Our family of six are looking forward to returning to these islands in July after a 13-month furlough.

For five years we worked there under the International Child Evangelism Fellowship. Our work was with all Protestant denominations who desired our help. It was not our job to establish churches, but we worked as a service organization to the churches—supplementing their program in reaching children for Christ. Two churches, however, were established from a nucleus of children we had been reaching in weekly Bible clubs. One of these churches was a Community Church and the other a Nazarene Church.

Many of the churches welcomed our assistance in training their Sunday school teachers. This was one of our major jobs. Besides trying to help them become more effective teachers, we also endeavored to present the need of the many children about them who were not enrolled in any Sunday school. The need is great since less than 10% of the population there is Protestant.

As the teachers caught something of this burden they began to gather the children into their homes during the week for a Bible class. They could use the same lesson they had prepared for their Sunday school class. As these children heard the Bible stories and listened to the plan of salvation, many trusted the Lord as their Saviour. A special effort was then made to get them enrolled in a Sunday school. Sometimes the parents wouldn't let them, but again many times the Lord used these little ones to awaken the hearts of the parents.

Whole families have been saved and joined the church as a result of one of the children accepting Christ as his Saviour in a Bible club.

Much of our work has been on military bases. The chaplain is usually understaffed. When a group of his men is shipped out and a new group sent in, he calls on us to train the new teachers.

Along with this teacher-training ministry, we felt the need for a literature depot to supply the teachers with Christ-centered teaching materials. The Lord enabled us to establish such a place four years ago. Many of the churches have accounts with us at the book store for Sunday school and church supplies.

It has been a good year at home. We've appreciated the opportunity of fellowship in many of the Methodist churches in this area. I am grateful to be allowed to keep my connections with the Western North Carolina Conference while doing this interdenominational work. We shall count on your prayers as we endeavor to reach Hawaii's children for Christ.

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## 13,000 Methodist Men Clubs

The Methodist Men of Trinity Church, Mt. Prospect, Ill., have received charter number 13,000 from the Board of Lay Activities. There are now 500 more clubs than the goal of 12,500 set three years ago as the target to be reached by May 1, 1960.

## Jamaica Methodism 200 Years Old

Premier Norman W. Manley, of the British West Indies recently joined with the Rev. Hugh Sherlock in celebrating 200 years of Methodism in Jamaica. Mr. Sherlock is a pioneer participant in the famed Jamaica Boys' Town.



# The Methodist Mission Horse

Some months ago Mrs. John R. Little, wife of the pastor of the Marion Circuit, made an appeal to the readers of the *ADVOCATE* for aid in buying a horse for the Filipino pastor at Tuao, Cagayan, Philippines. As a result of that appeal and of solicitation among members of the churches on the charge, \$130 was raised and sent to the Rev. Alfredo B. Zuniga.

A few weeks ago Pastor Zuniga sent the Littles the following letter, which we print, as written.

The Methodist Church  
Tuao, Cagayan  
Philippines  
April 26, 1960

Dear Rev. & Mrs. J. Little,

We greet you all in the name of the Lord hoping for your good condition and happy undertakings.

As for us here, we are fine. Our Districts Affairs and Annual Conference has done. Thank God every thing is O. K. The works in our District is moving forward. We hope to accomplish more this year than the passed. In our District—because of the wide area, we are not sufficient to meet the spiritual needs of the people. Especially now that we workers are becoming fewer in number as compared to the passed. Some of us resigned because of sentimental reason and others for personal interest. However, in spite of the educational qualification required of those who wants to come up into the Ministry, there are some who were accepted during the Annual Conference.

Its quite long that you have not heard from me about the horse. Well I have bought one already. It is brown and white. It is young—5 years old only. We bought it for one hundred and eighty pesos (P180.00). Two pesos (P2.00) for transfer of ownership. Twenty pesos (P20.00) for the saddle. The total expenditure is two hundred and twenty pesos (P220.00). The balance is for roping & feeding.

Lastly my wife & I extend our most sincere thanks & gratitude to you & your members, & all contributors for your unlimited love bestowed unto us, for the works here in this small part of the world. Please extend our greetings to every one of your members.

Yours truly,  
Pastor & Mrs. Alfredo B. Zuniga

Mr. Little writes:

Several months ago my wife made an appeal to the readers of the *ADVOCATE* to help buy a horse for a Methodist minister in the Phillipine Isalands and several responded with donations. We wish to thank them and feel that they would be interested in the outcome.

We sent the Rev. Mr. Zuniga \$130, which equals 260 Pesos in their money. We told them that the money was mostly from the members of our churches, but that some people of other churches and even from other denominations had made contributions to the fund.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter we received from him, along with a negative

of a picture. The picture shows one of his churches, the parsonage, and the horse that he purchased with the money.

Sincerely,

—JOHN R. LITTLE



Seen above are the Rev. Alfred B. Zuniga, pastor of the Tuao Church, Mrs. Zuniga, and Betty Rose, their daughter, standing proudly beside the "Methodist horse" which was purchased through gifts sent by North Carolinians through the Rev. and Mrs. John R. Little of Marion Circuit.

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## Thrift Church Honors Pastor with Mission Gifts

The Thrift Methodist Church near Charlotte honored its pastor, Rev. Thomas B. Stockton, in a unique and meaningful way at the end of the 1959-60 conference year. At the morning worship service the church presented Tom with \$1,285 for an Advance Mission special project in the work of Rev. Lonnie Turnipseed, missionary to Hong Kong.

A special and unexpected guest from Hong Kong was present for the picnic lunch following the morning worship service—Rev. Chester Yang, pastor of the Ward Memorial Methodist Church. Lonnie Turnipseed had served as Chester's associate pastor in the Ralph Ward Memorial Church until recently and still assists in this church and as pastor of the Asbury Village Church. Mr. Yang had preached at the morning service at First Church, Belmont, for Rev. Everett Lowman.

The 230 members of Thrift Church had been impressed with the sincere interest of their pastor in the mission work of his Davidson College classmate, Lonnie Turnipseed. He had led them in a Self-Denial Offering during the lenten leason for this work which totaled \$450. Lonnie had sent a series of color slides and a tape recording of the work in Hong Kong to their pastor.

The congregation, wanting to say thank you in some concrete way, secretly added to this \$450 until they had \$1,285 to present to him as a surprise. The pastor said that he thought this was one of the finest possible ways to express appreciation—for a congregation to give in generous love to some work which exemplifies most of the heart of the message of the church and its ministry.

In addition to this \$1,285 for a Mission Special in Hong Kong, the church gave \$50 to the Alaska Methodist Church, making \$1,335 in Mission Specials, an increase of \$1,135 over the year before.

The Annual Conference moved Mr. Stockton to First Church, Reidsville.

The Western North Carolina Conference has just completed raising about \$40,000 for the building of the Ralph Ward Memorial Church in Hong Kong, of which Rev. Chester Yang is pastor. The church is a memorial to the late Bishop Ralph A. Ward who had his home in Hendersonville



Rev. Chester Yang (L.), pastor of the Ward Memorial Methodist Church in Hong Kong; Rev. Thomas Stockton (R.), pastor of the Thrift Methodist Church until Conference, now serving the First Church in Reidsville.

while in America. He died in Hong Kong in December 1958 just after returning to Hong Kong to hold the Hong Kong-Taiwan Provisional Annual Conference. He had spent several months in America raising money for the mission work. Illness struck him before he could hold his annual conference.

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Ten years ago my concept of the church tended to be narrow and provincial, but after a decade of intimate contact with Christians the world over I am now aware that the family of God contains people of various ethnological, cultural, class and denominational differences. I have learned that there can even be minor disagreements of theology, methods and motives but that within the true church there is a mysterious unity that overrides all divisive factors. — Billy Graham.



# Asheville District Report

By LOUISE WRIGHT

Methodist churches in the Asheville District gave more than a million dollars to missions last year and spent \$1,701,000 on new church buildings, some in the planning stage and others just completed, says Dr. Robert G. Tuttle, Asheville district superintendent, in his annual report to the Western North Carolina Conference.

This represents an all-time high in giving for Methodism in this area, said Dr. Tuttle.

In addition to this, the laymen of the district raised the salaries of their preachers \$22,119 over what it was in the previous year.

The church has reached out into new areas to establish churches. Property has been purchased in Mars Hill and in Brevard for new churches. Five new stations have been created, that is, churches that had formerly been on a circuit served by one minister, were strong enough to support a minister of their own, that he might live and work for his "station-church." This is called a charge, as compared to a circuit church.

There are 94 churches in the Asheville District now and 54 of these are charges. The total membership is 18,418.

Dr. Tuttle believes that it is not in numbers alone that one finds the power of a church, and that not in dollars alone is the strength, but it is the power to reach out and help others that takes one back to the words of John Wesley, who said, "The world is my parish."

In the field of evangelism, 565 persons were received into the church by profession of faith and 778 by transfer of their church letter.

Dr. Tuttle says that the big total given for missions included mission specials given by the church as follows: world missions, \$13,539; national missions, \$2,406; Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, \$1,857; district missions, \$35,000 (most of this fund is used in helping to build new churches in the district in communities where it is hard for the smaller churches to have all funds necessary to meet the cost of building a new church); World Service, \$42,727; Hospitals and Homes represented through the Golden Cross, \$1,584; the Children's Home in Winston-Salem, \$28,478.

This total for missions amounts to \$1,127,504. The fund for district missions had an increase of \$6,000 for the year. The report of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the district goes through the channel of their own organization and is reported to their annual meeting. There are 72 local units of the Woman's Society and

ten Wesleyan Service Guilds in the Asheville District.

A young worker from this district, Miss Patricia Rothrock, who was formerly director of Religious Education at the Hendersonville Church, has gone as a missionary to Africa.

In its work of Church Extension, the Methodist Church has paved the way for more members. In the Hendersonville area one church was relocated, a new church was organized and new stations were created. The church has purchased three acres of land in Brevard to relocate the Ecusta Church, formerly the Oak Grove Church. In Mars Hill the church has purchased five acres of land, on the main street, just across the street from the boys' dormitory, on which a new Methodist church will be built. The Rev. James Thurman serves this church. His young people have been meeting in the basement of the new parsonage and the Sunday worship services have been held in the parlor of the funeral home in Mars Hill.

New stations created are at Bethesda, Bethel, East Flat Rock, Elkwood, and Skyland. All of these had previously been on circuits.

The new churches have made the building program reach an all-time high of \$1,701,000 for the year June 1959-60.

Dr. Tuttle stresses the importance of Sunday schools in the growth of Methodism. The Asheville District has a total of 14,765 in church school. And 3,295 boys and girls participated in vacation church schools. From these two sources, 418 young people joined the church by profession of faith.

There are three projects in the district that give Dr. Tuttle a particular pride—there are the new Weaverville Group Ministry, the Rural Work project for the Burnsville area, and the Lay Speakers' program under the leadership of Carl Hyatt of Asheville.

The Weaverville Group Ministry has as its leader, the Rev. Boyce Huffstetler, who is especially trained in Town and Country Work of the Methodist Church. He explains his work by saying that a "group ministry is a group of ministers working together to put into operation a bigger and better program for rural churches." All of the Methodist churches in the Weaverville area are included in the Group Ministry.

In Burnsville Mrs. Arthelia Brooks has been employed to begin as a rural worker for that section. The project will begin on September 1st.

The men of the Asheville District have organized a Lay Speakers' group, with

Carl Hyatt as leader. These men are certified by the quarterly conferences of their own churches and they go to churches to speak when a minister has to be absent from his pulpit on Sunday morning. When a minister is going to be out of town for his Sunday service, he may call Carl Hyatt, who, in turn, will ask one of the men of his Lay Speakers' group to go in the place of the regular minister.

Dr. Tuttle sums up the work of the Methodists in the Asheville District by pointing with pride to the the huge totals made possible by the individual work of many, many persons—men, women and children—from one end of the district to the other.

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## NCC MYF News

### New Formats Prove Successful

The new formats adopted by the Louisville Assemblies and Workshop Committees proved to be a gratifying change. For the first two assemblies, the respective themes, "Basic Christian Doctrines" and "The Gospel of Mark," were carried out with all parts of the program—Bible Forum, discussion groups, vespers, etc.—centering upon the theme. There was not, therefore, a selection of classes on different subjects, but rather a central theme developed throughout.

During the workshop, emphasis was placed each day on a different area of interest—planning retreats, unit planning, drama, panel and group discussion, and worship. A demonstration was given in each of these areas followed by a discussion period and a lab working under the theme, "Laborers Together with God." Workshop leaders were able to accomplish the two-fold purpose of providing both a learning and spiritual experience for the delegates.

—GLENDA PITTMAN

## NE. Jurisdiction Invites Central Churches to Unite

Washington, D. C.—The 12-state Northeastern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church, at its quadrennial sessions here June 15-19, adopted a resolution inviting Negro Methodist churches of the region to transfer to the jurisdiction in 1964.

The invitation pertains to some 572 Negro churches of the Central Jurisdiction, primarily the Delaware and Washington annual conferences, with a membership of about 82,000.

The resolution stressed that the proposal was designed to help implement action earlier this year by the Methodist General Conference which, in effect, called for gradual abolition of the Central Jurisdiction through voluntary integration in steps toward an inclusive church.

The resolution also urged the renewal of discussions with other Negro and white Methodist communions not affiliated with The Methodist Church in the interest of possible future unification.



# Woman's Society News

## N. C. Conference

By MARY GARDNER



### Daily Bible Hour Scheduled For School

An innovation inaugurated last year at the Annual Woman's Society of Christian Service Schools of Missions and Christian Service proved both helpful and popular. It is the daily hour of Bible study.

The theme for the hour of Bible study in the 1960 Schools of Missions and Christian Service is "The Book of Acts." This feature of the N. C. Conference WSCS School of Missions to be held at Duke University August 8-12 will have as the instructor Dr. George M. Schreyer.

A native of Asheville, N. C., Dr. Schreyer



DR. SCHREYER

er was graduated with an A.B. degree from Wofford College. He also holds a B.D. from Duke University Divinity School, and a Ph.D. degree from Boston University. Dr. Schreyer has served several pastorates in the Western North Carolina Conference. Following World War II, in which he was a chaplain with the U. S. Army (Major), Dr. Schreyer was a student at Boston University, during which time he served as pastor of the First Methodist Church, Saxonville, Mass.

The educator and minister began his college teaching at Baker University, Baldwin, Kansas, as assistant professor of Religion, later to be appointed as associate professor of Religion. In 1954 he joined the faculty of Pfeiffer College as professor of Christian Education, chairman of the Division of Religion and Philosophy, and head of the Department of Christian Education.

Dr. Schreyer is author of a recently published book, "Christian Education in Action."

## N. C. Conference WSG Plans Weekend of Study

Miss Juanita Stott, chairman of Missionary Education and Service, N. C. Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, has announced plans for the second annual conference-wide weekend of study to be held at Duke University, August 13-14.

Immediately following the WSCS Annual School of Missions and Christian Service, the event will get under way on Saturday afternoon, August 13, closing on Sunday afternoon. (A full schedule for the Weekend of Study will be published in a later issue of this paper).

Courses of study and instructors will be: "Into All the World Together," Mrs. W. B. Landrum, field worker for the Woman's Division of Christian Service; "Christian Responsibility and The Alcohol Problem," the Rev. Leon Couch, pastor St. Paul Methodist Church, Goldsboro; "Heritage

and Horizons in Home Missions," Miss Roma Cupp, professor Social Group Work Department, Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn.; "Basic Christian Beliefs," Dr. Thomas A. Langford, professor undergraduate school, Duke University.

Six clinics will be offered for seven officers and chairmen of lines of work. They include presidents and secretaries of promotion, vice-presidents and chairmen of Literature and Publications, chairmen of Spiritual Life, chairmen of Christian Social Relations, chairmen of Missionary Education and Service. There will also be a clinic on Guild organization.

Registration fee of \$1.50 should be sent by August 1 to Miss Juanita Stott, 2208 Hope Street, Raleigh, N. C. Fees for room, meals and insurance are to be paid upon arrival at Duke. Schedule for these include: room for one night, \$1.00; meals (four—Saturday lunch through Sunday dinner), \$3.35; insurance, 15 cents. Registration fees for those not staying in the dormitories will be 50 cents each for Saturday afternoon, Saturday evening, and Sunday evening sessions.

## Twentieth Annual Meeting of WSCS of WNC Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

Over a thousand Methodist women gathered at Lake Junaluska on June 14th to 16th for the 20th Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church.

This was the largest attendance in the history of the society, 901 registered delegates and more than one hundred visitors. In the delegates' group, there were 279 women who were attending an Annual Meeting for the first time.

Mrs. Carl King of Salisbury was elected president of the Conference, succeeding Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford of Asheboro, who has served for the past four years.

Also elected to offices for the next four-year period were Mrs. E. D. Chandler of Asheville, treasurer; Mrs. W. A. Bales of Greensboro, secretary of Christian Social Relations; Mrs. W. T. Medlin of Winston-Salem, secretary of Children's Work; Mrs. Hiley J. Wise, Jr., of Gibsonville, secretary of Supply Work; Mrs. Van Dillon, Jr., of Elkin, secretary of Missionary Education and Service; and Mrs. James W. Fowler, Jr., of Lake Junaluska, chairman of the committee on nominations.

Re-elected for four-year terms were Mrs. H. F. Anderson of Charlotte, secretary of Spiritual Life; Mrs. Garland Stafford of North Wilkesboro, secretary of Missionary Personnel; and Miss Mary Bethea of Pfeiffer College, secretary of Student Work.

On Wednesday evening, the women made a pledge of \$215,250 to missions. The presidents and treasurers of the eleven districts, all in choir vestments, stood in the formation of a cross, as each district made its pledge. On the other side of the platform were four women in colorful native costumes, each symbolizing a gift from God, light, water, bread and love. Mrs. Hubert A. Davis of Raleigh, treasurer of the WSCS of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, led the service.

The district pledges were as follows: Asheville, \$17,000; Charlotte, \$32,750; Gastonia, \$19,500; Greensboro, \$33,000; Marion, \$10,500; N. Wilkesboro, \$5,000; Salisbury, \$20,500; Statesville, \$17,500; Thomasville, \$20,000; Waynesville, \$9,500; Winston-Salem, \$30,000.

The communion service on the opening afternoon was outstanding in its beauty and magnitude. Dr. Walter Miller, superintendent of the Charlotte District, was in charge of the service, with 28 Methodist ministers assisting.

The women placed \$6,100 in the offering plate as a love gift to Brooks-Howell Home for Retired Workers in Asheville.

On Tuesday evening more than 30 deaconesses and missionaries, dressed in the costume of the nation where they had served, entered in processional and were introduced. Each worker told where she had been stationed and the number of



## New Officers of W. N. C. Woman's Society



From left to right, seated, first row, Mrs. W. T. Medlin of Winston-Salem, secretary of Children's Work; Mrs. H. F. Anderson of Charlotte, secretary of Spiritual Life (re-elected); Mrs. Carl King of Salisbury, president; Mrs. James Fowler, Jr. of Lake Junaluska, chairman of the committee on nominations; second row, Mrs. Van Dillon, Jr. of Elkin, secretary of Missionary Education and Service; Mrs. Hiley J. Wise, Jr. of Gibsonville, secretary of Supply Work; Mrs. E. D. Chandler of Asheville, treasurer; Mrs. Garland Stafford of North Wilkesboro, secretary of Missionary Personnel (re-elected); Mrs. W. A. Bales of Greensboro, secretary of Christian Social Relations; Miss Mary Bethea of Pfeiffer College, secretary of Student Work (re-elected).

years of service. Four of these had given forty or more years of service. They are Miss Eunice Porter, (India), 44 years; Miss Isabelle Jones (Allen High School), 43 years; Miss Mable Metzger, deaconess, 42 years; Miss Emily Guigou, 40 years.

Special speakers for the conference were Mrs. Ralph Ward, missionary to Taiwan, Mrs. Nolan B. Harmon of Charlotte, wife of Bishop Nolan Harmon, and Mrs. T. Otto Nall of Evanston, Ill., vice-president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Mrs. Ward spoke on, "Seeking and Finding Christian Fellowship in Free China." She described the work in Wesley Village and in Asbury Village for refugees, and told of the new village for refugees, to be named Epworth Village. She told of the Roof Top Work on the roofs of the big, multi-storied, government-sponsored housing projects, saying that often as many as 5,000 people live in one unit. She said that in this World Refugee Year the Roof Top Work is one of the areas of most critical need.

Mrs. Harmon spoke on, "Mission Schools in South America," giving a resume of the trip she made with her husband to visit all of the Methodist mission schools on that continent. She told of visits in Argentina, Chile, Peru, Brazil, and to Brazilia, the new capital. She said, "The schools of South America are the hope of the country." She told of the program of Flying Evangelism to reach the interior of Chile and of the Belle Bennett School in Rio de Janeiro, saying that, "We should never fail in carrying out the divine commission 'to go into all the world.'"

Mrs. Nall chose for her address the theme of the Conference, "We Seek to

Know, to Find." She said in part, "We need to seek our task, for God has a special task for each of us. We as Christians have the challenge to teach our youth the beliefs of Christianity and to share the personal faith of Christ. As we lose our lives in the life of work we find a little of joy—the joy which only comes from seeking to do God's will for our lives, and finding God."

The outgoing officers were honored at the last session of the Conference. Life patron pins were presented to Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford of Asheboro and to Miss Una Edwards of Rutherfordton. Others receiving life memberships were Mrs. G. E. Brown of Mount Airy, Mrs. Gilmer Harris of Cherryville, Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt, of Charlotte, Mrs. J. Elwood Carroll of Statesville, and Mrs. Ralph Bisel of Badin.

Mrs. Carl King, in her president's message, presented the challenge, "Our Mission Today," saying in part, "Women need to study to deepen their commitment. The four areas of emphasis for the next four years are: to deepen our faith; to learn factors that make up Christian beliefs; frontiers that need attention in a changing world; and programs of worship to help meet these needs."

The Charlotte District Woman's Society of Christian Service was hostess to the Annual Meeting. Their hospitality was unsurpassed—the registration, the pages for the Annual Meeting, a tea for the executive committee and a tea for all the delegates and visitors on the opening afternoon . . . and the preparation of one thousand packets of literature to be given to the delegates.

Mrs. C. C. Weaver of Winston-Salem, president-emerita of the Conference, con-

ducted the installation service. Mrs. John Hoyle, Jr., of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, spoke on, "Our Heritage from Yesterday."

## Four New Bishops Elected

(Continued from page 3)

The bishops-elect were consecrated Sunday, June 19, at the closing service.

An unusual feature of the elections is that two of the new bishops, Holloway and Mathews, were not delegates, and only one of the foursome, Ward, was a pastor.

Bishop Holloway has been assigned to the new West Virginia Area with residence in Charleston. Born in Newark, N. J., he entered the ministry of the former Methodist Protestant Church in 1921 and served pastorates in Wilmington, Del., and Baltimore, Md. He has given 33 years of service to higher education, 28 of them as chief administrator. He was president of Westminster (Md.) Theological Seminary from 1932 to 1935, president of Western Maryland College from 1935 to 1947, and became president of Drew in 1948 after one year as dean of the seminary there.

Bishop Middleton goes to Pittsburgh as head of the Western Pennsylvania Area. Born in Baltimore, Md., he entered the ministry in 1928, and served pastorates in Pennsylvania before becoming a missions executive. He was executive secretary of the Philadelphia Missionary and Church Extension Society from 1939 to 1944, and then joined the staff of the general Board of Missions. He was elected general secretary of the board's Division of National Missions in 1956.

Bishop Ward, a native of Boston, was assigned to the Syracuse, N. Y., Area. He entered the ministry in Texas in 1929, and then served several pastorates in New England before going to Pittsburgh's Mt. Lebanon, the church which also produced Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke.

Bishop Mathews goes to the Boston Area. Born in Breezewood, Pa., he was reared in Ohio and Texas. He served eight years as a missionary in India, where he was elected a bishop in 1956. However, he declined, requesting that an Indian be elected, which was done. He joined the Board of Missions staff in 1946. Bishop Mathews is believed to be the youngest Methodist bishop today.

In other episcopal assignments, Bishop John Wesley Lord was transferred from Boston to Washington, D. C., succeeding Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, retired. Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke was moved from Pittsburgh to New York to replace Bishop Frederick B. Newell, retired. Bishop Fred P. Corson was reassigned to Philadelphia, and Bishop Newell S. Booth was returned to Elisabethville, Belgian Congo, Africa.

In addition to Bishops Oxnam and Newell, Bishop W. Earl Ledden, Syracuse, also retired at the Conference. Bishop Herbert Welch, retired, of New York, spoke for the delegates and the College of Bishops in paying a farewell tribute to the trio.

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Blind guides, which strain at a gnat and swallow a camel!—Matthew 23:24.



# N. C. Conference Appointments, 1960-1961

## BURLINGTON DISTRICT

District Superintendent, W. L. Clegg	
Bellemont	W. H. Faggart, (AS)
Bethel	L. G. Hunsucker (AS)
Bonlee	Leslie Myers (AS)
Broadway	C. V. Bryant
Burlington:	
Davis Street	D. J. Reid
Faith	R. T. Commander
Front Street	E. B. Fisher
Grace	N. B. Hill, Jr.
St. Paul	Rufus Stark
Trinity	N. L. Jones
Webb Avenue	J. K. Bostick
West Burlington	P. F. Newton
Burlington Circuit	J. C. Daniels (AS)
Carthage	R. F. Moore
Center-Cameron	H. T. Wilson (AS)
Cobb	T. R. Conway (AS)
Fairview	H. A. Bizzell, Jr.
Friendship	E. R. Meekins
Glendon	J. E. Davis (AS)
Goldston	Howard Porter (AS)
Graham:	
Christ Church-Cedar Cliff	T. M. Faggart (AS)
First Church	T. J. Whitehead
Haw River	Randall Baker
Hightower	J. C. Shore (AS)
Leasburg-Salem	Eugene Wood (AS)
Mebane	L. L. Parrish
Milton	Z. V. Cowan (AS)
Moncure	D. C. Boone
Morris Chapel	Tracy Maness
Mt. Hermon	H. H. Hodgins, Jr.
Pittsboro	H. S. Garriss
Pittsboro Circuit	C. C. Capps
Poplar Springs	Marvin Gaster (AS)
Robbins	J. C. Chaffin
Robbins Circuit	Max B. Richardson
Rock Creek	George Johnson
Salem-Chapel	W. D. Sabiston, III (AS)
Sanford:	
Jonesboro Heights	A. L. Chaplin
Steele Street	W. S. Potter
Trinity-Lemon Springs	Jerry Faulkner (AS)
Saxapahaw	J. D. Aycock
Shiloh	R. E. Thompson (AS)
Siler City: First Church	C. P. Womack
Siler City Circuit	O. B. Isenhour (AS)
Silk Hope	Robert Drew
Swepsonville	J. D. Stott
Whitney Cross	J. M. Waggoner
Yanceyville	W. W. Bishop
Retired: D. A. Clark, E. R. Clegg, John Cline, J. D. Cranford, W. L. Maness, W. J. Underwood	

## DURHAM DISTRICT

District Superintendent, C. D. Barclift	
Allensville-Trinity	G. W. Cooke
Andrews-Soapstone	W. R. Spears (AS)
Bahama	R. H. Lewis
Banks-Grove Hill	S. I. McRae (AS)
Bethesda	F. R. Randolph
Brookdale-Brookland	Key W. Taylor
Butner	E. D. Williams (AS)
Bynum	F. I. Lloyd, Jr.
Carrboro	A. S. Parker
Cedar Grove	R. H. Peterson
Chapel Hill:	
Aldersgate	A. Kimsey King, Jr.
Amity	O. W. Watson
Orange	D. B. Lewis (AS)
University Church	C. S. Hubbard
Concord-Oak Grove	L. A. Kelly, Jr. (AS)
Creedmoor	J. C. Alexander, Jr.
Durham:	
Aldersgate	T. O. Fulcher
Asbury	L. C. Vereen
Bethany	J. E. Sponenberg
Branson	O. V. Elkins
Calvary	J. H. Miller
Carr	C. A. Johnson
Duke's Chapel	W. C. Wilson
Duke Memorial	R. W. Bradshaw
Minister of Education	E. C. Shoaf
Epworth	Kelly J. Wilson, Jr.
Glendale Heights	Alison Simonton, Jr.
Lakewood	W. L. Freeman
Maybrook-Massey	B. M. Carden (AS)
McMannan	D. E. Earnhardt (RS)
St. John	D. M. Sharpe (RS)
St. Paul	Christian White
Trinity	W. M. Howard, Jr.
Wellons Village	S. D. McMillan, Jr.
Wland-Lebanon	W. A. Jarrett (AS)
Eno-Palmer's Grove	R. G. Harris, Jr. (AS)
Fletcher's Chapel	A. M. Williams
Gray Rock	B. E. Bass (AS)
Hillsboro	S. T. Kimbrough, Jr. (AS)
Lea's Chapel-Warren's Grove	
Merritts-Ebenezer	B. B. Brown (AS)
Mt. Sylvan	G. R. Mathis (AS)
Mt. Tirzah	P. F. Fendt
New Sharon	Vassar W. Jones (AS)
Orange Circuit	L. H. Schmitz
	Gayle T. Alexander

Oxford	J. D. Young
Oxford Circuit	P. D. Midgett, III
Pleasant Green	W. P. Weaver
Rougmont	F. E. Berry (AS)
Roxboro:	
Ca-Vel	T. E. Jennings (AS)
Grace-Longhurst	W. A. Seawell
Long Memorial	A. L. Thompson
Stem-Bullock	T. E. Gensel (AS)
Union Grove	H. E. Riley, Jr. (AS)
Walnut Grove	S. E. Stafford (AS)
Retired: J. P. Bartak, J. J. Boone, M. R. Chambers, K. F. Duval, D. E. Earnhardt, P. H. Fields, R. N. Fitts, H. I. Glass, L. M. Hall, J. F. Herbert, E. L. Hillman, J. W. Hoyle, H. E. Lance, T. W. Lee, W. V. McRae, H. E. Myers, W. T. Phipps, I. T. Poole, D. M. Sharpe, B. B. Slaughter, J. L. Smith, H. E. Spence, H. Freo Surratt, Isawo Tanaka, C. T. Thrift, A. J. Walton.	

## ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT

District Superintendent, R. L. Jerome	
Ahoskie	R. E. Walston
Bath	W. B. Gregory
Belhaven	L. C. Bissette
Chowan	F. W. Fortescue (AS)
Columbia	H. W. Pearce
Creswell	Charles M. Treihart (AS)
Currituck	D. T. Goodwin
Dare	C. R. Olson (AS)
Edenton	R. E. Fowlkes
Elizabeth City:	
Brite Meadows	Rufus Smithson (AS)
City Road	C. G. Nickens
First Church	V. E. Queen
Riverside	J. E. Richardson
Gatesville	R. N. Knight
Harrellsville	W. N. Fulford (AS)
Hatteras	Van E. Cash (AS)
Hertford	J. A. Auman
Kinnakeet	L. A. Shirell (AS)
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Manteo	H. F. Leatherman
Mattamuskeet	J. A. Williams (AS)
Moyock	O. S. Williams
Murfreesboro	F. O. Fitzgerald, Jr.
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North Gates	E. E. Edmond
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Perquimans	A. N. Gore, Jr.
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New Hope	C. R. Hollowell (AS)
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Garber	L. A. Dillman
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St. James	R. S. Brodie
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Wesley Memorial	J. T. Fisher (AS)
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Williamston	S. G. Boone
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First Church	R. G. Dawson
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Whiteville	P. O. Lee
Whiteville Circuit	W. D. Wise
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Epworth	R. C. Hamilton

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## New Area Created in NE. Jurisdiction

Washington, D. C.—Creation of the new West Virginia episcopal area with the bishop's residence in Charleston highlighted numerous boundary changes at the quadrennial sessions of the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference of The Methodist Church, held here June 15-19.

The changes were recommended by a special Committee on Boundaries, headed by Leon E. Hickman, Pittsburgh, Pa., layman, following an eight-day study.

Delegates to the conference voted overwhelmingly their approval of making the West Virginia Annual Conference an episcopal area, and the action was formally authorized by the College of Bishops.

West Virginia, formerly attached to the Pittsburgh Area, has some 1,500 churches and 200,000 members.

The change led to the renaming of the Pittsburgh Area as the Western Pennsylvania Area, composed of the Erie and Pittsburgh annual conferences, and the Central Pennsylvania Conference, which was transferred from the Washington, D. C., Area.

However, the delegates rejected the committee's proposal to transfer the Troy Annual Conference from the New York Area to the Syracuse Area.

Numerous local churches were transferred to other annual conferences in initial steps of a long-range plan to correct "Methodist geography" and make state lines and conference boundaries conform.

## Hate

Many times we have heard it said, "Hate hurts the one who hates far more than it does the one who is being hated." From where we sit, it has been a long time since we have seen a person who held real hate in his heart who had the slightest bit of happiness in his own life. This little quotation from Douglas Meador gives a fairly accurate description, "Hate is a treacherous acid which cannot be poured without spilling on the raw heart that held it."

— S. C. Methodist Advocate

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Dr. William E. Sangster, 60, one of Britain's foremost clergymen and authors, died May 24 in his London home. He was for many years minister of Westminster Central Hall, London, and a past president of the British Methodist Conference.





# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## Natalie's Psalm

It was "just foolish," thought Natalie, for her mother to have her learn a Psalm each week. What other girl did she know who did such a thing? Why, not one!

Mother was firm, however, and every Sunday afternoon Natalie was expected to know and recite the number of verses which had been given her the week before.

"Natalie," called her mother one day, "I wish you would take this package of yarn down to Grandmother Cheswick for me; and while you are there, ask if you can do something for her."

Natalie was glad to go, for Grandmother Cheswick was a dear old blind lady who was grandmother to all the village. Her daughter, who lived with her, went out to do sewing, and so had to be away all day. Natalie was always pleased to go to see the dear old lady, for besides the delightful stories Grandmother could tell, there was always a jar of delicious hard, hot peppermints for refreshments.

"Well, Miss Natalie, I'm glad to hear your voice again," said the old lady in answer to Natalie's knock and her "May I come in?"

"Here is some yarn Mother sent you," answered Natalie, placing the package in Grandmother Cheswick's hands. "And I wonder if I could do something for you."

"Thank you, dear, that is very kind. Perhaps you would be willing to read to me."

"I'll do the very best I can, but I'm afraid I can't read very well. What shall I read?"

"How I wish I had my Bible! But you know it was lost in the fire last summer. My daughter has promised me a new one, but I don't have it yet. I miss it, for I do so love to hear the Psalms."

"You do!" cried Natalie in surprise. "I surely don't!"

"Oh, don't say that, my dear," Grandmother replied.

"Well, I only mean that I get so tired of them, for I have to learn one every week," explained Natalie. "But I'll tell you what I might do. I can't read very well, but I could recite some to you."

## FIVE LITTLE WORDS

There are five little words we all should know - - -

They are PARDON ME, THANK YOU, and PLEASE;

Oh, use them quite often wherever you go - -

There are few words as helpful as these. These five little words have a mighty power

That fortune or fame cannot give;

So commit them to memory this very hour,

And use them as long as you live.  
—Author Unknown.

"That would be better still. I wonder if you know my favorite, the 91st Psalm?"

"Yes, indeed, I had that only last week." Then Natalie began, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High . . ."

She recited several more Psalms, until it was time to go home. When Grandmother Cheswick bade her good-bye she drew her toward her and gently kissed her, saying, "Thank you, dear child. You have no idea how much happiness you have given me this afternoon. Never grow tired of learning of God's Word, for you will some day realize how much comfort it will give you."

And Natalie never again thought of it as "foolishness" and "no use" to learn her verses each day. And do you know what came to be her favorite Psalm? Yes, you guessed it - - - "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want . . ."

—Selected

## THE ROSE STAYED FRESH

In a busy office there was a gentle, kind-faced man who always wore a rose-bud in the buttonhole of his coat lapel. Just as the others looked for him each morning, they looked for the lovely flower that was such a part of him. And the interesting thing about it was that when evening came the rose was just as fresh as it was in the morning. Many of his friends had wondered about this, and some had spoken of it.

But he had merely smiled in appreciation.

One day a fellow-worker asked him how it was that the rose did not wilt, even on the warmest days. And then, with a twinkle in his eye, he told the secret.

"Underneath my lapel," he said, "I have fastened a tiny bottle of water. Although it doesn't show, it keeps my flower fresh and beautiful."

There was a secret, too, about what kept a smile on the man's face all day, even when the work was hard and things went wrong. And there was a reason why he was so kind and thoughtful, and why everyone loved him.

Like the rose, his life was kept fresh and beautiful in the hidden springs of living water which Jesus gives. He loved the Bible, and prayer, and the worship of God's house, and he kept his mind on things that were pure and clean and lovely.

The tiny bottle was hidden from view, but its precious fluid kept the rose fresh and sweet. God's Water of Life is not visible to human eyes, but the life whose roots are down in its refreshing depths stays radiant and lovely, and its perfume sweetens the lives of others. — By E. Whisner.

## Thought for the Week

Kindness is catching. If you go around with a well developed case of it, other folks will be sure to get it.

## CHUCKLES

Teacher: "What do you understand by the word 'deficit' Johnny?"

Johnny: "It's what you've got when you haven't got as much as you had when you had nuthin'."

## THE STORY OF JOSEPH

(Continued)

(Fill in the blanks with the correct words)

Joseph gave a dinner for his——, and the best——for Benjamin. Then he told his——to hide his silver——in——'s sack. When they started home they were arrested. They were so sure they were innocent that they promised the one who had stolen the——would stay in Egypt and be a——always. To their horror, the——was found in Benjamin's——.

## Answers in Last Week's Installment

Brothers — Egypt — corn — them — know him — Benjamin — Benjamin — take care of him.



# International Sunday School Lesson

FOR JULY 10

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## SOCIAL JUSTICE — THEN AND NOW

**Background Scripture:** Amos 2:6-8; 5; 8:4-6

**Lesson Scripture:** Amos 5:10-15, 21, 24

We continue, in this lesson, our study of Amos and his prophetic message of justice. We see him hurling denunciations at the leaders of his time—the exploiters of the poor, the crooked lawyers and the judges that could be bribed, the priests, whose elaborate religious services were thought to be a substitute for right living. His warning about the condition of his nation might be stated in the words of an English poet writing a thousand years after the time of Amos: “Ill fares the land to hastening ills a prey; where *wealth* accumulates and *men* decay.”

“They hate him who reproves in the *gate*, and they abhor him who speaks the truth” (Amos 5:10) refers to the broad space at the entrance to ancient cities where many business and legal transactions were carried on. Here the prophets and sages might be found giving their messages of advice or warning. But the man who “reproved” and told them the truth about their sins was not popular. He never is. Amos further charged that certain of the citizens “trample upon the poor” and take from them “exactions of wheat.” This last refers to share-croppers who got a bare pittance for their labor, while their landlords got rich. Then follows Amos’ accusation against judges who take bribes, thus corrupting the administration of justice.

In verse 13 “the prudent shall keep silence in such a time: for it is an evil time” we have a question of interpretation. Is this meant to be taken seriously, or is it a sarcastic remark? It is hard to see how Amos could have advocated silence in the face of injustice. His whole life shows just the opposite; he never hesitated to cry out against the sins and evils of his day. We know also that prudence is not the greatest of virtues. There are times and circumstances when it is almost impossible to distinguish it from cowardice. Much of the world’s evil may be said to exist because of the silence of good men!

“It may be that the Lord will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph” (see vs. 15) indicates a guarded optimism. Amos evidently felt that the chances of reform and reconstruction were not too great. He knew how deeply entrenched were the evils, and how slowly men yield up their advantages over others.

Verses 21-24 of chapter 5 are among the greatest utterances in the entire book of Amos. It has been suggested that a good title for this section would be “The Dangers of Going to Church.” Here the Lord is represented as being completely disgusted with the formal rituals of religion that the Hebrews were carrying on. It is dangerous to go to worship if the intention of the worshiper is only to attempt to flatter God, and then to continue in ways of living unacceptable to God. In a word, the effort of man to substitute elaborate and costly worship for right living is foredoomed to failure. This is because men can never fool God. When they attempt to do so they succeed only in making themselves ridiculous.

But what does God require? The answer is set forth in what may be called the key verse of Amos’ writings: “But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream.” Some questions for thought might be these: What areas of injustice and unrighteousness do

you notice in the American scene today? If a man criticizes certain evils and sins of his nation is he a friend or an enemy of his country?

A closing suggestion is this: what did Jesus have to say about worship and its relation to justice? If we consult Matthew 5:23 we shall find the answer. It reads (Phillips translation): “So that if, while you are offering your gift at the altar, you should remember that your brother has something against you, you must leave your gift there before the altar and go away. Make peace with your brother first, then come and offer your gift.”

## In Memoriam

**WILSON.**—The members of the Woman’s Society of Christian Service of Middleburg Methodist Church, Middleburg, wish to offer this tribute of love to our beloved friend and member, Mrs. Willie Wilson, who died on March 21, 1960.

We miss her bright spirit of friendliness each Sabbath morning and she remains very near in our hearts. “Miss Willie,” as we affectionately called her, loved her church and was always willing to share her time and loyalty. One of her loveliest smiles, words of encouragement and appreciation were always given to those who served her beloved church in any way.

We wish to express to Mrs. Wilson’s family our love and remembrance of her and our prayer as members of this Society and church is to live each day to be worthy of her trust and confidence in us. We entrust her now to our heavenly Father’s care and the blessings she so richly deserves.

Mrs. A. J. Holloway  
Mrs. Marshall Floyd



**GATES.**—Honoring a loved one who has gone to her eternal reward during the past year, we express a tribute of gratitude to Mrs. Richard C. Gates. A friend and co-worker who held high the torch of religious profession. We owe a debt of gratitude which she would wish us to pay by giving “the last full measure of devotion” to the cause of Religion.

We cannot think of them as dead  
Who walk with us no more.  
Along the path of life we tread  
They have but gone before.

Ours are they by ownership  
Nor time nor death can free.  
For God hath given to love, to keep  
Its own eternally.

—By Past President  
Mrs. Pattie G. Robinson  
Rougemont, N. C.



**DARGAN EDGAR GRIGG.**—Born December 21, 1877 — Died April 3, 1960. One of the pillars of Sharon Church has passed from this earthly life to the heavenly life. With the Apostle Paul, he can say, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” (II Timothy 4:7).

He professed faith in Christ Jesus his Lord as a youth in the Central Methodist

Church, Shelby, later transferred to the Kehobeth Church and moved to the Sharon community in 1915 and remained a member of the Sharon Church for the rest of his life.

Brother Grigg combined in his life steadiness, always being as dependable as one of these “old oak trees in the church yard;” and a keenness of mind which had the quality of wisdom.

He served his church well and in many positions of leadership. Perhaps his greatest service was as chairman of the building committee when the present structure was remodeled and built in 1939. It is said that he was on the job every day and saw every piece of timber and brick that went into it. He believed in attending to the details.

At his passing, he was district steward, and active steward.

He was generous to his church and to his pastor with his worldly goods.

Let it be said that “He will be missed.” But, let it also be said that someone, meaning us, will take up where he left off and carry on.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

This resolution of appreciation and respect was unanimously passed by the official board of the Sharon Methodist Church, May 5, 1960. It is respectfully submitted to Mrs. Grigg and the family for the Sharon Methodist Church. It is also requested that a copy be printed in the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

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# In Passing



## Speaking of Conferences

Conferences vary from region to region and no two are alike.

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Take appointments, for instance.

In much of the South, appointments are a deep dark secret until they are read out at the end of the session. Here and there, a pastor of a large church on the move may know in advance where he is expected to hang his hat during the next year, but that is the exception and there have been some cases where he was badly disappointed at the last minute. I remember one time, when I was in the Florida Conference, that I found myself in the air at "post time" after having been assured of a positive appointment to a certain church, and for three days I circulated around over the state like a free-flying balloon and eventually lit where I had no expectation of landing.

Both North Carolina Conferences observe the secrecy rule—which has much to recommend it, especially when applied to all grades of appointments. The recent WNC session was more secret than usual, due to the fact that everything was really up in the air until Friday.

But up North it is different. During my six years in the Central Pennsylvania Conference there was not a year that I did not know where I would be at least two months in advance of the Conference. Usually the district superintendents talk with the pastors and the pastoral relations committees three months in advance. If the pastor wants to move, he is allowed to do so, and given three choices of places. Of course, if he is unduly ambitious, he may not get any of the three, but if he sticks pretty close to reality, he has a good chance of going to one of them. The only catch here is the rule works for congregations as well as pastors. If there is to be a change, whether at the desire of the pastor or the membership, the church is given three choices of preachers and both are allowed, if not encouraged, to do a little investigating on their own. Many a pastor has noted the presence of strangers in his congregation along about March and has suddenly switched sermons in an effort to get his best foot forward.

Such a plan usually contributes to the confusion of all, but allows both pastor and congregation little room for discontent. It also lets the D. S. reply to any complaints by saying, "Well, I gave you what you asked for."

Many Southern pastors find it difficult to talk to their superintendents about their appointment, fearing that they will be considered too forward and self-seeking. Sometimes it happens that the "consultation" called for by the *Discipline* consists in a telephone call from the D. S. informing the pastor of a probable change, on a take-it-or-leave-it basis. He is not encouraged to investigate the possibilities and definitely discouraged from any contact with laymen of his prospective congregation.

All of this points up the differences, but does not settle the argument over which system is the right one. There is much to be said on both sides. From my own observation I gather that what works in one section might not work in another, and that the Southern system is practical and effective in its territory.

There is another interesting difference in customs. Northern Methodist churches tend to like long pastorates, while in the South the tendency is to get ready to say goodbye at the beginning of the fourth year, and most pastors feel the unspoken farewells echoing through the congregation just about the time he begins to get well acquainted. "We never keep a preacher more than four years," say the laymen of most churches, and they have no intention of changing. In some other sections the long pastorate is thought to be essential to good church life. True, the pastor doesn't go full-steam-ahead for 15 years;

he can't do that; but those who have become accustomed to this system say that continuity is worth more than frenzied activity.

Of course, there are exceptions to all rules in each territory. I once served a Northern church which had endured four pastors in five years. They were so exhausted by the time I got there that they kept me for a quadrennium out of sheer relief. You see, every pastor has his own pet ideas which he must try out, and if you change too often the congregation may suffer from "blind staggers," caused by too much starting and stopping.

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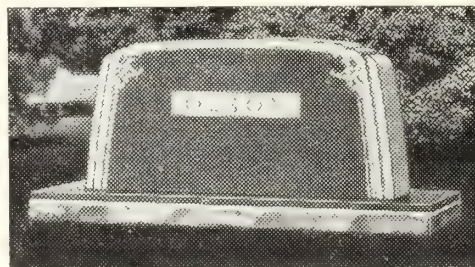
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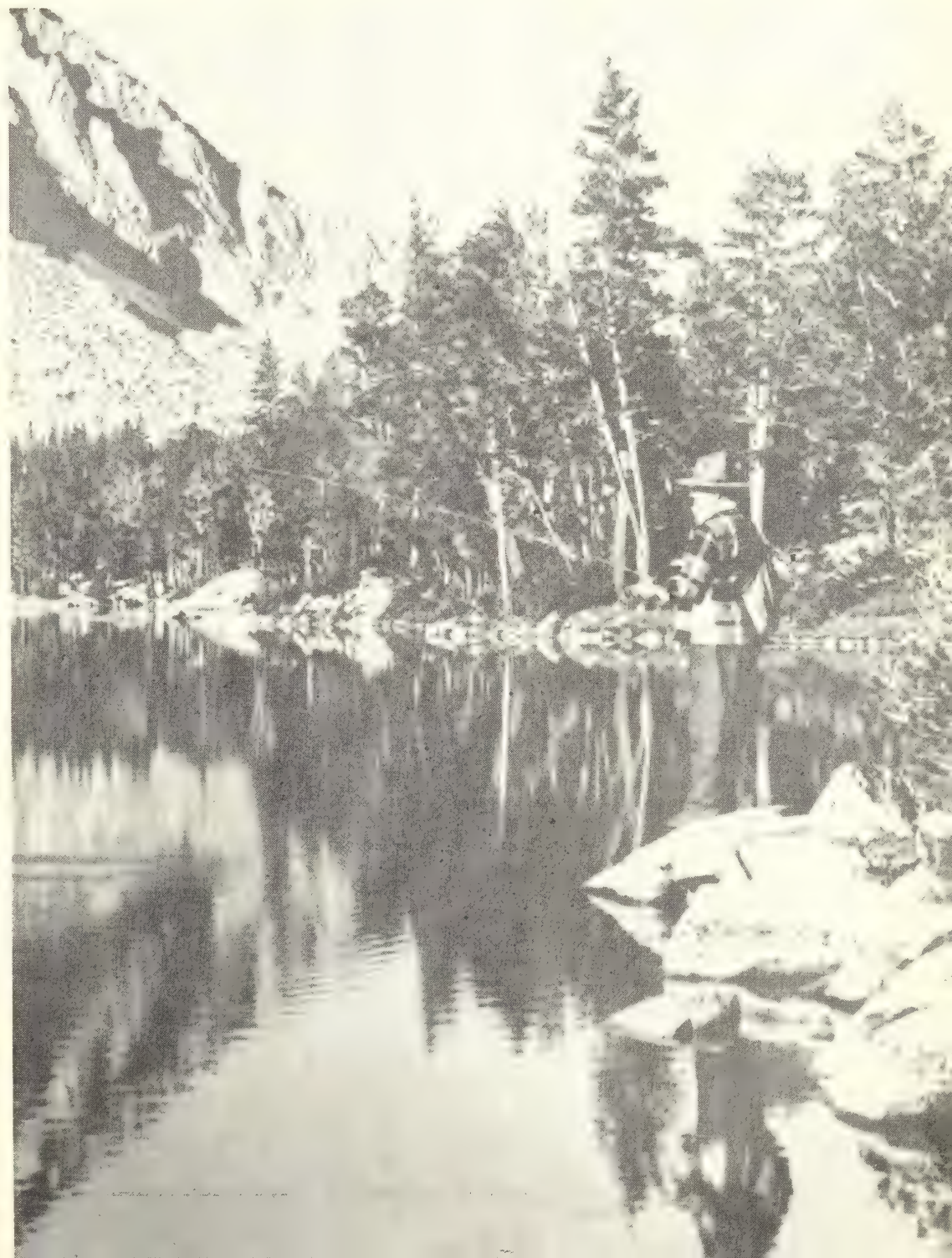
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Clean water is the one common ingredient of most outdoor recreation places like this alpine lake in the high mountains. Water is also an essential requirement of fish and wildlife. Such areas serve as national storage places for water that supplies downstream communities.





# LETTERS

## People Are Yearning for a Revival

One of the great events in the rural life of North Carolina in years past was the summer revival held after the cultivation stage of the crops was complete. Some of us remember, with many happy experiences and spiritual uplift, these summer revivals. In the leadership of many of our great city churches today you will find a former rural youth who was converted to Jesus Christ in one of these summer revivals. A lot of people are saying the rural church is not like it used to be, and this is one of the things I find that they are referring to. It is a tradition that the rural church might very well study as one of its greatest traditions.

Is there a church where a Methodist preacher could come and enter into this kind of wonderful fellowship again with some of God's people in the simple and beautiful country-side? Some of us are hungry for this experience again..

—JOHN T. MAIDES

Raleigh, N. C.

## Carolina Briefs

☛ MORRIS CHAPEL CHURCH, Walkertown, is making great strides in stewardship under the direction and leadership of its pastor, Rev. George W. Thompson. For June 1959 the average weekly offerings were \$243.03; for June 1960 the average was \$477.54 per week; and for the first Sunday in July the offerings were \$580.28.

☛ MISS PEARLE FINK began her duties as educational assistant at the Forest Hill Methodist Church, Concord, N. C., on July 1. Since December, 1958, she held a similar position at the Trinity Methodist Church, Raleigh, N. C.

☛ THE REV. J. O. FORT, for the past six years editor and manager of *The Free Will Baptist*, published at Ayden, N. C., has resigned, effective August 31, to become pastor of the Harmony Free Will Baptist Church, Lake Butler, Florida.

☛ THE REV. ROLLIN P. GIBBS, Director of Field Service and Finance of the Board of Missions of the Western North Carolina Conference, was guest preacher at Central Church, Mount Airy, Sunday morning, July 10. Mr. Gibbs will direct a fund-raising campaign for the church.

☛ FAITH METHODIST CHURCH, Gastonia, will hold a "Forward Step Banquet" July 18 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at First Methodist church. The banquet is being held as a part of the building program for Faith church. All members and friends are invited to attend. Rev. William R. Brantley is the minister.

☛ ATTENTION is called to the fact that the address of Rev. Ralph H. Taylor, superintendent of the newly created High Point District, is 300 Parkway, High Point, N. C.

☛ CATAWBA METHODIST CHURCH will hold Home-Coming Sunday July 31 at 11:00 a.m. Rev. W. N. Nesbitt, Jr., will be the preacher. Members, former members, and former pastors are given a cordial invitation to attend. Rev. M. C. Ellerbe is the pastor.

☛ THE NEW MAILING ADDRESS of the Western North Carolina Conference Methodist Credit Union is, Rev. I. L. Roberts, Treasurer, P. O. Box 278, Lake Junaluska, N. C.

☛ DR. W. L. CLEGG and family of Hayes Barton Methodist Church, Raleigh, were given a farewell reception by members of the congregation last Tuesday evening, held at the church. Dr. Clegg has served the church for the past four years, and is now becoming district superintendent of the Burlington District. They will live in Burlington.

☛ GRACE METHODIST CHURCH, Wilmington, expressed its appreciation for the fine services of Dr. and Mrs. J. V. Early for the past four years as they feted them in a farewell party held at the church Tuesday evening, July 6. Dr. Early has been assigned to the First Methodist Church, Rockingham.

☛ MRS. G. E. BROWN of Central Church, Mount Airy, was presented an Honorary Life Patron Membership at the annual meeting of the WSCS held at Lake Junaluska recently. Mrs. Brown has served as conference secretary of supply work for the past six years.

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## J. R. Jones Dies at Pleasant Garden

John Robert Jones, 92, of Route 1, Pleasant Garden, died at his home on June 25, after being in declining health for several years.

He was a retired farmer and a lifelong resident of the county.

Jones was the oldest member of Pleasant Garden Methodist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Ethel Nance of the home; two sons, Frank K. Jones of Route 1, Greensboro, and R. Ray Jones of Pleasant Garden; a brother, Charles L. Jones of Burlington; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral was held on Monday, June 27, at the Pleasant Garden Methodist Church with the Rev. Paul Bruton, pastor, officiating. He was assisted by Rev. J. E. Tysinger of Charleston, S. C. Burial was in the church cemetery.

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## Subscription Report

One church, Calvary, in the Rocky Mount District, has joined the club rate group; and two groups have made the Honor Roll, with 10 per cent of the members subscribing. They are the Goshen-Keener Charge, and Lowes Chapel on Reidsville circuit.

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# New Albemarle District Holds Conference

The new Albemarle district got off to a fine start in its district conference, held at Central Church, Monroe, on June 28, at 7:30 p.m. Dr. W. Jackson Huneycutt, the district superintendent, presided and conducted the conference in a statesmanlike manner. He expressed appreciation to each delegate present for their interest, and for the enthusiastic reception he had received to the new district. He assured the group he was happy to be assigned to this district in its infancy and to have the privilege of working with the membership in getting it established. The period of devotion was marked by enthusiastic singing and reverent worship. This period was led by the Rev. Harley Williams, the pastor of the Central Church, and his choir.

Trustees for the new district were named as follows: Anson County, Robert L. Lindsey, Charles L. Little, James Roberson; Stanly County: T. Herbert Lee, W. A. Lowder, James H. Nance; Union County: Roger B. Duvall, Dr. H. N. Guion, Edwin Niven. Bailey Gullledge of Albemarle was named as treasurer of the district Expense and Parsonage Fund, and Claude Eubanks of Monroe as treasurer of the district Mission Society.

The District Committee on Evangelism was selected as follows: Anson County: Rev. Melvin D. McIntosh, Harry Long, Mrs. O. S. Anderson, and Tommy Teal; Stanly County: Rev. Daniel D. Sain, James I. Avett, Mrs. Ray D. Lowder, and Susan Ausband. Union County: Rev. Donald D. Rollins, Hubert Starnes, Mrs. James Cornelius, and Susan Lee. Exofficio members of this group are the district superintendent, the secretary of Spiritual Life of the District W.S.C.S. and Rev. Cecil Heckard, a member of the Conference Board of Evangelism.

Chosen to serve as the Executive Committee of the District Mission Society were:

Anson County: James Roberson, Tom Little, Charles Little, Bryan Moore, Rev. Moody Nifong, and Rev. Luther H. Lawing, Jr.

Stanly County: M. T. Hatley, R. W. Lowder, J. C. Guffey, H. W. Culp, Rev. I. L. Sharpe, and Rev. John A. Petty.

Union County: Johnny T. Hill, Leslie Starnes, Van V. Secrest, J. B. Eubanks, Rev. Edwin G. Needham, and Rev. J. E. Hawkins. Exofficio members of this group are Dr. W. J. Huneycutt and Rev. Harley Williams.

Rev. Harley Williams, Rev. Cecil Heckard and Rev. Luther H. Lawing, Jr., were named as the Committee on Resolutions.

The main speaker of the evening was Dr. Horace R. McSwain of Statesville, executive secretary of the Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension. He spoke concerning the "Possibilities for Advance in World Missions."

Mr. Tom Little, associate conference lay leader from Wadesboro, gave words of greeting from the Conference Board of Lay

Activities and gave the group information concerning the organization of this group.

Van V. Secrest, district lay leader from Monroe, and his associate lay leaders, Bryan Moore, Frank Griffin, and Dr. Robert Smith were introduced and spoke briefly.

Rev. B. C. Adams of Bethel Church, Midland, gave the conference information about a church camp site which is presently owned by the Salisbury District and Stanly County. An invitation was given to Anson and Union Counties to join in this endeavor and make a two-district camp out of the present property which adjoins the Morrow Mountain State Park. Action on this will be taken at a later date.

The report of the Resolutions Committee, presented by the Rev. Harley Williams, was heartily adopted. This report expressed appreciation to all of those who had played a part in getting the new district started. A special tribute was given to the laymen who made arrangements to secure a district parsonage and to the churches of Stanly County who are working to furnish it.

Dr. Robert Smith of Albemarle gave a report concerning the new parsonage. The home of M. W. Herrin at 276 N. Fifth Street in Albemarle has been purchased for the use of the district superintendent.

The final item of business consisted of passing out the apportionments for the new year to the various churches. Dr. Huneycutt urged the churches to support this vital work of the church.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Dr. Huneycutt.

—C. HARLEY DICKSON  
*Secretary of the Albemarle  
District Conference*

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## 183,287 In Methodist Camping Programs

A total of 183,287 persons participated in the camping program of The Methodist Church in 1959, according to statistics compiled by Rene F. Pino of the General Board of Education. This number includes 158,336 who were enrolled as campers and 24,951 staff personnel.

These figures are based on registration records for day camps, resident camps for children, Christian adventure camps, senior high and older youth conferences and camps, family camps, trail hikes, etc.

Mr. Pino, who serves on the General Board's committee on camps and conferences, pointed out that these figures are incomplete because of some instances of non-reporting. Actually, the total number in Methodist camp programs greatly exceeds the registrations reported to the board.

Camping is playing an increasingly significant role in the program of Christian education in The Methodist Church.

## Leadership School Held At Bennett College

A total of 109 persons, representing all four conferences, attended the annual Baltimore Area Leadership School at Bennett College last week.

A summer activity of the Methodist Church, the school, headed by the Rev. Howard Bailey, of Yeadon, Pa., as dean, had as its theme "Frontiers in Christian Education." A faculty of 15 gave instruction in five basic courses.

These courses were concerned with music, audio-visual resources, drama and recreation in Christian education and with new insights for Christian education in the district.

## Church-Related Colleges Receive Financial Aid

According to an announcement made in Winston-Salem recently twenty-two North Carolina colleges and universities are being given financial assistance to the extent of \$70,000 from the aid-to-education program of the United States Steel Foundation, Inc. Among those sharing in the grant are Atlantic Christian College, Belmont Abbey College, Catawba College, Elon College, Flora Macdonald College, Greensboro College, Guilford College, High Point College, Lenoir-Rhyne College, Meredith College, Queens College, Salem Academy and College, Pfeiffer College, Davidson College, and Wake Forest College. The announcement of the grants was made by Arthur V. Wiebel, president of U. S. Steel's Tennessee Coal and Iron Division.

## Trinity Church, Gastonia To Observe Homecoming

Trinity Church, Gastonia, will observe its forty-first anniversary with Homecoming services on Sunday, July 17, at 11:00 a.m. Guest minister will be Rev. James B. Fitzgerald of Mocksville, who served as pastor at Trinity from 1935 to 1937. A picnic dinner will be served at noon. All former pastors, former members, and friends of the congregation are invited to share in the special services.

Members of Trinity Church, Gastonia, welcomed their pastor, the Rev. G. G. Adams, Jr., and his family for the third year, by presenting to them on the first Sunday after the annual conference a generous, old-fashioned "pounding" and a check from the congregation.

## New Apartment Building At Scarritt College

A \$375,000 married students' apartment building is under construction on the campus of Scarritt College in Nashville.

The new building, to be known as the Jesse Lee Cunningham Memorial in honor of the former president, will house 22 apartment units. It will also include a child care center with a nursery-kindergarten program to be directed by the Christian education department of the college.



# EDITORIALS

## The Thrill of a New Beginning

The two Methodist conferences in North Carolina have now been held for 1960, and we are faced with a new beginning. The question for most of us to decide is, where do we go from here? As we look to the past years with their great achievements in church extension, missions, building projects, organization of new congregations, enlarged budgets, steadily growing membership, with increased emphasis upon Christian higher education, as evidenced by building new colleges and giving added support to strengthen the ones we already have, we are thrilled by the devotion of the ministers and laymen which has made these things possible. North Carolina Methodism has set the pace in many fields of advance and it has been a challenge to other conferences.

When we attend conference and hear the reports of progress and catch the spirit of sacrifice and service we can hardly wait to get to our churches and plunge again into the tasks that await us. However, with the passing of time, there is a tendency to lose this urgent desire and to drift along at a normal rate. We may delay doing things until we find ourselves caught in a "jam" and are unable to get done all the things we wanted to do. We have been victims of procrastination, which they tell us is the thief of time. We have always contended that if we begin right, and continue right, we are bound to end right. The best time to begin is at the beginning, which is now, and to do everything as it needs to be done. Then as we approach the end of the year we find that we are not so rushed and strained and uneasy about meeting obligations, reaching quotas, realizing goals, and making reports. The secret lies in the fact that we have been at work all through the year.

The thrill of beginning the new conference year will give added strength and make possible greater success if we respond to it properly. We should have the greatest year that we have known in our Methodism. The opportunity is ours, the need is before us. The first few weeks will set the pace; let's make them count by beginning now.

## THEME FOR THE WEEK

*"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,  
from whence cometh my help. My  
help cometh from the Lord, which  
made heaven and earth."*

—Psalm 121:1,2.

## Striving To Achieve The Best

The two Methodist Conferences in North Carolina have many things in common, and the more we enumerate them the more strongly are woven the ties that bind us together. Our educational institutions, our pastors' school, our NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, to mention only a few in the religious realm; politically, economically, geographically we are of the same household. The beautiful mountains in the west and the lovely plains bordering on the Atlantic Ocean in the east are held together by the rolling piedmont hills in the center. For some seven hundred miles one can travel the magnificent highways from below Cape Hatteras to beyond Murphy reveling in the scenery and enjoying the changing climate. Agriculture and industrial development are the mainstays of our economy. However, it is possible for us to become so enamoured by these material and temporal blessings that we may be inclined to overlook our chief possession and to fail in our finest opportunity.

Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton, of St. Petersburg, Florida, speaking at the recent session of the North Carolina annual conference in Rocky Mount on "Indirect Evangelism," reminded us there are some things we may stand to lose. We must guard our motives, our methods, and our purposes. Increasing budgets, gaining members, building big organizations, are all very fine, but these are not our main purposes. We must not forget that our chief mission is to make Christ known to all men. No matter what else we may achieve, if we fail here we have missed the goal. As individuals and churches we are exercising an indirect influence on the people around us. The question for us to ask ourselves is whether it is for good or ill. To reach this goal requires faithfulness in worship, in Bible reading, in prayer, in devotion to our Lord and His kingdom.

## Facing Our Responsibility As Citizens

The time has come when the two major political parties will be holding their national conventions and selecting candidates to carry their banner into the national election this fall. It is a time when every American should think soberly and act intelligently. It is no time for prejudice or unbecoming personal ambitions to dominate our actions. Destiny hangs in the balance. The future of America and of the world will be influenced by the decisions of the next few months. It is a time for prayerful consideration as we seek divine guidance in selecting candidates and building platforms and setting our course for the days ahead.

We in America believe in democracy; there is no place here for communism or dictatorship. We may not always agree on every particular, in fact they tell us that politics sometimes makes strange bedfellows. But the redeeming feature is the fact that when we have had our differences, weighed the issues, and pooled our combined opinions we usually come up with something that all of us can support and for which we are willing, regardless of party affiliations, to get out and fight for. This is an expression of our faith in the democratic way of life. And this imposes a responsibility which none of us should refuse to accept, namely, to express our preferences by way of the ballot box in the primaries and in the general elections.

If we are to enjoy the many benefits vouchsafed to us in this country to which we refer as the land of the free and the home of the brave we should be willing to assume our place as responsible citizens, and not to be parasites living on the good offices of those who make these things possible. Truly we believe in the principle of the separation of church and state, but that does not mean that the church should refuse to pray for the state nor that its members should take no part in helping to shape its political destinies; nor does it mean that the state should ignore the principles of the church, or fail to support it in its effort to guide men and nations in the right way. If the foremost purpose of all of us is to do the right things, and we should act upon that impulse, the chances are that we shall come out at the right place.



# DEVOTIONAL

## The Un-Common Man

(I Peter 3:15)

By DERMONT J. REID

It is no small thing for a man to stand amid the wreck and rubble of this materialistic and secular-minded world and witness clearly, forcefully and intelligently to the hopefulness that he derives from his Christian faith. He is no common man who can quietly and confidently sing of a hope buried deep in the grand cloister of his heart—a hope that gives drive and direction, meaning and mastery to a life that would otherwise be out of control and hopelessly lost in the mess and maze of things.

And yet, it is this very thing that our faith calls for. St. Peter, the “big” disciple, puts it like this: “Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.” Dr. J. B. Phillips, in his trenchant translation of this passage, puts it winsomely this way: “Be ready at any time to give a quiet and reverent answer to any man who wants a reason for the hope you have within you.”

Now, the man who penned this passage of sacred scripture was in a unique position to call for this kind of Christian witnessing. He, certainly, was almost ready to offer his testimony to the Christian hope that had come to possess him. With the exception of that bleak day when Jesus was arrested, Peter was always first to give witness to God's grace and hope. This was the darkest day in his long and fruitful apostolic ministry — and he never forgot it, but he “made up” for it a thousand times over. Not only that; but this dark experience, no doubt, fed his mind and spirit and guarded him against a repetition of it.

Never has there been a time in the long history of the world when clear-cut Christian witnessing was needed more. Communism, with its godless philosophy has raised its ugly head in a thousand places and challenges the Christian at every turn of the road. How important it is that we as individual Christians, as a Christian Church, need to make it a business of our life to witness to the “hope within us!”

Get out of the common rut! Shake off the bondage of soft-headed sentimentalism. Wed yourself to a hard-headed, soft-hearted commitment to the super-

## A PRAYER

I thank Thee, Lord, for hours when I too have known the comfort and refreshing Thou canst bring to a troubled mind. Yet wilt Thou teach me the secret of a constant victory over doubt and fear and anxious care. Teach me to stay my imagination upon Thee; make Thyself so real to me that no distress or danger shall rob me of the sense of Thy presence and the assurance of my safety in Thy kind and loving care. So may every troubling thought confess Thy power and be led captive to Thy obedience. Amen.

— Methodist Recorder

lative teaching of our Lord. Be a dedicated disciple of the Lord Christ — “always ready to give a reason for the hope that is within you!”

This is the kind of Christianity that will sweep the world and kindle a fire of hopefulness in the heart of a longing, waiting, hungry world.

## In Which Pew Are You?

By VERGIL E. QUEEN

In most churches there are quite a number of pews that look very much alike, but are really widely different.

There is, first of all, the Critical pew. It watches the minister with an eagle eye; even when he makes an impression on all the other pews, our Critical Pew remains silent. The choir knows it and grows nervous. The singing is too light or too heavy. The sexton comes in for his share of attention, for the church is always too hot or too cold. The Critical Pew finds everything except blessing.

Then there is the Irregular Pew. Sometimes it is full, sometimes it is empty. On special occasions you may safely count upon its presence, but when a special missionary effort is to be made or funds raised for a new church home, you will make little mistake if you reckon upon that pew's tenants being elsewhere. The Irregular Pew enjoys very little blessing.

On the other side of the church is the Cordial Pew. It is radiant with sunshine, greets other pews with genuine cordiality, extends a handshake to any visitors, and listens with joy to the words of life. On the way out, the Cordial Pew fairly beams. “Most inspiring sermon. The singing was fine.” There was a good

deal of blessing received by the occupants of the Cordial Pew.

But last there is the Prayerful Pew. It spends a moment or two with bowed head in silent prayer on entering. It comes to worship, and brings the spirit of worship along. It sings heartily, hears the sermon prayerfully. When the minister rises to preach, he unconsciously turns toward the Prayerful Pew. Then his heart grows warm, his spirit is afire, and his voice rings out in clarion tones of victory.

In which of these pews will you be found as you come to worship in the Lord's house?

## Steeple Echoes

By T. R. JENKINS

Dr. Frank W. Peters, in *The Methodist Layman*, makes this observation:

“You can not lift as much with a hammer in your hand. A hammer is a very useful tool in the hands of one who knows how to use it; but the other day I saw a man trying to move some furniture with a hammer in his hand. He scratched the furniture and the woodwork, and hurt his hand.

“He reminded me of so many people I have known. If they could stop knocking, lay down the hammer and really start lifting, many of the things they complain about could be changed or improved greatly. Most of all, their own personal attitude would be changed.

“Builders and wreckers both use hammers — but how differently! When you are inclined to knock and find fault just remember that a hammer in the hands of a master carpenter can be a thing of beauty, but the same hammer in the hands of a child could destroy in a matter of minutes what skilled workmen had taken hours to build. You can be a builder or a wrecker — it is all up to you.

“Why not lay down your hammer and really start lifting? Try praise in place of fault-finding. Be proud of yourself, your home, your church, your country, your freedom. Build up a sustained enthusiasm for and about something. Go to church regularly. Be there and up front. If you know you should take a more active part in the program of the church, then do it and enjoy it.

“Believe big, plan big, and live big, and you will be surprised how your own life will expand!”

It could not be better said, could it?



# N. C. Conference Holds 125th Annual Session at Rocky Mount

By DALLAS MALLISON

The repercussions and effects of the 125th Annual Session of the N. C. Methodist Conference held at Rocky Mount's First Methodist Church June 27-30 will continue for many years to come, for it was an important, most interesting and unusually colorful event.

Presiding was Bishop Paul N. Garber, who was performing this chore for his tenth annual regular session. Continuing as conference secretary was the Rev. W. C. Wilson of Durham, in his eighth consecutive annual session in this capacity.

## Leading Statistics

Membership: Total members reported last year, 189,608; Received on profession of faith, 5,064; Received from other Methodist churches, 4,284; Received from other denominations, 1,585; Removed by transfer to other Methodist churches, 4,223; Removed by Quarterly Conferences, 890; Removed to other denominations, 1,247; Removed by death, 1,658; Total present membership, 192,523, a net gain since last year of 2,915, or a net percent annual gain of nearly 1.6. This is greater than the national average for Methodism and faster than eastern Carolina is gaining in population. Total membership is an all-time record.

Baptisms: Number of infants baptized, 2,160; other baptisms, 3,434; Preparatory members on rolls, 12,347.



Bishop Paul N. Garber (center) and Dr. W. C. Ball, Rocky Mount District Superintendent (right), go over the program with the Rev. Leon Russell, host pastor (First Methodist Church at Rocky Mount), before the annual session got underway on Monday afternoon, June 27. (Photo by courtesy Rocky Mount Evening Telegram).

Church School: Number of officers and teachers, 11,796; Nursery Home members, 3,702; Children, 40,718; Youth, 27,061; Adult Home members, 2,963; Adult members, 58,038; Total membership, 144,278; Average attendance, 81,581. This is a net loss over the past year of 2,920 or nearly 2.0 percent, last year's total being 147,198. In fact, this is just an increase of only 113 over the total reported two years ago which was 144,165. Number of church schools, 788; Number attending Vacation Bible schools, 36,792; Number joining church on profession of faith from church schools, 844; Amount of church school offering for World Service and Benevolences, \$53,580.

WSCS: Number of Societies, 722; Number of members, 30,688; Amount raised for local work, \$270,747.

Methodist Men: Number of charter groups, 272; number of members, 8,829.

Combined Benevolences: \$1,026,394.

Advance Specials: General, \$35,401; Conference Specials, \$37,194.

Grand total raised from all sources, \$9,026,628.

## Social Concerns

Three resolutions were introduced in the field of Christian Social Concerns and all three were strongly endorsed.

The first deplores the use of capital punishment and urges its abolition. It declares that this form of punishment is neither "morally justifiable or socially effective."

The second deplores the attacks in recent months on churches and churchmen in this country which arose out of the infamous remarks contained in the Air Force Manual that were later repudiated by the Air Force. It strongly backs the National Council of Churches. These charges were that communism is infiltrating American religion.

The third calls upon Congress to pass pending legislation calling for the prohibition of the present sale and serving of alcoholic beverages on commercial American aircraft.

## Bishop's Return

A fourth resolution approved unanimously asks the approaching Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference to reassign Bishop Paul N. Garber to the

Richmond Area. The bishop indicated that he would be very happy to return.

## Minimum Salaries

Minimum salaries were hiked \$100 a year all along the line. This is the new scale:

\$3,300 for a single minister serving full time

\$3,600 for a married minister serving full time

\$4,000 for a married minister with dependent children serving full time

Improved special provisions for student pastors.

## Other Resolutions

Approved was a special report of a new study group, "The Committee on Corporations Auxiliary to and controlled by the Conference." Section two of this report was hotly contested and finally adopted. Referring specifically to board of trustee funds which have been or which will be turned over to the Methodist Foundation, Inc., for investment, section two requires that such funds be maintained in separate accounts from all other funds and not "commingled" or merged with other funds as is now the practice.

After attempts were made to defeat this section, a resolution was adopted to refer the contested section to the Judicial Council for a ruling. However, the whole report remains in force as of now. If upheld by the Council, the disputed section will continue to be effective.

## Headquarters Building

Another hotly contested resolution, and a surprise one, concerned the proposed headquarters building planned for location on a site donated by the Methodist Children's Home in Raleigh. The resolution would have set up a specially-named committee to study the



Terry Sanford (center) is shown talking here with J. Nelson Gibson, Jr., conference lay leader (left) and Ray Bandy, prominent Rocky Mount layman. Sanford, a prominent Methodist layman, was a surprise visitor. (Photo courtesy evening Telegram).





Twenty-three ministers were admitted to full connection. These are, from left to right, front row: Rudolph Hodge, Raleigh; G. T. Alexander, Mebane; P. P. Midgett III, Oxford; W. E. Pickett, Gates; C. R. Calloway, Kittrell; Murray Lee De Hart, Jr., Elizabeth City; L. D. Sproull, Clark-ton; C. E. Sparks, Raleigh; and R. M. Gradeless, Hubert; second row: D. W. Burttram, Troy; J. C. Stanford, Burlington; J. H. Barley, Elm City; O. W. Watson, Chapel Hill; E. P. Osteen, Rocky Point; Robert Mangum, Pembroke; J. G. White, Jr., Biscoe; and W. F. Medlin, Halifax; back row: W. P. Lowdermilk, Fayetteville; Neil H. Thompson, Fair Bluff; J. S. Epperson, Jacksonville; R. F. Bundy, Swan Quarter; J. W. Moore, Rocky Mount; and C. F. Eakin, Leland. (Photo courtesy Rocky Mount Evening Telegram).

entire situation while the building was held up, to report back one year from now with alternate recommendations.

This resolution was finally defeated after a compromise resolution was adopted. This compromise resolution is that the bishop name a committee of his own choosing to study the matter and to report back its findings and recommendations at a special session of the Conference on Sept. 1 or as soon after as possible.

At the last session of the Conference on Thursday morning, Bishop Garber announced the membership of the joint study committee. He called for an initial meeting of the group to be held on Friday, July 8, at Edenton Street Church in Raleigh. By the time this story is released to the reading public, this session will be held.

### World Service

Defeated was an effort to speed up collection of World Service apportionments which have been accepted by the Conference. The new apportionment calls for an increase of about \$100,000 for the new quadrennium over the amount accepted for the last quadrennium. The resolution that was defeated would have effected the collection of the total World Service apportionment of some \$250,000 during this year, rather than spreading it over the next three years as is the present practice in the N. C. Conference.

### Public Relations

Set up was a new quadrennial group to study the public relations and press needs of the Conference and report

with recommendations at next year's annual session. This new group is called "The N. C. Conference Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information." The group met just after adjournment and organized.

Annual Conference secretary, the Rev. W. C. Wilson, announced his list of assistant secretaries for the coming year. A new member of the list was the writer of this article who becomes assistant secretary in charge of public relations. This list was approved by the delegates by formal vote.

### Press Coverage

The coverage of this annual session was undoubtedly the best and most extensive in history. Besides special reporters from several larger dailies, the press relations secretary made telephone reports several times daily to both Associated Press and United Press-International bureaus in Raleigh, these reports in turn being relayed to every subscribing newspapers in the entire state.

In addition, the press relations secretary recorded one-minute telecasts by telephone twice daily for reproduction over Radio Station WPTF in Raleigh and TV Station WNCT in Greenville. A 15-minute summary was carried by the local Rocky Mount Station WEED which gave good coverage to the session.

The Rocky Mount Evening Telegram carried several columns daily in pictures and stories written by the press relations secretary. This paper carried a full-page spread in its Sunday Feature

Section the day before the session opened. Several of the photos carried with this story are by courtesy of the Evening Telegram.

Among the dailies with special correspondents covering the sessions were the News and Observer, Raleigh Times, Durham Herald, Durham Sun, and, of course, the Evening Telegram.

### Next Meeting

The 126th Annual Session set for late June next year will be held at Trinity Methodist Church in Durham. The new pastor of this church is the Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr.

### Rural Pastor Honored

Announced for the first time was a signal honor to one of the members of the Conference, the Rev. E. C. Crawford, pastor of Salem Methodist Church at Fayetteville. He has been named by the Progressive Farmer as "The Most Outstanding Rural Pastor in North Carolina During 1960." He will receive his citation at Emory University.

### New Appointments

The new appointments were highlighted by the naming of two new district superintendents. The Rev. M. W. Lawrence takes the place of the Rev. H. M. McLamb as Goldsboro district superintendent. Dr. W. L. Clegg becomes new Burlington district superintendent, taking the place of Dr. A. P. Brantley.

For the Conference as a whole there was a minimum of turnover in local pastoral appointments. The percentage varied from district to district and city to city, but on the whole it is not over



one-fourth of the total list of nearly 500 pastoral appointments.

#### **Women's Activities**

Conference ministers' wives and their association played a prominent part in the annual session. This was also true of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The Ministers' Wives Association held its annual business session and dinner and outlined its program for the new year. The parsonage committee of the Association made a special report on its activities and program to the Conference.

Ministers' wives and other ladies were honored by a Tea given by the W.S.C.S. Mrs. H. C. Turlington of Dunn, new president of the W.S.C.S., brought fraternal greetings to the delegates from her organization.

#### **Sanford's Visit**

One of the great high moments of the 1960 session was the surprise visit of Democratic Gubernatorial Nominee Terry Sanford of Fayetteville, a prominent Methodist layman. Sanford was warmly greeted by Bishop Garber and introduced by him in glowing terms, including the statement that Sanford is prospective Presidential timber.

Sanford, now chairman of the board of trustees at Methodist College and with a long record of service in Methodism, replied that he was grateful for the chance to lead the state in bringing a "new day" to North Carolina. He was not sure of the bishop's reception because lately, he said, he had been engaged in much monkey "business," meaning politics. He was given a rising ovation.

#### **Bishop's Warmth**

Usually a very warm and friendly person, Bishop Garber was even more so this time, his tenth annual regular session of the Conference. He broke down as he told of his late wife who died during the past year and said he wanted to devote the remainder of his life to his church which he said was now his "only family."

#### **Children's Home**

One of the finest and best received programs was the special presentation of the Methodist Home for Children. Highlighting this event were special numbers rendered by a large choral group from the Home.

Outlined in detail, and accepted by the delegates, were ambitious plans for expansion and modernization of the 50-year-old Home, located in Raleigh. The

plans call for the immediate construction of a chapel and two modern cottages, and ultimately 10 new cottages, all on the eastern or Glenwood Avenue side of the campus. Implicit in the plans was the assumption that the Home will remain permanently where it is now located.

#### **Church Extension**

Three new churches have been organized during the past year, and several more are definitely planned for organization during this year. During the past 75 months a total of 75 new churches have been organized, at the rate of one per month. This sets a record for all Methodism.

The three new congregations organized during the year just ended include the Glendale Heights Church in Durham, Garber Church in New Bern, and West Nash Church in Wilson.

#### **Some Record**

Methodists are great drinkers when it comes to non-alcoholic beverages, especially during hot months. This is indicated by the fact that over 10,000 soft drinks were consumed at this annual session.

#### **Fraternal Greetings**

Fraternal greetings from the Virginia Conference were brought by Dr. W. W. McIntyre, Staunton, Va., district superintendent. Greetings from the N. C. Conference of the Central Jurisdiction were brought by the Rev. John G. Corry, pastor of the Leaksville Church of the Central Jurisdiction.

#### **New Classes**

A total of 23 ministers were admitted to Full Connection to the Conference. These are listed under the picture taken of them.

Ministers admitted On Trial include John Cleveland Andrews, Douglas Leon Byrd, William Paul Callahan, Robert Mitchell Drew, Kenneth Earl Halcott, Robert Gentry Harris, Jr., Jack Legrand Hunter, Vassar Wilson Jones, Richard Arthur Lewis, Eugene Thomas Long III, Etheridge Merrell Rhiner, William Devine Sabiston III, William Gray Sharpe IV, Paul Elliott Moss, Jr., Robert McDonald Poulk, Richard Robert Blakenhorn, Hyder Ferguson Crawley, William Smith Davenport, William Everette Eason, Rembert Charles Hamilton, Jake Locklear, and Samuel Street Moore.

Several persons were consecrated as ministers of music, directors of Christian education, and deaconesses.

### **Trustees and Officers Elected For N. C. Wesleyan College**

Mr. Luther W. Hill of Tarboro was re-elected chairman of the board of trustees of North Carolina Wesleyan College at the recent annual meeting in Rocky Mount.

Dr. J. E. Garlington of Wilmington was re-elected vice-chairman, while E. E. Adkins of Rocky Mount and J. Curtis Ellis of Nashville were re-elected secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Other members elected to the executive committee were Dr. C. D. Barclift of Durham, P. K. Gravely of Rocky Mount, and Mrs. Pierce Johnson of Weldon.

Mr. John T. Minges, prominent business man of Rocky Mount, was elected to a four-year term. He is currently president of the Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce.

Re-elected for four-year terms were: E. C. Brooks, Jr., of Durham; E. F. Duke, Rocky Mount; Dr. J. E. Garlington, Wilmington; Page K. Gravely, Rocky Mount; and the Rev. Leon Russell of Rocky Mount.

The board of trustees re-elected the following as officers of North Carolina Wesleyan College, Incorporated: Thomas A. Collins, president; R. Russell Braswell, vice-president; E. E. Adkins, secretary, and J. Curtis Ellis, treasurer.

President Thomas A. Collins reported on the progress as the college prepares for its initial opening September 19, 1960. The Administration Building, Science Building and Classroom Building will be completed, with the dormitories and cafeteria under construction.

Students are enrolled, with a freshman class of 125-150 anticipated. The faculty is preparing to offer an excellent curriculum.

### **Goodbye to One, Welcome to Another**

The congregation of Sunset Park Church, Wilmington, is made up of a very gracious people. They love and support their preachers. On Sunday afternoon, June 26, being the final Sunday before annual conference, and knowing their pastor was being assigned to the editorship of the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, after serving a delightful four-year pastorate there, they held a going-away party in the Social Hall of the church, at which time they presented the pastor's wife with a beautiful hand-painted picture of the Greenfield Gardens, the show place of Wilmington during the Azalea Festival. Also the pastor was presented with a handsome 21-jewel Hamilton Railway Special gold watch with initials engraved on the back. Then, on Sunday afternoon, July 10, a reception was held for the new pastor, the Rev. Paul Browning, his wife and daughter Sherry. With that kind of spirit expressing appreciation for the retiring pastor and the incoming pastor, we feel sure the work of the church will be carried on in a fine way. When people love the Lord they love the preacher, and when they love the preacher they support the church. What this church did is only a reflection of what many churches in the two conferences have done within the past few weeks.



# Dedication and Giving

By FLOYD A. SOUTHARD\*

Having served with the Finance Committee and the Building Fund for several years, and now chairman of the Every Member Canvass, I welcome the opportunity to express some thoughts concerning our gifts and tithes to the church. This is a touchy subject and many people are prone to develop fidgets when this comes up; however, money is just as vital to our church as it is to our business or home.

Jesus talked more about our material possessions than any other subject. Thirteen of His thirty-two parables deal with "stewardship" (a soft, comfortable word to denote Methodist giving). He makes it clear that God is sovereign and owner of all we possess, and only as our share of this world's goods is invested in His service are we faithful disciples.

Jesus did not hate money. A system of barter is necessary for every society. What He did hate, though, was the fact that money keeps some people from God. It is not an evil in itself, but it so bewitches the souls of some men that they forget God. Jesus spent most of His time with the poor and needy, but He had money dealings with those of means. He ate with them, engaged in conversation with them, stayed with them, and again and again he warned of the dangers of money. Material blessings can be the key to great evil or it can be a great comfort and consolation. It just depends on how our conscience dictates the disposition of it.

The Bible teaches that we are to be faithful stewards of our money and property, whether we have little or much. God commands it, human needs require it, and gratitude demands it. God has put us in a situation where we cannot advance the cause of Christ without money. Church operations, ministers depend on Christians for their support. We have to agree with the Bible that material blessings exist for people and not people for them.

No man really owns anything. He is merely entrusted with possessions and earthly goods for a short while; and when his work is done, others become stewards of the same property. We can't

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take it with us, nor can we send it on in advance. We can be sure though that Jesus said we are accountable to God for the use we make of all our blessings here. William Colgate became a great philanthropist. He was encouraged by a friend who reminded him that the soap he made came from God and surely he should share some of his earnings with him.

God has faith in us and blesses us so abundantly in spite of our neglect and selfishness. In America, the land of Christians, we give one-half of 1% of our incomes for religion. What a pity! If God only gave us air to breathe and water to drink, He would deserve more. We have the habit of looking for loose change and left-overs when our church finances are discussed. We think of everything else before we do the church. This will never warm a heart, strengthen a family, build a church, advance the cause of Christ, nor lay claim to an eternal home. We may fool our neighbors or our children, but we can't fool God. A church is just as dependent on every member pulling his load as our church building is dependent on every brick in its foundation. It is risky to take a free ride in God's work. He doesn't do business that way. All of us are pressed to be able to pay for what we want or see. Regardless of what our incomes are, our needs and desires increase in exact proportion. The difference is in where we place our values and emphasis. There is a good rule to follow: Give God the first share of your increase and He will help you distribute the rest of your pay check in the proper place, and see that you have just exactly enough. We have the habit of getting the cart before the horse always. In this it is a tragic mistake, maybe fatal.

There are those who try to outwit their conscience and never allow themselves to think and meditate about their amount of gifts to God. How stupid would it be to consider a new home or car without consulting the cost in money! Likewise it is poor judgment to consider your name enrolled in God's kingdom without figuring the cost. The church should be just as important in

our budget as food. God suffers, our church suffers, our children suffer, and so does the community, when we leave His check out.

I am afraid that the word, *Tithe*, makes cold chills run up and down our backs when it is mentioned. Sometimes, I fear some Methodists believe that this word was coined by the bishop or created by the Baptists. Tithing is as old as the Bible and comes straight from God. It means simply this: God intends for us to count up our increase (our take home pay, so to speak), and count out a minimum of 10% and with a happy, willing, and loving heart, leave it at God's altar for the advancement of His name and kingdom. Now, when we fail to do this, we are not up to par in our stewardship, and when we are not loyal financially, we are not in tune with God at all. You just can't worship and love God without parting with a respectable share of your blessings, whether they be money, possessions, deeds or talents. You would be pretty close to correct in saying that your gifts and tithes are a good yardstick of your faith and love for Jesus Christ.

Today, as never before, people are looking for places to place or invest their money. They can't decide whether to buy bonds, stocks, or place in savings. As usual, we try to make a hard task out of it. The best investment on the market today, with the greatest interest and dividends is the Church of Jesus Christ. There are no "crashes" — you can't lose.

The Bible is full of advice on stewardship, if we would just read it. There are passages after passages about our money and possessions. We don't want to read it, though. It might cost us some money. It will cost God and the church if we don't.

If you have problems with your finances, and most do, problems or dislikes in the church, conflicts and frictions of money nature, dedicate your tithes to God and He will do great things for you.

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## DR. PENNINGTON TO TALK ON 'CHURCH OF AIR'

The Rev. Dr. Chester A. Pennington, pastor of Hennepin Avenue Church in Minneapolis, will be the guest speaker on the Columbia Broadcasting System's radio program, "Church of the Air," Sunday, July 24, at 9:30 a.m., *Eastern Standard Time*. The chancel choir of the church will sing. The broadcast will be produced by the CBS-Radio Network in cooperation with the Television, Radio and Film Commission of The Methodist Church, which is headquartered in Nashville, Tenn.



# Woman's Society News

## N. C. Conference

By MARY GARDNER



### Courses, Instructors Announced for N. C. C. School of Missions

Courses of study and instructors for the 1960 N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service Annual School of Missions and Christian Service, August 8-12, have been announced by Mrs. Sam A. Dunn, the school's general chairman.

The course, "Basic Christian Beliefs," is designed to lead Christians to examine, affirm and implement in daily living the doctrines which differentiate Christianity from other religions. It will be taught by Dr. Thomas A. Langford and Dr. Frederick Herzog, both of Duke University.

A native of Winston-Salem, N. C., Dr. Langford received his A.B. degree from Davidson College and his B.D. from Duke University Divinity School. He is a member of the National Association of Biblical Instructors, the Board of Directors of the YMCA and the Duke University Religious Council, and is an ordained minister in the Western N. C. Conference. Dr. Langford is currently assistant professor of the undergraduate school, Duke University.

Dr. Herzog is a member of the United Church of Christ Commission to Prepare a Statement of Faith; a member of the Theological Committee of the Evangelical and Reformed Church of the North America Theological Committee on Worship and the World Council of Churches. He is a native of North Dakota.

A study of "Heritage and Horizons in Home Missions" is a panoramic view of 20th century world, pointing up its many types of people and their relationships to the church. The instructors for this course will be Mrs. Henry Barnett and Miss Roma Cupp.

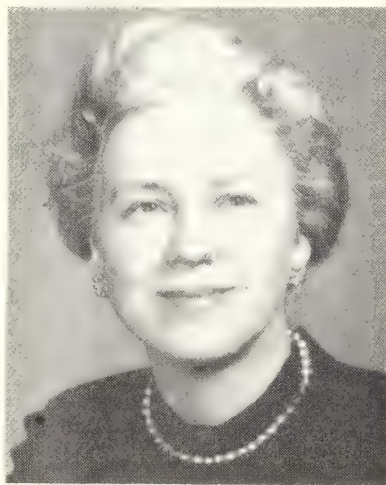


MISS ROMA CUPP

Mrs. Barnett, of Lakeland, Fla., is a deaconess in The Methodist Church, a former secretary of spiritual life for the Florida Conference, as well as the Lakeland District WSCS. She is also chairman of the Lakeland Board for the Florida Chain of Missionary Assemblies, and of the United Church Women of Florida.

Miss Cupp is a native of Virginia, a graduate of Scarritt College for Christian Workers, and of the School of Applied Social Science, Western Reserve University. A deaconess, Miss Cupp is now assistant professor, Department Social Group Work, Scarritt College.

The course, "Into All the World Together," is an exploration of the development, significance, and meaning for the local church and individuals of the worldwide mission in today's world. Its two instructors will be Mrs. W. B. Landrum and Dr. Henry Barnett.



MRS. HENRY BARNETT

Mrs. Landrum, of Little Rock, Ark., a field worker for the Woman's Division of Christian Service, is a former member of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church. She has had wide experience in the work of the WSCS on local, district, conference and jurisdiction levels. Mrs. Landrum was an instructor in the 1954 School of Missions at Duke University, and was a guest speaker at the nine district WSCS meetings throughout the N. C. Conference in 1955.

Dr. Barnett, also a former instructor in the conference School of Missions, has authored several books, as well as prose and verse in periodicals. He has traveled extensively in a number of foreign countries. He is on the staff of Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Fla.

"Stumbling Block," by Douglas Jackson, the text for the course, "Alcohol and Christian Responsibility," presents a new approach to an old and persistent problem



DR. THOMAS A. LANGFORD

with fresh light on the nature of alcoholism, emphasis on rehabilitation, and a reasoned appeal for abstinence.

The course's instructor, the Rev. Leon Couch, is pastor of St. Paul Methodist Church, Goldsboro. He holds degrees from Emory and Henry College and the graduate school of arts and sciences, Duke University. He has done additional graduate work at UNC, Harvard, and Columbia Universities, and has attended the Yale University School of Alcohol Studies.

## W. N. C. Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



### Vice-President's Handbook

The new Vice-President's Handbook for 1960-61 has gone to press and will be available in the late summer or early fall, said Mrs. Dow Hamrick, vice-president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Southeastern Jurisdiction at the School of Missions at Lake Junaluska this week.

The officers in the local societies are asked to watch the back page of *The Methodist*



DR. FREDERICK HERZOG



ist Woman for release dates. Current information for vice-presidents may be found monthly in this magazine.

The June issue gives working plans that may be followed, namely: "1960-61 Overall Calendar of Activities," "Calendar of Activities," and "Letter to Vice-Presidents," from the vice-president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

This issue is filled with information! Use it as you plan with the Committee on Programs for the year's work. We have a great opportunity.

### Committee on Nominations

We are living in a great day of progress and grave danger — a day in which we must have the best leaders possible.

It is a tremendous responsibility as well as an opportunity that faces a Committee on Nominations in any organization—but none greater than faces a Committee on Nominations of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. This committee is always mindful of the fact that the Conference is no stronger than its officers.

As we have come to the close of our term of office, we, the outgoing committee, look back on the four years as a "good time," a time of fellowship, study and hard work.

The districts have all been visited more than one time. It has been a great joy to meet the women whom we have known before only on paper. We are indebted to the districts for the names of women suited to Conference work — we feel the offices are all well filled and they represent the best the districts have to offer, as the committee sees it.

Mrs. David Cathcart asked the question, "How can we as Methodist women make the most effective witness?" Is there a better way than serving your Conference and the people of your Conference as good officers?

The past quadrennium has been devoted to carrying out the purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service—"To unite all of the women in Christian living and service" in "The Spirit of Christ for All of Life."

We look to the new quadrennium and ask that you give the new Committee on Nominations the same prayerful consideration and help that you have given us that, "Our Mission Today," with its four points of emphasis, may be most effective.—MRS. R. E. BISEL.

### Supply Work

At the Southeastern Jurisdiction School of Missions held last summer, Mrs. Porter Brown, Treasurer of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, told us that the Secretaries of Supply Work and the treasurers are the two supporting lines of work of the whole Woman's Division. It has been a blessing to me and a pleasure to serve as Conference Secretary of Supply Work for

the past six years. Promoting Supply Work has been an unforgettable, enriching and rewarding experience.

Supply Work helps us to become better acquainted with the missionary program as we study the projects of the Woman's Division where cash and materials are designated.

It is challenging to know how many depend on our Conference to supply the needs listed in the Askings each quarter. The service we render is most valuable, for the gifts received through Supply Work have become a very dependable source of help.

The response for cash and materials has been very gratifying.

During the past year our Conference has led the entire Woman's Division in Supply Work. My deep appreciation to the district and local secretaries and all of the women in the local societies who have helped to make this record possible.

My term of office expired at the recent Annual Meeting. We now turn our thoughts toward the new year, with new Askings to be met and a new Conference Secretary to promote Supply Work. It is my sincere wish that these gifts of love will continue to increase each year.

*Statistics:* Supply Work in Western North Carolina W.S.C.S.—

Total for the past year, \$35,622.66; total for the past quadrennium, \$122,400.22; total for the past six years, \$191,790.77.

—MRS. G. E. BROWN.



## Women's Workshop Set For Chapel Hill

The Ninth Annual Leadership Training Workshop sponsored by the North Carolina Council of Women's Organizations will be held at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill July 18th-21st.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference is one of the sponsoring organizations. Five representatives from this group will attend the four-day workshop.

Courses to be offered will include everything from "Effective Speaking" to "Functions of State Government."

Mrs. Aubrey Mauney of Kings Mountain, state president of the North Carolina Council of Women's Organizations, will be in charge of the general sessions.

Special features of the program will be a reception at the home of President and Mrs. William C. Friday, a trip to Raleigh to the State Art Museum, a visit to the Governor's mansion, and a visit to Morehead Planetarium.

Registration may be made by writing Mrs. John Crawford, 3204 Clark Avenue, Raleigh, N. C.

## Shall We Sing?

One of the most frequent mistakes perpetrated by leaders of worship is the use of the plaintive question, "Shall we sing . . .?" Of course, we shall, and nobody doubts it, but some of us have an almost irresistible impulse to retort in the words of the television comedian, "Why not?"

But the whole question of when, how and what to sing is fraught with controversy. Many a pastor has seen a promising ministry at a local church founder on the rocks because he attempted to change the type of singing preferred by his church congregation or the choir.

For all those who desire to know more about church music from a very practical standpoint, we recommend a new book, just published by John Knox Press, "The Hymn and Congregational Singing." \* Its author is James R. Sydnor, professor of church music at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond. In this volume he has compressed the essentials of a course in hymnology, with suggestions to the leader of worship which, if followed, would be of great value to the ministers of all our churches.

One of the finest passages in this excellent book is a quotation from the writings of Dr. Joseph R. Sizoo. It tells of an encounter with a young British sailor in a serviceman's canteen during World War II:

The lad had been engaged to a British girl in his home town of St. Ives. During a five-day leave they were to be married. Arriving with joyful expectancy at St. Ives, he found to his horror a gaping hole where his fiancée's home had been. The bombers had been over. Her people and his people, and Janie, were gone.

While trying to comfort the lad, Dr. Sizoo discovered that he used to sing in the choir when he was a child. His favorite hymn was "Lead Kindly Light." At Dr. Sizoo's suggestion he began to sing it and his voice became stronger and deeper. Then together far into the night they sang "Abide With Me," "O God Our Help In Ages Past," and many other hymns.

After a long while they arose. Dr. Sizoo, looking into the eyes of the lad, asked, "Think you can sleep now?" "Yes, thank you, sir," he replied.

Arm in arm, they walked into the early morning.

—R.P.M.

\* "The Hymn and Congregational Singing," by James R. Sydnor. (John Knox Press, \$4.50.)



*In Greenville On Sept. 9*

## N. C. Conference In Special Session Will Act On Headquarters Building

By DALLAS MALLISON

For the purpose of taking definite action on a proposal to erect a conference headquarters building in Raleigh on a site donated by the Methodist Children's Home, the N. C. Annual Conference will meet in special session at Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church in Greenville on Friday, Sept. 9, convening at 10:30 a.m.

The specific purpose of the delegates will be to hear and act on the findings and recommendations of a special joint study committee set up at the June annual session to make a thorough investigation of the plans for the proposed building and report back with recommendations at a later special session.

At its initial session at Edenton Street Methodist Church in Raleigh on Friday, July 8, the committee voted 20-3 in favor of the plans which had been originally submitted by a special headquarters committee set up by authority of the conference at its regular session two years ago.

The minority view at the Raleigh meeting will be voiced at the Greenville session for it was agreed at the July 8th meeting that the minority report might go in with the report of the majority if the minority desired. From all indications, this will be the case and the delegates at Greenville will hear two viewpoints.

Plans for the headquarters building became the subject of controversy within Methodist ranks at the 1956 annual session at Rocky Mount last month. At that time the plans for the building were held up pending the outcome of a special joint study committee authorized by the delegates to go into the matter.

### Building Plans

The chairman of the building committee, the Rev. O. L. Hathaway of Raleigh, reporting for his group in Rocky Mount, informed the delegates that actual grading for the proposed building was well under way. He also told them that plans had been completed by Charles W. Davis, Jr., a Raleigh architect, and that bids had already been advertised to be received in August.

The proposed plans came under fire at Rocky Mount when two prominent members of the conference contended that the building would be too large and too luxurious and be in competition with private business. They were the Rev. Graham S. Eubank, Raleigh district superintendent, and the Rev. Paul Carruth, pastor of Hayes-Barton Church in Raleigh.

The opponents tried unsuccessfully to postpone final decision for at least one year, or until the 1961 annual session. Instead the delegates approved a compromise move by Dr. W. L. Clegg. The meeting at Edenton Street Church on July 8 grew out of this move.

Under the provisions of the Clegg resolution, a much larger study committee than the original resolution called for was set up to study and make recommendations in the matter at a special session of the Conference to be held on Sept. 1 or as soon thereafter as possible.

At the end of five hours of exhaustive discussion on the 8th, the committee decided overwhelmingly against making any changes in the original plans which were submitted by the Rev. Mr. Hathaway's group at Rocky Mount. These plans call for a two-story, \$600,000 building of contemporary design.

### A Self-Liquidating Project

Under the blanket authorization granted the building committee two years ago, the headquarters building is to be erected at no cost to the Conference. It is proposed to pay for it eventually from income derived from rentals. Under the proposed plans Conference agencies would rent space at \$2 per square foot while non-Conference renters would pay at the rate of \$3.75 per square foot.

The committee said that verbal agreements had been made with several large firms for long-term rentals, and that it felt certain it would encounter no great difficulties in renting all available space. Eventually, of course, all the space would be required by a growing Conference after rentals had paid for the building.

### Study Committee

Under provisions of the Clegg reso-

lution, adopted at Rocky Mount, the joint study committee is composed of the bishop, the cabinet, members of the Commission on World Service and Finance, members of the Headquarters Building Committee, three laymen and three ministers appointed by the bishop.

### Objections to Plans

At the Edenton Street Church meeting the arguments against the Hathaway committee plans were primarily concerned with how far the church should go in business operations.

The Rev. Mr. Ruark said that the affairs of the church should be run on a business-like basis, but he declared many laymen are uneasy and wondering just how far the church should become involved in business operations. He urged a careful consideration of the matter from this point of view.

The Rev. Mr. Eubank declared that he felt the chief concern of the church should be with saving souls and not investments. He also declared that the church would be entering into competition with laymen as a result of the proposed rental program.

Both Ruark and Eubank indicated that they would vote against approving the plans as outlined by the building committee. Eubank also gave indication he might carry the fight to the floor of the special session in Greenville.

### Favorable Arguments

A. C. Edwards, a member of the building committee, said that he favored the original plans on grounds that the Conference agencies would need the rental space in a few years, and to delay construction until the future would inevitably result in a building costing much more than the proposed unit. He said he believed Methodist laymen were ready to go along with the project.

Another layman, Bill Price of Burlington, new chairman of the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance, said that he could see no objection to the program as originally planned.

A motion to direct Bishop Garber to appoint a committee of six members to consider the matter in detail was defeated by a substitute motion offered by T. W. Heath, Jr., of Kinston calling for recommendation of the present plans.

By an 18-5 vote the committee approved a resolution by Price naming the Rev. Mr. Queen as the group's official spokesman at the special session.

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## Ministers' Wives Meet At Rocky Mount

The Association of Ministers' Wives of the North Carolina Conference held its annual luncheon at the Rio Restaurant in Rocky Mount on Wednesday, June 29.

Table decorations were of roses, a generous gift from the gardens of several local Methodist Rosarians. The materials were donated and arrangements composed by Mrs. T. M. Grant, Mrs. Gaylor Hooks and Mrs. William Bennett in loving and grateful memory of Mrs. Paul Neff Garber.

Program for the luncheon was a fashion show, "Styles and Smiles," directed by Mrs. Thomas A. Collins, vice-president, and sponsored by Vogue Dress Shop and the Youth Shop of Rocky Mount. Families of ministers of the conference were models.

Mrs. Vergil E. Queen, president, presided over the business session. She reported on the memorial to Mrs. Paul Neff Garber. The Association of Ministers' Wives has given \$783.00 toward the purchase of the altar and altar appointments for the Garber Methodist Church in New Bern in loving memory of Mrs. Garber.

Mrs. Leon Larkin presented the following report of the Parsonage Research Committee:

"As a project of our group, we, the Association of Ministers' Wives of the North Carolina Conference, recommend

"That a quadrennial committee on parsonage standards be authorized by this Annual Conference; the committee to be composed of the president and vice-president of the Association of Ministers' Wives of the North Carolina Annual Conference, the president to be chairman of the committee; the president of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service (or someone appointed by her); the field director of the Commission on Town and Country Work; the executive secretary of the Conference Board of Missions; and two ministers' wives at large, to be appointed by the bishop. And,

"That the duties of this committee shall be to formulate a set of standards for parsonages, including buildings, furnishings and grounds, and to bring same to the 1961 Annual Conference for adoption before the brochure is printed."

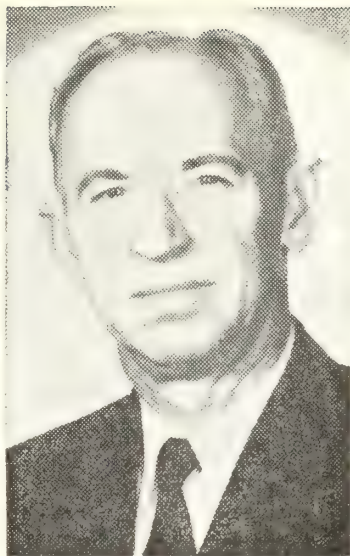
Mrs. Queen appointed the following to serve as a nominating committee to report to the next annual meeting: Mrs. James Auman, chairman; Mrs. Russell Harrison, and Mrs. Wallace Kirby.

The twelve brides and sixty-five new babies were recognized and presented gifts from Bishop Garber in keeping with the tradition established by Mrs. Garber.

—MRS. TROY BARRETT  
Secretary-Treasurer

## Five Bishops Consecrated At San Antonio Service

Five newly-chosen episcopal leaders of The Methodist Church were consecrated June 26 in San Antonio, Texas, at a service which climaxed the South Central Jurisdictional Conference. They and four other effective bishops were assigned to supervise the following areas for the next four years: Bishop Eugene Slater, elected on the



THE REV. E. C. CRAWFORD, pastor of Salem Methodist Church near Fayetteville, has been selected by the "Progressive Farmer" as the outstanding rural minister in North Carolina for the year 1960. Mr. Crawford joined the North Carolina Methodist Conference when it met in Fayetteville in the fall of 1925, and has served continuously since that time. He has taken special interest in the rural ministry and has made valuable contributions to it through statistical surveys as well as pastoral work. He was presented to the conference in Rocky Mount by Bishop Paul N. Garber who praised the work of Mr. Crawford and congratulated him on receiving this fine distinction. He is now beginning his third year as pastor of the Salem church.

Mr. Crawford has led in building education buildings for seven of his churches, including a \$30,000 building for his present church.

Both a writer and an artist, Mr. Crawford has written a series of bulletins, "The Methodist Survey," and a booklet on "The Supply Pastor in the North Carolina Conference." He is now working on a book which he calls, "The Rural Church in North Carolina," and plans another entitled, "Modern Trends in American Methodism." He has used his artistic talent for posters, signs, and chalk talks to aid his ministry.

He is active in the local Ruritan Club and American Legion, having served as State Chaplain for the Legion. He has for the last two years coached Little League baseball.

During Mr. Crawford's pastorate Salem has become a station church.

first ballot from an Amarillo pastorate, succeeds retiring Bishop Dana Dawson in the Kansas Area. Bishop Paul E. Martin was moved from Little Rock, Ark., to Houston, where he follows retiring Bishop A. Frank Smith. The Nebraska Area, supervised by Bishop Ivan Lee Holt following the death of Bishop H. Bascom Watts, will now be administered by new Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland, former pastor of Travis Park Church, San Antonio. Bishop W. Kenneth Pope, elected from First Church, Houston, goes to the Arkansas Area, and Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, formerly of First Church, Little Rock, goes to the Louisiana Area. The two states had formerly been served by Bishop Paul E. Martin as one area. Another new area, carved out of the existing areas in Texas, is the San Antonio-Northwest Texas Area, which will have as its spiritual leader Bishop Paul V. Gallo-

way, who was elected from the pastorate of Boston Avenue Church in Tulsa, Okla. Bishop W. Angle Smith of the Oklahoma-New Mexico Area, Bishop William C. Martin of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area, and Bishop Eugene M. Frank of the Missouri Area were all reassigned.

## Radio-TV Workshop July 18-21

The North Carolina Television-Radio Workshop for religious workers will be held at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill July 18-21. It is sponsored by the North Carolina Council of Churches in co-operation with the National Council of Churches and the University of North Carolina Extension Division. This workshop should be of interest to pastors, directors of Christian education, church executives, youth leaders, organists and choir directors.

The workshop is open without restriction to those who apply and meet admission requirements. However, the number of participants is limited, and requests for application and program should be sent in at once. Write Leslie J. Page, Radio-TV Workshop, Box 3367, College Station, Durham, N. C.

## Louisburg College Alumni Organized

Ministers and laymen of the North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church who are alumni of Louisburg College formed a North Carolina Conference Louisburg College Alumni Association at the recent session of the North Carolina Conference held in Rocky Mount. At a luncheon presided over by General Alumni Association President Troy Barrett of Warrenton, the fifty persons present elected the following officers: President, Rev. Charles H. Mercer, Mebane; vice-president, Rev. Samuel S. Moore, Morehead City; secretary-treasurer, Rev. R. R. Blankenhorn, Cove City.

The group will meet each year at the annual session of the North Carolina Conference.

## N. C. Conference in Special Session

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It was agreed that copies of the majority report as well as the minority report, if any, would be mailed to Conference delegates at least 10 days in advance of the Greenville meeting.

Bishop Garber, who presided at the Raleigh meeting, pointed out that the delegates to the special session would be the clergy and the same lay delegates who represented their churches at the annual session last month in Rocky Mount.

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Learning makes a good man better and an ill man worse.—Author unknown.





# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## Sorry I Accused You

"Mother, I can't find my seventeen cents anywhere," said Arthur, coming into his mother's room with quite an anxious face. "I put it right here in my overcoat pocket. It had been hanging up in the hall all day, and I do believe that new girl has taken it out. She saw me have it last night and put it away."

"Look in your pockets, Arthur. A little boy who is so apt to forget things must not be so positive that he puts his money in his pocketbook. And never accuse anyone of stealing without a shadow of evidence. This is very wrong, as well as unkind. What if Susan should lose her money and accuse you of stealing it? Remember the Golden Rule!"

"But, Mother, she looked very guilty when I said I had lost it, and that I knew someone had taken it out of my pocket."

"Very likely she did look confused on hearing you make such an unkind remark. She knew very well there was no one in the house you could suspect of taking it but herself. You might as well have said so in plain words. An innocent person is more likely to look guilty when accused of a crime than one who is hardened in wrong-doing. A gentleman once said that the most guilty-looking person he ever saw was a man arrested for stealing a horse which afterward proved to be his own."

"But what has become of my money, Mother? It's gone—that's certain."

"I believe you lost a fine top once that it was supposed a little neighbor had stolen," said his mother with a smile.

"But I couldn't have left my money in the grapevine arbor," replied Arthur.

"There are plenty of other hiding places about. Did you have on that jacket last evening?"

No, Mother; I believe I had on my gray one; but then I know I put the money in my pocketbook."

"Don't say you **know**, my dear, for it may be an untruth. Suppose you bring me your gray jacket."

Arthur walked slowly up to his room, but he walked slower still and looked very foolish when he came back to his mother's room.

## Grand Children

Some years ago we heard a grandmother say, "When I was much younger, I used to wonder why a son's or daughter's children were called **grand-children**. But now I know, because I've found out that they are the **grandest** children in all the world. Mrs. Jeff Williams, of Lawrenceville, Georgia, who wrote the charming poem "Andy's Kiss" for our page sometime ago, knows all about this, and has sent us the following poem expressing her feeling about another little **grand-son**:

### STEPHEN

*Sturdy, lovable, laughing boy,  
Robust angel, spouting joy—  
Bring your song, your sunny smile,  
And visit with me for a while.  
Little bundle of good will,  
Rosy, radiant, wonder-filled,  
Leave your dedicated play  
To fill a moment of my day.*

*Rarely a playmate—much alone—  
Some built-in radiance of his own  
Sustains this jolly little tyke,  
And keeps him gay from morn 'til nite.  
For sunshine, music, laughter, love,  
Still fresh and sweet, from realms above,  
Strangely glow in this small boy—  
A child to cherish and enjoy—  
This gifted-with-gladness, winsome boy,  
Whose baby kisses bring me joy.*

Mother understood it all at a glance, and smiled as she said, "I wonder who looks guilty this time?"

"Oh, Mother! I'm sorry, but I didn't mean to accuse Susan. I remember now, just as plain as can be, wrapping up these three five-cent pieces and two pennies in that piece of paper, and putting them into my jacket pocket."

"It's a very serious thing, Arthur, to make such an accusation as you did against an innocent person," said his mother. "What if you had mentioned it among your schoolmates? It would have been told all around—'Susan, who works at Arthur's house, steals. It's a wonder they keep her.' If she ever wanted to get another job, it would be very

hard. Even though you might try to straighten it out later, it would never undo the mischief. Many will repeat a hurtful story, who will never take the trouble to correct it."

"I'll never do it again, Mother—honest I won't," replied Arthur, as his face brightened.

"All right, son," said his mother happily. "Run now, and tell Susan you've found your money, and that you're very sorry you accused her. And try to show her you're sorry by being especially thoughtful and nice to her."—Selected.



## EXCITING EXPERIENCES

Noticing one day that the buds had burst wide open on her mother's white rose bush, little Frances exclaimed, "Oh, Mama, they've popped!"

Another day, wishing to go in wading in a stream of water nearby, she asked, "Mama, may I gargle my feet in the brook?"

Still again, seeing a robin building its nest in a tree, she cried, "Look, Mama, there's a bird crocheting a workbasket!"

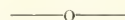
Then to cap the stack, she heard her father say it was **raining cats and dogs** one day. She went out after the storm, and soon returned disappointedly, and said, "Daddy, the cats and dogs all got away, and all I could find was two little red worms."



## CHUCKLES

Johnny: "What makes that boy down the street so tough?"

Jimmy: "His mother feeds him marble cake, rock candy, and brick ice cream."



Auntie: "What's the matter, Betsy?"

Betsy (painfully): "I p-put a nickel in the slot of the beehive for honey, and I—I got a bee instead."



## THE STORY OF JOSEPH

(Continued)

But all of them went back to Egypt, and Judah begged to be a slave instead of ————. Then Joseph knew they were no longer cruel, and he said, "I am ————, your brother. Come and live with me in ————." And they were happy together again.

The End

## Answers in Last Week's Installment

Brothers — food — servant — cup — Benjamin's — cup — slave — cup — sack.



# International Sunday School Lesson

FOR JULY 17

By RAYMOND A. SMITH

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## WHAT IS TRUE SECURITY?

Background Scripture: Amos 6

Lesson Scripture: Amos 6:1-8

Continuing our studies in Amos, we turn in this lesson to his attack upon the false sense of security which he saw being exhibited by his contemporaries. If we ask ourselves what the chief interest of many of us is today, we shall likewise find that security of one kind or another is, for multiplied millions, the chief aim in life. This is seen not only in governmental security for the aged; it is said to be one of the chief aims of youth as well. Many, if not most, young people today show little discontent with things as they are. Rather, they wish to get a secure foothold on the economic ladder, to become "organization men" and to advance their financial interests.

We need not discuss the limitations of financial and social security. We all know people who have had more than sufficient wealth for their needs and yet have lived and died in unhappiness and fear. Many today would gladly give up much of their economic security if they could be sure of emotional and spiritual security. But this comes only with a vital faith that life, in the words of the poet, "means intensely and it means good." It comes with a sense of mission, the feeling that "I am here for a purpose, and there is work for me to do." It may come also with a sense of self-acceptance; that is, a recognition of one's limitations, as well as of the possibilities that lie buried in each of us. Furthermore, it comes with a conviction that there are available to us all those super-human resources upon which we may draw in order to do what we ought to do and to be what we ought to be.

Turning now to our Biblical material, we hear the prophet's warning: "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion." This illustrates the age-old truth that the very people who think they are safe are often the ones who are really most insecure. Amos reviews the history of the surrounding little nations who had fallen prey to great empires on the prowl for booty and slaves. "Are they better than these kingdoms?" (see verse 2) should, according to some scholars, read thus: "Are you any better than these kingdoms?" It certainly makes more sense when read that way. The meaning, then, comes to be something like this: "You people of Israel, who are you to think that you can frustrate the divine laws of growth and survival?" In a later lesson (August 28) we shall deal with the question of international security at greater length, but here it might be well to ask the question: "Can America be exempt from the divine laws which have governed the rise and fall of nations during all human history?" Will God set aside these laws in our favor, or are we subject to the principle: "Whoever a man (or nation) sows that must he (or it) also reap?" For example, can we postpone indefinitely the settlement of the hundreds of billions of dollars we now owe, so that we can indulge in more and more luxuries which we fondly call "the American way of life?"

Amos also scores the tendency "to put far away the evil day" (verse 3). We need to remember that postponing the settlement of a problem doesn't always mean the problem will go away. Hezekiah, Louis XIV and Chamberlain all followed the policy of "peace in my time," apparently not realizing that this would not mean

peace forever. If we do not meet and struggle successfully with the problems we have, it means that we will surely pass them on to our children to solve - or fail to solve.

Amos doesn't deal in generalities. He pin-points the evil tendencies of his age. Read carefully verses 4-6 for the details. Here, if ever in history, is the picture of a nation absorbed mainly in inventing ways to amuse itself and indulge itself while the dark cloud of national doom hovers on the horizon. The words of Amos: "*They are not grieved over the ruin of the nation*" might be written in large letters over the door of many a place of amusement and indulgence from coast to coast. Perhaps our greatest danger lies in those citizens who live only for the moment's satisfaction and concern themselves not at all with the welfare of their country.

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## In Memoriam

**PEELE** — We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the LaGrange Methodist Church, LaGrange, N. C., do truly mourn the loss of our beloved friend and co-worker, Mrs. Mary Wooten Peele, who on April 11, 1960, went to take the place reserved for her among the blessed.

Mrs. Mary Wooten Peele loved her church and was faithful to many phases of its work. As a member and co-worker in the Woman's Society of Christian Service, she was always ready, willing, and cooperative; she served when and where she was needed most. She was an active and enthusiastic member and gave generously and cheerfully of her time, her ability, and her means. Many times she sent groceries to needy families.

Since early life this servant of God has been active in church affairs. Her church was dear to her heart, and her efforts and accomplishments in its behalf have been untiring and devoted. She was truly a vital part of everything to which she belonged.

Mrs. Mary Wooten Peele's gentle spirit and strong Christian faith was a daily expression in her home, in her church, and to all who knew her.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the memory of her loyal and beautiful life always inspire us to dedicate ourselves to finding greater opportunities for Christian service.

MRS. E. A. WALTERS

President, LaGrange W.S.C.S.

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Sec. Promotion, LaGrange W.S.C.S.

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Christ is not valued at all unless He be valued above all. — Augustine.

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## Dr. Blackstock Editing Book of Pearson's Poems

A project of interest to all North Carolinians will be the work presently being done by Dr. Walter Blackstock, Associate Professor of English at High Point College. Dr. Blackstock has been selected as the special editor of the forthcoming *Selected Poems* of James Larkin Pearson. A special feature of Dr. Blackstock's work will be a critical introduction to this work. Mr. Pearson is the present poet-laureate of the state of North Carolina. From five volumes of Pearson's poems, Dr. Blackstock has chosen eighty poems in the interest of literary learning for inclusion in this publication. The new volume of Pearson's poems, arranged and edited by Professor Blackstock, will be published during the summer of 1960 by the Heritage Press, Charlotte, North Carolina.

During the month of May, 1960, Dr. Blackstock's eighth and newest book of his own poems was published by The Golden Quill Press, Francetown, New Hampshire. The title chosen for this new volume is "Miracle of Flesh."

Professor Blackstock published his first book, "Quest for Beauty," with Dorrance in 1942. In 1954-55 he received a Ford Foundation Faculty Fellowship for a year's study at Harvard under Archibald MacLeish. Born in Atlanta, Georgia, Dr. Blackstock holds a number of degrees, including a Ph.D. in American Literature from Yale.

## Methodist Series in The Protestant Hour

Beginning Sunday, July 31, and running through Sunday, October 2, Dr. Waights C. Henry, Jr., president of LaGrange College, LaGrange, Georgia, will be presented over radio on the Methodist Series of the Protestant Hour on 375 radio stations in America, plus the Armed Forces Radio Network in all parts of the world.

This radio program was begun on January 1, 1946 on a 17-station public service network. It is now celebrating its 15th year of continuous cooperative public service radio broadcasts. There are five major denominations which cooperate in this broadcast series, thus presenting the gospel to listeners in all parts of the world.

The series of sermons to be presented by Dr. Henry will be marked by their insight into the needs of the individual and ways by which the Christian gospel may help people in their everyday Christian living, and we trust they shall have a wide hearing. Sermon topics are as follows: July 31, "Life After Death;" August 7, "Begin Where You Are;" August 14, "Fingers in the Pie;" August 21, "The Facts We Face in Rearing a Family;" August 28, "How to Have a Healthy Mind;" Sept. 5, "Lift That Load;" Sept. 11, "The Sweetness of Sorrow;" Sept. 18, "When a Home Is Breaking Up;" Sept. 25, "You Can Talk With God;" October 2, "When You Are Half a Hundred."

The series is presented by the Joint Radio Committee of the Southeastern and South Central Jurisdictions, in cooperation with the Television, Radio and Film Commission of the Methodist Church. Consult local radio stations for time.

## North Carolinian Honored

A native of North Carolina, the Rev. James Edwin Rogers, chaplain of the Veterans Administration Hospital of Atlanta, Georgia, was recently awarded the honorary degree of doctor of laws by the John Marshall Law School of Atlanta. At the time of the presentation he delivered the commencement address to the graduates.

Upon being conferred the degree he was cited for his exemplary ministry in the pastoral care of the sick. His writings and poetry pertaining to the sick have been widely accepted. His leadership in pastoral care seminars has presented him as one of America's younger leaders in this field.

Born in Rose Hill, he attended the public schools in Rose Hill and Raleigh. He is a graduate of Atlantic Christian College and Duke University Divinity School. Upon graduation of the Divinity School he joined the South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church. During World War II he served in medical units both in this country and the South Pacific theater. In the South Pacific he was selected as the Armed Forces radio preacher for a period of six months. He is now a member of the North Carolina Conference.

He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Edward Rogers of Rose Hill.

## St. Luke, Goldsboro, Holds Laymen's Retreat

St. Luke Methodist Church, Goldsboro, held a Laymen's Retreat Saturday and Sunday, July 9 and 10. The retreat was held at the church and at Newsome's Lake. Robert Rose, district lay leader, opened the service on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. A group discussion on "Lay Activities and Opportunities" was led by Nelson Gibson, conference lay leader. Games and recreation were led by Bob Buckner, and at 5:45 Rev. Wade Goldston spoke on "The Holy Spirit." After supper, Rev. George C. Megill, pastor, led in a Galilean Service, and Rev. Leon Couch of St. Paul Church, spoke on "The Pastor's Dependence on the Laymen." An inspirational message was given by Fred M. Avett, Clyde Dagenhart led a period of hymn-singing, and H. E. Gibbons spoke on "Closing the Day With God." On Sunday morning at 6:15 Rev. Wade Goldston spoke on "Beginning the Day With God." After the breakfast period, the Rev. Mark W. Lawrence, district superintendent, conducted a consecration and communion service, and Rev. Wade Goldston spoke at the morning worship at 11:00 o'clock.

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## Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference Meets at Lake Junaluska

The four hundred sixteen official delegates representing the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church, met in quadrennial session at beautiful Lake Junaluska in the Smoky Mountains of western North Carolina at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 13, 1960. Bishop Arthur J. Moore, of Atlanta, Ga., the senior bishop of the Jurisdiction, opened the session and presided at the first meeting. Following the singing of the historic hymn, "And Are We Yet Alive?" written by Charles Wesley for such occasions, and led by Prof. Glenn Draper of Pfeiffer College, the conference was organized and settled down to transact the business at hand. Dr. Don A. Cooke, member of the Florida Conference, was re-elected secretary. Since Dr. Cooke is to assume his duties as general secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance of the Methodist Church on January 1, 1961, he will continue in office until that time, when the Rev. Chas. D. White of the Western North Carolina Conference will succeed him. Elected to serve at this session with Dr. Cooke were the Rev. Chas. D. White as first assistant, and the Rev. W. Carleton Wilson of the North Carolina Conference as assistant and secretary of the Conference Journal.

There are nine states and Cuba represented in the Southeastern Jurisdiction. These are Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Mississippi. Within these states there are 17 annual conferences, being North Georgia, South Georgia, Alabama-West Florida, North Alabama, South Carolina, Western North Carolina, Mississippi, North Mississippi, Cuba, Florida, Kentucky, Louisville, Memphis, Holston, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Virginia. The Jurisdictional Conference is made up of one ministerial delegate for every thirty ministerial members of an annual conference, or major fraction thereof, and an equal number of lay delegates. After the organizational procedure was completed, and announcement of membership of certain necessary committees, Bishop Paul N. Garber of the Richmond Area read the episcopal address. This was a masterful document dealing with the state of the church in general and setting forth ideals which were calculated to become the basis of emphasis for the next four years. At the time of this report the Conference was engaged in the election of four new bishops. One new area is being created, and two bishops, Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta, and William T. Watkins of Louisville, are retiring. Bishop John W. Branscomb of Jacksonville Area died in January 1959. The four new bishops along with the five active ones will be assigned to supervise the nine Areas of the Southeastern Jurisdiction. Their names and biographies, along with a fuller account of the Conference will be carried in next week's **North Carolina Christian Advocate**.



# Carolina Briefs

REV. MALCOLM C. REESE, pastor of First Methodist Church, Granite Falls, has been a patient at Richard Baker Hospital for observation and treatment. His condition has improved and he expects to be out soon.

CENTRAL CHURCH, Shelby, reports a very interesting and helpful Wednesday evening prayer service. There were 78 present last Wednesday as the pastor began a series of three devotional messages on "The Will of God."

REV. R. HAROLD HIPPS, Minister of Education at West Market Street church, Greensboro, and family left Sunday afternoon, July 10, for Stockton, Calif., where Mr. Hipps will teach in the graduate summer school at the College of the Pacific. They will be away about six weeks.

THE ANNUAL Southeastern Jurisdiction-Missionary Conference will be held at Lake Junaluska July 22-28. This is one of the fine conferences each year. Also the Jurisdictional Laymen's conference will be held at Junaluska the weekend of July 28-31. Laymen can attend this conference Thursday through Sunday.

WEST MARKET STREET CHURCH, Greensboro, Rev. C. P. Bowles, pastor, received twenty-two new members into the church at the close of the morning worship service Sunday, July 10.

REV. JAMES H. OVERTON, member of the North Carolina Conference, became an associate editor of the *Upper Room* on June 1. The family has already moved to Nashville, Tenn., where they will make their home.

DR. HENRY SCHISSLER, Methodist minister, and a member of the faculty of Pfeiffer College, was guest preacher at Central Church, Concord, for both morning services July 17.

DR. EMMETT K. McLARTY, president of Brevard College, preached the sermon at the 11:00 o'clock service July 10 at the Brevard Methodist Church. Dr. McLarty was supplying for the Rev. Courtney Ross, who was on vacation.

MEMBERS of Memorial Methodist Church, Charlotte, observed Work Day at the church last Saturday. They came at 8:30 bringing rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, gloves, etc. The main purpose was to improve, beautify and plant the lawn. In between, they enjoyed sandwiches and soft drinks with lots of fun.

GLENN DRAPER, well known as director of choral music, has resigned his position at Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, to accept a similar position with the University of Miami in Florida.

## Marion Methodists to Erect New Church Building

The First Methodist Church, Marion, is in the process of erecting a new church building which will cost more than one-half of a million dollars when completed and furnished. The building which will be of Georgian-Colonial architecture, is one of the best planned buildings in the state. A new Holtkamp Pipe Organ will be installed in the sanctuary. The sanctuary, chapel, church parlor and the pastor's study will have wall-to-wall carpet and will be completely air-conditioned. The estimated cost of the building with furnishings is \$537,925.69.

The fellowship hall will have a stage (with joining dressing rooms) where religious dramas will be presented. The modern, well-equipped kitchen will make it possible to feed 400 persons in the fellowship hall at one time. Classrooms for every age group in the church school are planned to take care of not only the present but future needs. Authorities in Christian education and other fields have been consulted in an effort to provide the best facilities possible. Scout rooms, a library, church offices, a covered drive to be used in bad weather, walks, paved drives and parking lots are being built. An electronic organ will be installed in the Cross Memorial Chapel. The chapel will seat 75 persons and will be used for small weddings, funerals and prayer groups.

Sufficient number of pews will be installed in the sanctuary to seat 525 worshippers. The sanctuary is being built so that it may be enlarged to increase the seating capacity if and when future needs warrant it.

On February 1, 1959, the congregation of the First Methodist Church voted to sell its property and purchase a new building site of 4.2 acres. The First Baptist Church agreed to pay \$125,000.00 for it. Both the Methodists and the Baptists of Marion rejoice that on March 16, 1959 they conducted one of the largest business transactions to take place in North Carolina between two local churches of different denominations. On the new site is being built a new church plant with adequate facilities for a good church program.

In December 1957 the members pledged \$235,691.80 to build a new sanctuary and remodel the educational building. With the change of plans, this amount plus that to be received from the First Baptist Church from the sale of the old property, still left the Methodists \$154,006.80 short of the estimated cost of the new building project. During the month of May the leaders of the church went back to the members in a new building fund campaign which was combined with the regular Every Member Canvass for the annual budget for 1960-61. Both were successful. The building fund goal was over-subscribed by more than \$8,000.00. Within less than a year the members of First Methodist Church, Marion, will be worshipping in a new church building.

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"If you must whisper in church, whisper a prayer."

## Suggestions for Your Vacation

Carry your Bible and other devotional literature with you. Since the family is together, this can be a time of growth towards God.

Carry proper clothes so you will be able to attend worship service. Take care of your CHURCH OBLIGATIONS before you go. If you have a class or a position of leadership, be sure someone will take care of your work while you are gone. Bring your offering envelopes to Church on the Sunday before you leave.

Remember that vacations can be dangerous physically and spiritually. Be on guard.

Carry God with you. Satan is never on vacation.

Be in your place here at your church immediately on your return.

Have fun — hurry back — and be in church every Sunday, here, or on your vacation.

—Clipped.

## Israel's Nautical Past Revealed In Museum in Haifa

Israel's Navy and Merchant Marine are one of the newest in the world. Yet, the Land of the Bible has a nautical past that dates back thousands of years and this is revealed in an enlightening display in the Maritime Museum in downtown Haifa. Located in the harbor district, near the head office of the Zim Israel Navigation Lines, the museum contains artifacts from craft which floundered off the Israel coast ages ago. The historical review covers no less than 5,000 years of shipping and the development of the shipbuilders' art. Dominating the scene is a display of some 100 ship models, all built to scale, representing the evolution of shipping from around 3,000 B. C. to the present. Tourists are invited to view this exhibit, which is sponsored jointly by the Zim Lines, the Israel Navy and the municipality of Haifa.

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# EDITORIALS



## Let's Go A Little Farther

We sometimes wonder why spiritual progress seems so slow. The answer is not far to seek in most cases. Many of us have played in the shallows so far as all-out commitment is concerned. When the disciples had fished all night and taken nothing, being ready to hang up the nets and call it a day, Jesus commanded them to launch out into the deep and let down the nets. They reasoned it would do no good, but since He ordered it they were willing to obey, and the story is they enclosed a great multitude of fishes. When Jesus approached Gethsemane with His disciples just before the crucifixion He ordered the larger group to "sit ye here while I go and pray yonder." Taking with Him Peter, James and John He revealed to them the exceeding sorrow of His soul, ordering them to "tarry ye here and watch with me," while He Himself "went a little farther, and fell on His face and prayed." After that prayer He was willing and able to face any experience, even death upon the cross. His strength and courage seem to have come out of the fact that "He went a little farther."

Many of us make a half-hearted commitment: we read the Bible a little, but it does not grip us and we fail to catch the challenge it offers; we say our prayers, but we do not really commune with the Heavenly Father; we attend church fairly frequently out of loyalty to the preacher or to our family or for other reasons, but we are not really too much concerned; we give a token support to the church's financial program but we do not get the thrill of being a part of such an enterprise. Could it be that we have not gone far enough to realize the joys of Christian living and service? Suppose we go a little farther in this new conference year, and prove to be better Christians that we have ever been. The chances are the genuine satisfactions we experience will far outweigh any effort expended.

## Christian Higher Education Scores Again

If some people were inclined to think North Carolina Methodism was too ambitious in its efforts to raise eight to ten million dollars for Christian higher

education with which to strengthen all of its existing institutions and build two new colleges, they should take a look at Texas. In that state a campaign is now getting under way to secure \$32,000,000 for its colleges and universities. But of course Texas has the reputation of being a big state and doing things in a big way. We may not have oil wells in North Carolina that always produce a steady flow of wealth, but we have wealth-producing tobacco fields and industrial plants throughout the state to undergird our economy. If Texas can go out for \$32,000,000 in one campaign, surely North Carolina, with a goal of only one-fourth that amount, should have no trouble in realizing its dreams. These times, more than ever before, require that every young person should have an opportunity to be trained in some particular field if they are to meet the challenge before them and make their way in life. Our young people are our greatest assets, for they are to bear the burdens of the years ahead, and if we fail them now we shall never be able to redeem ourselves. Our church-related educational institutions wield a strong influence upon the cultural life of the state and they deserve our support.

## General Conference Challenges the Church

The recent General Conference held in Denver, Colorado, dealt with a number of important matters, and made a number of far-reaching decisions which should be reflected in the work of the church for years to come. The agreement in handling the matter of the Central Jurisdiction, which had provoked some debate and could have erupted into serious proportions, was a display of fine churchmanship on the part of delegates. Dr. Embree H. Blackard, pastor of the Central Church, Asheville, presented the new quadrennial plan for the Co-ordinating Council. This plan calls for a concerted effort to lift up "Jesus Christ as Lord." No specific goals are suggested but it states that certain major emphases, which are essential, are to be lifted up if the church is to fulfill its appointed task. There was enthusiasm on the part of laymen for the adoption of the program, which calls for first, a deeper commitment to Christ. We all agree that is our chief concern and should receive major emphasis. Certainly we need to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ," if we are to represent Him to others and win them to His way of life. The second

matter of emphasis is greater effort in seeking recruits for the ministry and mission fields. It was brought out that in 1926 we had approximately 2,600 missionaries, and gave about the same amount for missions that year that we did during the past year, when the same dollar was worth less than half its former value. Not only do we need to increase the number of missionaries, but to increase our giving to support them. The third matter included in the program is a larger emphasis upon Christian family life. Was it Napoleon who said "as the home goes, so goes the world?" It has been suggested that the home is the greatest agency for Christian education that we have. We believe that parents can make no greater contribution to their children's future welfare than to send them out from a Christian home where family religion is practiced. These three items deserve to be given a large place in every church program during this quadrennium. The report proposes that the regular and established agencies be used to carry out these objectives. We have ample machinery through the board of evangelism, missions, education, and other boards to carry out these proposals. Pastors would do well to note these items and work in a systematic and concerted manner to realize their achievement. Here is a challenge to the churches of these two great conferences in North Carolina, as well as to the general church, and may we rise up and meet it.



## Church and Community Workshop Held at Emory

The responsibilities of the minister to the community in this age of rapid, often random change, was emphasized by Dr. Raymond W. Miller at the concluding banquet of the Church and Community workshop, July 6, at Emory University.

He spoke on "Church in the Quicksand." Churchmen must be on the streets and in community meetings to open the eyes of their communities to surrounding problems.

The Church and Community workshop has sharpened the vision of over a hundred ministers. While most of these were from the southeast, other regions and two foreign countries were represented.

Among the participants in the workshop was Samuel A. Meyer, an evangelist at President Eisenhower's Camp David retreat. Sam Paul from India was the next to youngest layman at the General Conference held at Denver. With a masters degree in psychology, he will return to India to develop audio-visual aids for the churches.



# Meditations of a Collection Plate

Once more I am started on my way. I wonder what it will be like this morning. These trips up and down the church pews are certainly interesting.

Right away here's a little fellow who always sits on the front seat, his feet swinging and his eyes big with wonder. Sometimes my usher passes him up because he's such a little chap, and always looks so disappointed. Of course his penny is not much, but he always has it ready, and a boy who gets the habit with pennies is apt to keep it up when he handles dollars. It always hurts me when they hurry past the children.

Here's that dear old lady who is a little deaf. She always sits down in front in the same place. There was a time when she gave pretty liberally. I remember when her husband was alive they used to put a liberal gift on my green felt lining every Sunday. But that little old lady never lets anything interfere with coming to church, and now she gives nickels. But I always love to feel them drop, for I know they are freighted with love. Well, well, here's a stranger. I never saw him before, but I guess he is in the habit of going to church. His hands have such a decent look—clean, well cared for, marked with character. He acts as if he were at home, even in a strange church. And the gracious way he dropped that five-dollar bill!

Oh, oh! Here's that little business man again. He's been gone two Sundays. I heard some women say he had a falling out with the preacher. But he's back, all right. And there's three envelopes he dropped in—all filled the same as usual. It's funny how talk gets started. And besides he's too big a man to hold a grudge. What's that? He whispered to the usher that he's been out of town.

Yonder is that rich widow. She's always so gracious and genteel. I love the feel of her soft hands. But she never puts in more than a quarter—she calls it "the widow's mite," you know. I can't believe she really understands. Her husband used to do all the giving. I don't think she ever knew what was in the envelope.

Well, what's this? A beautifully tinted and monogrammed envelope, addressed to the pastor. But she put her regular envelope in it, just as usual. I think I'll have a peek inside and see what it means. Oh-h-h! That will give the minister a thrill! Spend it as you think best for something about the Church that isn't covered by the budget," she says. "When my husband passed away and left me with a fortune, he also left me with a great stewardship."

What trim little hands those were—so carefully cared for, manicured and polished nails, long strong fingers, so deft. She always makes her contribution. I think she must be a tither. Her salary isn't big, for I know she is a secretary in an office over in the bank building, but she gives more than her boss. I think it's because she loves the church more.

There's a dollar bill I'm ashamed of! I watched his eyes for I've seen him give

that way once or twice before. He seems to be trying to impress the girl with him.

Ah! Here it is. The usher's envelope. He never misses. He waits until he gets through, and then puts it on top of the pile. He left the envelope unsealed one Sunday and I peeked. It was a pretty big check. He always seems happy. I wonder if the people who are so comfortably seated ever give a thought to the ushers who plan the seating so carefully.

Here we go, back to the altar. I'm pretty happy. There seems to be a pretty good offering this morning, and there's a lot of it in the missionary side of the envelope. These people do remember others. Blessing on them.—*The Christian Advocate*.



## Four D.C. Churches Merge

Four Methodist churches, all located within a mile of the U. S. Capitol in Washington, D. C., have united to form a new parish.

Merging were Wilson Memorial, North Carolina Avenue, Trinity, and Waugh. All will become homeless because of land redevelopment projects and expansion of Capitol grounds. A new church is planned.

Pastor of the new parish is the Rev. Edward B. Lewis of Kensington, Md. His associate is the Rev. Thomas Starnes.

## Deaconesses Study U. S. and U. N.

Sixteen Methodist deaconesses studied the workings of the United States Government and the United Nations in a workshop on international affairs June 15-23 in Washington and New York.

Participants in the workshop, the first of its kind, were deaconesses on furlough and deaconess candidates. They came from ten states and the District of Columbia.

During their five days in Washington, the deaconesses toured the White House, conferred with officials at the State Department including those related to African affairs, met with senators and representatives from their home states, and visited the Methodist Building. The New York schedule included a tour of the U. N. headquarters, briefings by various U. N. officials, and a visit to the Interchurch Center, which houses various interdenominational and denominational agencies.

Miss Mary Lou Barnwell, New York, executive secretary of the Commission on Deaconess Work, was the director of the workshop. Mrs. C. A. Bender, New York, executive secretary in the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, arranged the events at the U. N. The Rev. James M. Ault, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Pittsfield, Mass., was the keynote speaker for the workshop.

## New Methodist Center Built in Sarawak

Nanga Mijong, the Methodist mission station deepest in the interior of the jungles of Sarawak (Borneo), has its first church building.

More than 200 miles inland, the Nanga Mijong station represents Methodism's furthest penetration into the country of the Ibans (ex-headhunters who are turning to Christianity in large numbers). The opening of the church was a festive occasion, which brought representatives of the Sarawak Government and the Methodist Church on the long journey from the city of Kapit. More than 300 persons crowded into the new church for the ceremonies.

Before the opening of the new church building, worship services had been held under one of the missionary houses, which, like most of the Nanga Mijong buildings, is on stilts.

A combination hostel and classroom building was opened at the same time as the new church. The two new buildings mean that adequate facilities have at last been made available for the preaching, teaching, healing and agricultural program of the Nanga Mijong mission station.

The missionaries who pioneered in the development of the remote station are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Harris of Ocala, Fla., agricultural and educational missionaries who had been forced to leave China in 1950. When they went to China in 1948, the Harrises were the first Negro missionaries to serve there. Another missionary couple, the Rev. and Mrs. John Blanchard of Allentown, Pa., are now working with the Harrises.

The new buildings at Nanga Mijong represent a continuation of the intensive work begun among the Ibans during the 1956-60 quadrennium, when Sarawak was a Methodist "Land of Decision."

## Raise Bishops' Salaries

The General Conference voted to increase salaries of active bishops from \$12,500 to \$15,500 a year and to give retired bishops \$5,500 and widows of bishops \$3,250, up \$1,000 and \$500 respectively.

In addition, a bishop's episcopal residence allowance was raised \$300 to \$5,300, his secretarial and office fund increased \$1,000 to \$6,000 a year, and a new allowance of \$750 a year for office equipment granted.

## Five Win Scholarships

Five young women planning to be directors of Christian education have received \$1,000 John Q. Schisler graduate scholarships from the Board of Education of The Methodist Church, at Nashville.

The five are Mrs. Marie C. Allnutt, Germantown, Md.; Miss Mary E. Cooper, Albany, Ga.; Miss Marcella R. Flynt, Dallas, Texas; Miss Virginia N. Gray, Woodward, Okla., and Miss Mary M. Shearer, Emory, Va.



Whoever cares to learn will always find a teacher.—*German*.



# The Nation-Wide Program For Peace

By WILLIAM M. JEFFRIES

The Church year 1959-60 is past, and with it the end of the initial period of promotion of the Nationwide Program for Peace. This program has been sponsored by the Department of International Affairs of the National Council of Churches, to move Christians to action in behalf of world peace.

In response to a letter from Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, president of the National Council of Churches, an invitation was sent by President Eisenhower to 100 top church leaders representing major denominations, to come to a conference in Washington last September to be briefed by State Department officials, and he himself spoke to the group and pleaded for guidance from churchmen in solving the complex issues of international affairs.

These church leaders have communicated this urgent appeal to their denominations, and since September there have been training meetings on national, regional, state, and local levels, to urge the study of world affairs by church members, looking towards concerned action.

John Foster Dulles, himself dubious about some of the conclusions of the Fifth World Order Study Conference, which recommended this study program, sent \$500 from his death bed to help promote this study, and left \$5,000 for it in his will. His New York law partners gave \$25,000 in his honor to establish a Dulles Library to aid in this program.

Since January, the Nationwide Program for Peace has been in the local church stage, wherein local churches are urged to

have a program of education and action for peace. The Department of International Affairs published a leaflet in February, called "What Is Your Local Church Doing for World Peace?" This is a question we all might ask ourselves.

You will be a direct force for world peace by: Giving generously to Missions and World Service; supporting Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, C.A.R.E.; Meals for Millions, United Nations Children's Fund; "adopting" a war orphan (\$10-\$15 a month; writing letters to "pen pals" and other friends in other lands, especially in Asia and Africa; adopting a personal Missions Special project; making friends with foreign nationals you may have contact with. Volunteer to serve on your church's Peace Committee or Social Concerns Commission—tell your pastor of your interest.

There is much that you can do, and that your church can do. Each individual is important, and takes on more importance in this critical age when the life or death of nations and of mankind hangs in the balance.

The first year of the Nationwide Program for Peace is over. Our work in behalf of implementing world peace and the conditions that make for peace has hardly begun.

For resource material on world peace, write: Service Dept., 100 Maryland Ave., N. E., Washington, D. C. Ask for World Peace Packet, 10 cents each, and a subscription to *Contact-Concern*, bi-weekly periodical on social concerns, \$3.00 per year.

## Report Congo Methodist Missionaries "Safe"

All Methodist missionaries in the Belgian Congo (now the Republic of Congo) were reported "safe and uninjured" (as of July 13), according to Dr. Eugene L. Smith, general secretary of the Division of World Missions, New York City. About 85 Methodist missionaries are currently assigned to the Congo.

A group of the missionaries in the southern provinces of the Congo have gone to Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia, says Dr. Smith. Some others have chosen to stay in Elisabethville and in Mulungushi where the situation was reported as quiet.

A cable from Bishop Newell S. Booth, from Leopoldville, reported that all missionaries and their families in that center, and throughout Central Congo, were safe on July 12. It was expected that missionaries in Katoko Kombe, Central Congo, would be evacuated, probably to Rhodesia, on the 13th. Missionaries in Kapanga are expected to be air-lifted to Rhodesia as a precautionary measure.

## Church-State Relations Require New Appraisal

The time is ripe for a widespread study of church-state relations both in the churches and secular society in general, a large group of Massachusetts church leaders was told last week. In his address to a special conference on church-state relations, sponsored by the State Council of Churches, Dr. Walter G. Muelder did not mince words in discussing some of the basic issues at stake.

The dean of the Boston University School of Theology was one of the keynote speakers at the Congregational Conference Center in Framington on June 25.

Social forces having significance in church-state patterns, he said, include the population explosion which is precipitating an education explosion; the religious pluralism in the U. S.; the growth of public social welfare services; and the development of government assistance "to all phases of our culture."

"No simple appeal to the slogan of separation of church and state can illuminate what should be done in any particular case," Dean Muelder declared. "Each must be examined on its merits in the light of a total Christian philosophy of society."

Conflicting views between Protestants, Roman Catholics and Jews, said the dean, require us to ask: What price in church-state relations are groups willing to pay for continuing religious pluralism?

"Even political action," he continued, "is getting self-conscious due to a desire not to offend any religious minority."

Church people must find an answer to the main question before problems of birth control information, parochial school financing, Sunday closing laws and other tensions can be resolved, Dean Muelder said. He added that religious welfare agencies must also redefine their goals and functions in relationship to the expansion of predominantly public programs. "In doing this," he concluded, "the work of councils of churches is of special significance."

## Forecasts More Controls

Legislation achieving some sort of national control of the liquor industry within the foreseeable future has been predicted by Dr. Caradine R. Hooten, of Washington, D. C.

Dr. Hooten, general secretary of the Board of Temperance—now a division of the new Board of Christian Social Concerns of The Methodist Church—told delegates at the New England Annual Conference in Boston, Mass., that "piecemeal victory in the less sensational types of legislation may be reasonably expected within the months ahead."

He stressed that, while there is a predominant dislike in the nation for the word "prohibition," there is "a growing demand for curbs that can be enforced."

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Korea's Acting President Chung Huh, the foreign minister who found himself in the chief executive's chair after collapse of Syngman Rhee's government, is a Methodist.



# A Message From N. C. Caravaners in Europe

June 28, 1960  
(received Raleigh 7/4/60)

Dear Caravan Friends:

Hearty greetings to the 190,000 Methodists in the N. C. Conference and to our families and friends! Ten very grateful and happy people boarded the plane in London, June 20, which was to carry us to a new adventure, new experiences and new friends. As we soared above the clouds, we thought about the wonderful memories we were taking with us of seven exciting days in England and wondered too what lay ahead of us. Martin Brose and his father, the Rev. Mr. Erwin Brose, met us at the airport. We were grateful for an interpreter since we found ourselves amid a multitude of non-English-speaking people. It was a new experience to see all the signs and advertisements written in a strange language!

It is surprising how fast one can learn what some words mean — for example: "Herren" and "Damen" and "essen," "trinken," and "schlafen." After a delicious meal around the long table in the Broses' house, we were off to the Berlin radio tower from the top of which we got a very good view of the city. A couple of the girls bought charms for their 'European bracelets' and then we walked to the Canishus Catholic Church which is one of the most modern churches in the city . . . very impressive! We returned to the Methodist Church and to the Broses where we met our hostesses for the week. Since most of us were in homes where no English was spoken we procured our English-German dictionaries and held onto them as we hold on to our passports!

After a week under such conditions some of us have decided that we could easily put the professionals on pantomime quiz out of business! More important than brushing up on our sign language was the lesson we learned in communication from heart to heart. A smile, an expression of joy, a laugh — these are universal!

On June 21 we took a tour of West Berlin by bus. The guide spoke both in English and German so we learned quite a lot. She pointed out the Airlift Memorial, the Town Hall, the Victory Monument, the Dalhem Museum, the Free University and many other points of interest. In the afternoon we went into East Berlin. Martin read to us many of the signs containing communist propaganda and he pointed out the town hall, a Lutheran church which has not been rebuilt since the war but is still used, Humboldt University, and several other interesting sights. We walked down Stalin-Allee and noted several Russian soldiers in green uniforms. Some of the Caravaners remarked about the scarcity of people on the streets and the rather solemn expressions of some of those we saw. We returned again to the Broses where we dressed to go to church. A couple of us had our first experience in witnessing through an interpreter — Martin does a wonderful job. The Caravaners sang two songs and noticed tears in several eyes when we sang "How Great Thou Art" which last year's Caravan introduced to these people.

The morning of June 22 found us at the Dalhem Museum looking at three floors of beautiful paintings, pottery and relics. There we saw the bust of an Egyptian Queen whom legend has associated with

Moses. We saw many of the original paintings of Reubens, Raphael, Van Dyke, etc. After lunch we went to the Town Hall and climbed 'many' steps to see the Liberty Bell which was a gift of the U. S. to Berlin. From this point we had a beautiful panoramic view of the city. We had a special treat in the evening—we went to hear the Berlin Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra. It was wonderful and in spite of being tired after a busy day of sightseeing, we were in good spirits.

The following morning we enjoyed a tour through the Zoological gardens. We saw fish, snakes and insects from all parts of the world. We visited the Congress Hall in the afternoon and it reminded us of the fairgrounds building in Raleigh. The Berliners have a new name for it—they call it "the pregnant oyster." We saw upon entering the building an inscription written by Benjamin Franklin (to whom the building is dedicated) for the free exchange of ideas throughout Berlin, Germany, and the rest of the world. It read:

"God grant that not only the love of Liberty,  
But a thorough knowledge of the rights of man  
May prevade all the nations of the earth so that  
A philosopher may set his foot anywhere on its surface and say - 'This is My Country.'"—Benjamin Franklin, 1706-1790.

To this we add a prayerful "amen." We understood very little of what the guide said as he conducted us through the various conference and assembly rooms, but we understood it when he said "United States" and were quite proud to know that it was designed by an American and that the construction was largely financed by American dollars. From the Congress Hall we proceeded to a beautiful, modern Catholic Church. As we entered we heard the full tones from the organ. I'm sure our two Duke students (Millard and Grayson) must have thought of the beautiful chapel of their Alma Mater. It was refreshing and inspiring to sit for a few minutes and to be still inside.

June 24—Friday morning we took a break from sightseeing and had a delightful swim in Tegel Lake. We took another tour in the afternoon—this time through the largest steel factory in Berlin, Borsig. This is the only steel factory in Germany that can process steel from the beginning to the finished product. It was quite exciting—especially to the male half of the Caravan. The evening brought another pleasurable event, a beautiful ballet in The Berlin Opera House. The Caravaners also saw there Margaret Beaty and Maurice Ritchie, two North Carolina Methodist young people who are currently studying in Berlin.



Members of the 1960 European Caravan pictured here are Grayson Waldrop, Greenville; Rev. C. S. Boggs, Clinton; M. C. Dunn, Jr., Fayetteville; Mary Allen, Rockingham; Albert Capehard, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. C. S. Boggs, Clinton; Nancy Allen, Rockingham; Alex Gibbs, Lexington; Frances Bell, Beaufort; Hugh Cameron, Roanoke Rapids.



It's always good to see someone from home.

Saturday morning, June 25, was set aside for shopping and the afternoon for washing and packing. After the evening meal all of the Caravaners, "Mom" and "Pop" and the Broses met with our hostesses in the fellowship hall of the church. We had delicious refreshments and talked and laughed together. The Caravaners were presented little Berlin Bears as souvenirs of the city. Mary already had one that a member of last year's Caravan gave to her so she was presented a souvenir spoon. "Papa" Brose read scripture in German and led us in prayer. We sang a hymn in German and it was a glorious spiritual experience.

Sunday morning "Pop" delivered the message through Martin Brose. Two of the Caravaners spoke to the congregation and the whole group sang. After dinner in various homes, the group gathered at the Broses and went together to Neukölln (a section of Berlin) to see a parade portraying the history of that section. At 7:30 p.m. we went to a tremendous stadium for the International Film Festival. We saw and were entertained by stars from several countries and by the French Navy Band. Fireworks lighting the sky brought a wonderful week to a beautiful and exciting conclusion.

1960 CARAVAN.

## American Christianity's New Workshop

*New York*—On an eminence overlooking Manhattan towers a sleek, new workshop of American Christianity.

Within its walls hums the business of many churches.

It's "The Interchurch Center," a block-square, 19-story, 21-million-dollar edifice, the hub of sundry religious enterprises, the nation's most imposing symbol of Christian brotherhood, and to many the realization of a long-time dream.

Thousands of tourists have strolled its marble halls, gazed at its sculptured murals and ceilings, whispered in awe at its starkly simple stone-and-wood chapel lit through one huge alabaster window, read its varied inscriptions: "To the glory of God and the service of mankind."

About 2,000 men and women of varied denominations, boards and agencies work in the 18 floors of offices. In the big, brightly decorated basement cafeteria a good lunch costs less than one dollar.

Some of the groups have prayers before they eat, or sit a moment in silence with bowed heads.

From its windows, you can look down on the skyscraper roof of the city.

"The center is a significant symbol of protestant and orthodox unity in life and service together," says the Rev. Dr. M. Forest Ashbrook, an American Baptist and chairman of the building's operating committee.

"It should influence the whole country."

The building is a tall, straitsided structure of light gray Alabama limestone, air-conditioned throughout, with a 125-car garage underneath. The wide, glass main entrance faces the Hudson River between 119th and 120th Streets.

Inside the lobby, St. Paul's words, engraved in gold on a curved marble wall, greet the visitor:

"There is one body and one spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all."

Biggest tenant is the National Council of Churches, a cooperative agency for 33 Protestant and Orthodox denominations. Previously housed in eight separate buildings, it now is concentrated on three floors and part of another.

The 27 other tenants are a wide array of denominational and religious service organizations, including sections of the Methodist, United Presbyterian, American Baptist and Assemblies of God churches, and headquarters of the Reformed Church.

The building is now 90 per cent full, and the rest of the space is expected to be taken by summer's end.

It's a non-profit, tax-free institution, with rentals remarkably low for Manhattan gradually paying off the debt.

One official says, "You'd be surprised at how many things can now be taken care of at lunch that we used to have to chase across town in a cab to handle."

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Some people are like blisters, they do not show up until the work is done.

## Interesting Methodist Briefs

An oil portrait of Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam and an engraved plaque paying tribute to his leadership of the World Council of Churches have been dedicated in the student lounge of American University's School of International Service, which he helped to fund in Washington, D. C.

The Rev. Dr. W. Thomas Smith, pastor of Trinity Church, Atlanta, Ga., is to direct ministerial recruitment for The Methodist Church. As a director of ministerial recruitment, he will be a staff member of the Board of Education, Nashville.

Bishop Ferdinand Sigg of the Geneva Area, who suffered a heart attack following General Conference while on a speaking tour in the Portland (Ore.) Area, flew back to his home in Zurich following four weeks in a Portland hospital and two weeks convalescence in the home of Bishop A. Raymond Grant there.

The Rev. Dr. Horace R. Weaver, professor of religion at Hendrix College, Conway, Ark., will become editor of adult church school publications Sept. 1. He will be on the staff of the Editorial Division of the Board of Education in Nashville. He succeeds the Rev. Dr. Charles M. Laymon, who recently resigned to teach at Florida Southern College, Lakeland.

Bishop Gerald Kennedy of Los Angeles, president of the Council of Bishops, has received the supreme award of merit of the George Washington Carver Memorial Institute, Washington, D. C., for his contributions to better race relations and human welfare.

The Rev. Dr. Lawrence L. Lacour, a staff member of the Board of Evangelism, Nashville, was a delegate to a consultation on evangelism sponsored by the Ecumenical Institute of the World Council of Church in Bossey, Switzerland, July 6-11.

Newly-elected Bishop W. Ralph Ward, Jr., of the Syracuse, N. Y., Area was featured July 3 on the Columbia Broadcasting System's television program, "Lamp Unto My Feet." The program commemorated

the anniversary of the writing of the Declaration of Independence.

The Rev. Dr. Robert L. Main, Oklahoma City, is directing a new public relations office for the Oklahoma-New Mexico Area. For 17 years he has been press secretary of the Oklahoma Conference while serving there in various pastorates and came to the position from Christ Church in Oklahoma City.

A group of young Methodists from the Pittsburgh Conference has just concluded a two-week, six-state travel camp tour. The group visited Methodist points of interest in western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Virginia.

Dates for the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes annual convention have been announced for Jan. 31 and Feb. 1-2, 1961, in the Hotel Muehlbach, Kansas City, Mo. The Rev. Dr. Bolton Boone, administrator of the Methodist Hospital of Dallas, Texas, is president of the association.

The Rev. Dr. Donald F. Ebright, former director of refugee and famine relief activities for the National Christian Council of India and more recently president of Alaska Methodist University, has been named director of extension services for the Meals for Millions Foundation, Los Angeles.

The Rev. Donald L. Hall has been named associate director of public relations for the church's Southern California-Arizona Conference with offices in Los Angeles.

Judge Leslie J. Lyons, nationally known layman, was honored recently by the Independence Avenue Church in Kansas City, Mo., where for more than 60 years he has served as either a church school teacher or superintendent.

Some 400 persons attending the recent New and Furloughed Missionary Conference in Greencastle, Ind., contributed \$1,050 in a free will offering for Chilean Relief, to which all Methodists are currently contributing.



# The Books Must Travel

By SEAVY A. CARROLL

(Editor's Note: Mr. Carroll, a former state senator in North Carolina, is now a Methodist missionary in Southern Rhodesia, one of the "Lands of Decision" for 1960-64.)

The first missionaries to Southern Rhodesia, in addition to the many geographical barriers and the problems of disease and dangers of nature, had to cross the language barrier. Those pioneers soon learned that they had to teach the Africans to read and to write, and to understand them before they could be effective in conveying the Christian message. Schools are on the increase, and the numbers of schools are multiplying each year, thanks to the tremendous load of educational work being done by missionaries of many denominations.

After the African has learned to read, he has an increased desire to read good literature. In many parts of Africa, there are many persons who go into town very little, and many do not come into contact with a "book atmosphere." The Methodist mission station at Old Umtali, Southern Rhodesia, has begun an experiment in Christian literature distribution which appears to be paying big dividends, and may become a permanent part of the missionary program.

The missionaries working in the church and school system in and near Old Umtali, learned that the Africans were not reading enough. Even the African teachers were not exposed to books sufficiently. In January, 1959, a mobile book van was put into operation on a full-time basis and a well-qualified African was placed in full charge of the project. A large, panel-bodied truck was provided through donations from the American Methodist churches, and Nathaniel Zeza Chiwota was given the keys and a load of books. He began immediately to go out into the villages, to the mud huts, churches and schools and to sell the books.

Mr. Chiwota is slightly more than medium height and is 35 years old. He finished eight years of school at the Methodist Nyadiri mission station and then worked his way through the Old Umtali School of Theology. Because of financial problems, he began his schooling late in life and was 33 when he finished the course in theology.

Mr. Chiwota was not too eager to begin his book van work, knowing that the Africans would not flock to his truck to buy books. In fact, two or three months were required for him to sell the people of the villages on the idea of purchasing books from him. Some thought that the Methodist Church was merely trying to make money and for that reason was going into the book-selling business. However, he gradually talked to the people enough about the books for them to begin to want to buy.

Being an ordained minister, Mr. Chiwota decided to make his trips into the villages an evangelistic venture. Many ministers, within the radius of 150 miles from Old Umtali, have invited him from time to time to be a guest minister. He always accepts the invitation, unless there is a

conflict with previous engagements, and the congregation always sees a large display of books as they file into and out of the church. Of course, the salesman admits that he always emphasizes "good reading" as a must for all Christians. The Bible is the most popular of the books carried in the book van.

The books sold by Mr. Chiwota are printed in English and in two African languages. There is a great variety of books, including those simple school books used by students who are just learning to read and to write. Some Africans who haven't the time to attend school teach themselves through the use of simple books to read and to write. Most of the books carried by the van are of a religious nature, but there are also works of fiction and books on general subjects such as politics and government.

Mr. Chiwota says: "The Methodist book van is creating a great friendship with other denominations. Sometimes I receive invitations from ministers of other denominations and I have preached in many different pulpits which do not have the Methodist label. On many occasions I stay overnight and receive the hospitality of my guest minister. On some village visits, I do not receive invitations; then I sleep on the floor of the van in a sleeping bag. The longest visit I have made at any one place was three months.

"I suppose my most harrowing experience was when I slept on the floor of the book van during a night when it was parked in the middle of a swirling river. The truck stalled as I tried to cross the river in the dark during some heavy rains. I just stayed there during the night, not knowing whether the heavy torrents would sweep van, books and salesman down the river. But the vehicle did not move all night, and a friend pulled it out with oxen the next morning."

Many Africans have shown an interest in the book van, and many have offered some good suggestions, which help in reaching the people and selling the books. But - - all has not been easy. Some ministers have looked upon the book van as a kind of "invader" of a religious territory and have asked that the books not be sold in their "territory."

However, Mr. Chiwota is a kind of politician. He enjoys telling about a particular minister who objected to the book van's appearance in his community. Mr. Chiwota had a heart-to-heart talk with the pastor and was invited to preach in the church - and he sold them some books. The community is on his schedule, and he returns there periodically.

"There are many people who help in the sale of the books," Mr. Chiwota says. "I try to interest store people in handling books on consignment, and I check by the stores each month for an accounting. The store managers do not charge anything for selling, and the accounting is always perfect."

Wherever he finds a crowd of people, Mr. Chiwota tries to sell books. The author of this article first saw the book seller with his van parked on the lawn of the teacher training school during tea time at the Rhodesia Annual Conference. There were a number of people more interested in the books than in tea, and many were buying.

It is not the same way that Livingston or Albert Schweitzer pioneered in but it is a system that is helping people to have good reading material when they might have nothing to read otherwise. And it's another way of reaching the unreached with the Christian message.

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## Christians Should Speed Up Evangelistic Efforts

*Lake Junaluska*—The prediction of a group of scientists that the earth may be uninhabited in 10 years should inspire Christians to step up their evangelistic efforts, a Methodist missionary said here.

The Rev. Gunnar J. Teilmann, Jr., on home leave from 10 years' service in Malaya, said six Nobel prize-winning scientists predicted recently that there is a fifty-fifty chance that nuclear warfare will destroy all human life on the earth within 10 years.

"This is a shattering outlook for many, but for Christians the end of the world should be a normal expectation," Dr. Teilmann said. "Time is being condensed by the swift flow of world events and we must act now."

He spoke here at the Methodist summer assembly during the annual School of Missions for nearly 300 leaders of the Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service in nine southeastern states.

Dr. Teilmann, a native of Johnson City, Tenn., also had a word on race relations for his fellow-Southerners:

"The decision to treat all men as equals was not forced upon us by the Supreme Court, but by the teachings, example and spirit of Jesus Christ."

## Advocate to Launch Subscription Campaign

The executive committee of the Methodist Board of Publication of the two conferences met in the ADVOCATE office Friday, July 8th. Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, of Charlotte, Board president, presided. A number of items were discussed and disposed of, chief of which was the launching of a statewide subscription campaign in September and October. More will be heard of this as plans mature, but it was the feeling and expressed desire that every official in every church should be a subscriber to the church paper. An informed Methodist is a better Methodist, and the conference organ furnishes the best medium for such information. To have every official a subscriber should be the minimum, with as many others as possible. If the church paper means anything to the church and the individual it should be placed in their hands early in the conference year, in order that each may reap the full benefits it offers. Hence, the reason for having an early campaign.



## Student Movement Concerned About Several Vital Issues

The National Conference of the Methodist Student Movement has endorsed sit-in demonstrations, expressed concern that the 1960 General Conference "made little progress toward abolishing the Central (all-Negro) Jurisdiction," warned against religious bigotry in considering U. S. presidential candidates, and defended academic freedom. The action was taken at the annual meeting of the organization of Methodist college students June 14-19 at the University of Missouri in Columbia. Kaneaster Hodges, Newport, Ark., was elected president of the national group. He is a recent graduate of Princeton University and plans to enroll this fall in Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas.

## F. L. Brockman Joins MCOR Staff

An Iowa minister has been named to the new position of secretary for promotion of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief in New York.

The Rev. Francis L. Brockman, pastor of the First Methodist Church at Creston since 1957, began his duties with MCOR July 1. He will be in charge of the promotion of MCOR *Advance Specials*, do editorial work, accept speaking assignments, and engage in other general promotional work. He will work with the Dr. Gaither P. Warfield, MCOR general secretary.

## 32 Students Serving In Summer Projects

Thirty-two college students will spend six weeks this summer doing home mission work in various areas of the United States under the auspices of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions. The summer service program offers them an opportunity to perform needed tasks in home mission projects and institutions, working under the direction of skilled professionals. The types of service are varied, including work in community centers, mission schools, vacation church schools, youth work, camping programs and children's work. The summer workers come from 22 states from Maine to California and will serve in places as widely separated as northern New York and Alaska.

## Minister's Mother Passes

Mrs. Lewis Gibbons Carter, a faithful member of Shady Grove Methodist Church in Caswell County, and mother of Rev. J. Edwin Carter, associate pastor of Hawthorne Lane Church, Charlotte, passed away July 4, and was buried July 5. Mrs. Carter and her family were among the mainstays of the Shady Grove church. It was this editor's happy privilege to be her pastor for four years. She was one of the most unselfish and consecrated women we have known.

## Assign Bishops to Visit Central Conferences

The Council of Bishops has announced the following assignments of its members to make official visitations to forthcoming meetings of Central Conferences overseas: Latin America, Bishop W. Angie Smith of Oklahoma City and Bishop Marshall R. Reed of Detroit; Philippines, Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, New York; Southern Asia, Bishop Edwin E. Voigt, Aberdeen, S. D.; Southeast Asia, Bishop Edgar A. Love, Baltimore; Northern Europe, Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville; Southern Europe, Bishop Gerald Kennedy, Los Angeles; Germany, Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, Des Moines, Iowa; and Africa, Bishop Richard C. Raines, Indianapolis, Ind.

## Board Official Discusses Problems of Drinking

Sixty per cent of American adults drink alcoholic beverages today compared to the 40 per cent who are teetotalers, a Board of Temperance official said in a recent address. "These figures have remained fairly stable in recent years following a 12 per cent decline in the number of drinkers right after World War II," said Roger Burgess of Washington, D. C. Burgess, a layman, is associate secretary of the temperance board. He taught a course on "Christian Responsibility and the Alcohol Problem" at the School of Missions held recently at Lake Junaluska, N. C., for nearly 300 leaders of the Woman's Society of Christian Service from the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

## A First for Virginia

In 1956 the Virginia Conference was paying 34 cents per member for the work of Christian higher education, but in the past four years it moved up to its goal of \$1.30 per member. In the four years, the conference has contributed \$1,117,000 for the current operation of its three schools and Wesley Foundation work. This past year it contributed \$405,000 for these interests. The Rev. Dr. John O. Gross of Nashville, general secretary of the Division of Higher Education, says he believes this represents the largest amount ever paid by an annual conference in American Methodism for the current operation of its educational institutions in one year.

## Find Old Asbury Portrait

What may prove to be a hitherto unknown portrait of Francis Asbury, pioneer American bishop, was found recently in the attic of an old house in Alexandria, Va. It has been bought by the Rev. Dr. Elmer T. Clark, executive secretary of the Association of Methodist Historical Societies, and is now on display in the archives of the American headquarters of the World Methodist Council at Lake Junaluska, N. C. The portrait, found in a dilapidated state, was restored at a Washington, D. C. art gallery, where officials assured Dr. Clark that the portrait is definitely an original and was painted from life.

## Urge Interracial Ties

Closer relationship between white and Negro clergymen, that would include asking Negro ministers to preach in white churches, was recommended by the Western North Carolina Conference at its annual meeting at Lake Junaluska. The conference said it "feels increasing concern over our churches' hesitation to implement more fully the teachings of the Bible that God is the Father of all people and all races, and that all men are of infinite value and should be treated with dignity."

## Favor United Nations

The North-East Ohio Conference, meeting in Lakeside June 22, took action expressing confidence in the United Nations, urging that all nuclear tests should cease, and expressing the belief that "only complete disarmament, involving both nuclear and conventional weapons, down to the levels required for internal policing" must be our goal. The conference also favored economic aid to underprivileged countries and planned parenthood "practiced in Christian conscience."

## 'Away From Force and Fear'

The church has a "responsibility to lead the world away from force and fear," DePauw University president Russell J. Humbert told the Rock River Conference at its recent session in Joliet, Ill. "We must move from force through freedom to faith if we are to have a world at all," he said. "A well-planned, far-sighted strategy for peace is urgently needed." The conference called for negotiation by the major powers for controlled disarmament and recommended progressive annual reductions of the U. S. defense budget.

## Vote to Establish New Illinois Area

The Methodist Church will have a new episcopal area in Illinois with headquarters in Springfield as a result of action taken at the North Central Jurisdictional Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan, July 7th. A ninth episcopal area will be created by the division of the present Illinois area into a Chicago Metropolitan area with a Bishop's office in Chicago and another Bishop serving a down-state area from headquarters in Springfield.

## Ewha Graduates 1,064

Methodist-related Ewha Woman's University in Seoul, Korea, granted more than 1,000 degrees at its most recent commencement exercises. Thirty-four of the 1,064 graduates received master's degrees.

Ewha Woman's University, with more than 6,000 students, is one of the largest women's colleges in the world (see *Ewha in Korea, Biggest Women's School on Earth*, November, 1957, page 35).

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You may lie to God, but you cannot deceive Him.—*Portuguese*.



# Woman's Society News

## N. C. Conference

By MARY GARDNER



### Clinics For WSCS Officers Planned

Eight clinics for district and local officers will be among the features of the Annual School of Missions and Christian Service scheduled to be held at Duke University August 8-12.

Conducted by the respective conference officers the clinics and their leaders will include: presidents, Mrs. H. C. Turlington; vice-president, Mrs. Sam A. Dunn; missionary education and service, Mrs. Harold Braswell; Christian social relations, Mrs. T. S. Newbold; spiritual life, Mrs. R. L. Jerome; promotion, Mrs. C. H. Boyd; literature and publications, Mrs. Frank Houser;



DR. HENRY BARNETT  
*Instructor*

missionary personnel, Miss Sarah McCracken.

Sessions of the clinics on Tuesday afternoon, August 9, will be held for district officers. Officers of local societies will attend the Wednesday and Thursday sessions.

Other features of the school's program will be classed for the four current mission study courses, a daily hour of Bible Study for the entire school, and evening platform hours.

Early registration for classes will be exceedingly helpful to the school's planning committee. Registration fee of \$2.00 for those expecting to be housed in the dormitories, as well as day students attending full time, should be sent not later than July 30 to Mrs. Shelton Boyd, Mount Olive, N. C. Day students attending part time will register Monday, August 8, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., or 1:15 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Day students from Burlington, Durham, and Raleigh Districts are urged to register prior



MRS. W. B. LANDRUM  
*Instructor*

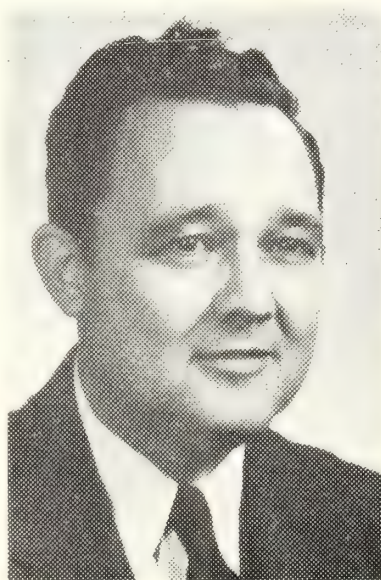
to the opening day of the school, in order to greatly facilitate matters at the registration desks on Monday. Other fees, to be paid upon arrival at Duke are \$14.50 for room and board; 35 cents for insurance. Registration for the Spiritual Life Retreat which precedes the School of Missions on Saturday and Sunday, August 6-7, is \$1.00. Room and board, \$6.15; insurance, fifteen cents. The one dollar fee to be sent to Mrs. Boyd.

### Durham District Holds Day Apart

More than 100 women representing 23 local Woman's Societies of Christian Service engaged in a recent Day Apart Service at St. John's Methodist Church, Durham.

Under the leadership of Mrs. R. L. Jerome, conference secretary of Spiritual Life, and using the theme, "God's Search-Our Response," the meditation was based upon Isaiah's experience.

Mrs. Jerome challenged: "God speaks to each of us and calls us to lead redemptive



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*Instructor*

lives . . . If we have newness of life, then we can help others to come into a new life in Christ . . . What we need is not more philosophy about God, but a vitalizing connection with him."

Mrs. Jerome was introduced by Mrs. J. A. Warren, district secretary of spiritual life. Others participating in the service were Mrs. J. E. Sponenburg, district president; Mrs. J. W. Duke, president of the hostess society, and Mrs. Robert Young, organist.

Following the service the women adjourned to the Methodist Retirement Home for luncheon and a tour of the Home.

## W. N. C. Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



### New Public Relations Booklet

A new booklet, "The Public Relations Committee in the Local Church," by O. B. Fanning, is just off the press, and is available to all ministers and laymen interested in improving their local church's public relations.

The booklet explains what public relations is and how it works. It tells of the pastor's role, as the chief symbol of public relations. Then it describes the work of the public relations committee in the local church, its work in press relations, in publications and printing, in audio-visual materials, in good church-appearance, and in hospitality.

This may be ordered by writing Methodist Information, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.

Other free leaflets are "Churchmen, Let's Go to Press," by Holt McPherson, "Public Relations and the Church School," by Dr. Ralph Stooddy, "How to Build Attendance for Meetings," by William M. Hearn, and "When a Camera Goes to Church," by Paul W. Travis. These may be ordered from the same address as the above leaflet.

### Wesleyan Service Guild Weekend

The Guilders of the Western North Carolina Conference had a most inspirational meeting at Lake Junaluska on the weekend of June 17th, with a record attendance.

Mrs. M. H. White of Charlotte, secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, was in charge of the two-day session. The Charlotte district Guild was hostess.

Mrs. Ralph Ward, missionary to Taiwan, and Dr. Louise Branscomb were guest speakers at the evening sessions on Friday and Saturday. On Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock worship hour the Rev. Dow Kirkpatrick of Atlanta, Ga. was guest minister.

The program was opened on Friday afternoon with an hour of worship in the Memorial Chapel. Mrs. Florence Sherrill of Franklin led this program, using as her theme, "Living in Tune."

One of the outstanding events was the pledge service on Saturday evening. The Franklin Guild presented a pageant, "Women of the Bible." Miss Mary Bright and Miss Una Edwards had charge of the



service. They were assisted by the eleven district secretaries. The total pledge amounted to about \$36,000.

The workshops on Saturday morning were led by Miss Mary Bright, Mrs. Thomas E. Frutchey, Mrs. Robert Ayers, Mrs. Ira Shelley, Miss Joyce Shook, Mrs. Annabel Thompson, Miss Doris Hutchinson and others.

On Saturday afternoon a special hour was set when Guilders might visit with each of the missionaries attending the meeting.

The love offering contributed by Guilders at their communion service will be used for the summer program in rural churches in the Conference, for the salary of a missionary nurse in the hospital at Kapanga, Africa, and for a contribution for World Refugee Year.

The Guild annual report showed that \$36,428 had been contributed by Guilders during the past year. This amount went to seven special divisions, mission pledge, \$26,959; life memberships, \$1,745; cultivation fund, \$111; Week of Prayer, \$204; Supply Work, \$856; missionary's salary, \$487; Pfeiffer College, \$993.

## Albemarle District Organized

The new Albemarle district makes its bow to the other twelve districts in the Conference with a complete roster of district officers chosen at an organizational meeting held in Monroe on July 5th.

These include Mrs. Ralph E. Bisel of Badin, president; Mrs. Roger Duvall, vice-president; Mrs. James Clemmer of Pfeiffer College, treasurer; Mrs. Paul Wrenn, recording secretary; Mrs. Robert Gratty, secretary of promotion; Mrs. Tom Little, Missionary Education and Service; Mrs. John Crawford, Christian Social Relations; Mrs. Wade Lee, student work; Mrs. Leston

Hilton, youth work; Mrs. Kenneth Horne, children's work; Mrs. Fred T. Lisk, spiritual life; Mrs. George S. Moore, literature and publications; Mrs. Glenn Hawfield, supply work; Mrs. Paul Kiker, missionary personnel; and Mrs. W. H. Helms, chairman of committee on nominations.

The sub-district leaders are Miss Viola Kiker of the Anson County group; Mrs. W. H. Helms of the Union County group; and Mrs. Ray D. Lowder of the Stanly County sub-district.

Dr. W. J. Huneycutt, district superintendent, conducted the installation service for the new officers. The Rev. Harley Williams, pastor of the host church, presented the meditation for the meeting.

One hundred and thirty women from the three counties in the new district were present for the meeting.

## We Have Plenty, Thank You!

Many people in Western Carolina responded to a request that used Christmas cards be sent to the missionaries in Burma for their use in school and pre-school work. Miss Elizabeth Callis, formerly a missionary to Burma, had asked that these be sent to her co-workers in the mission school in Rangoon.

Now news comes from the missionaries that they have received all of the cards that they can conveniently use in their school projects.

Miss Callis says, "Just recently I have had a letter from one of the Youth groups in Burma who have been the recipients of some of the cards and they are very grateful for them. However, things are rather unstable and unpredictable in Burma and what holds one day may not hold the next. They very tactfully said that they had received enough cards for this year and for us to please express their appreciation to those who sent them."

Every member of the Woman's Society is grateful to those who responded to the request.

## North Carolina Wesleyan Adds to Music Faculty

**Rocky Mount** — North Carolina Wesleyan College officials have announced the appointment of William Gray Sasser as an Associate Professor of Music. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he will direct the college chorus and glee club.

A native of Wilson, North Carolina, he was graduated from the University of North Carolina with an A.B. in 1947, his M.A. in 1949 and is to be awarded his Ph.D. degree this summer. In addition he has done private piano study under Ruth Geiger of New York City in 1949-1950.

Sasser has taught at Landon High School in Jacksonville, Florida, Jacksonville College of Music and as a graduate assistant in the Music Department of the University of North Carolina. In this last area he has served as director of the Summer Chorus for the University.

While a student at the University, Mr. Sasser was accompanist for the Men's Glee Club, a staff member of the Daily Tar Heel and a member of Phi Mu Alpha (national honorary music fraternity). He is presently a member of the latter and of the American Musicological Society.

Mrs. Thelma Paiewonsky Sasser, his wife, is also a musician. She has a B.M. degree from Jacksonville College of Music and received her M.M. from Oberlin Conservatory, Oberlin, Ohio, where she studied with Emil Danenberg. From 1954-1957, she was on the faculty of Jacksonville College of Music teaching piano, music history and theory.

Mr. Sasser is a life-long member of the First Methodist Church, Wilson, North Carolina. The family has moved to Rocky Mount.

## Southwide Bible Conference Held at Junaluska

**Lake Junaluska**—"A sower went out to sow his seed . . ."

These words from a New Testament parable should be the inspiration of all clergymen and Sunday school teachers, delegates to a Southwide Bible Conference were told July 4.

"That is all we do, sow the seeds we find in the Bible, and we should not expect to reap the harvest," said Dr. John Beigelsen, noted Bible scholar of St. Louis, Mo.

"Too many teachers stress the background of the Bible and never come to grips with the foreground—God speaking to man," Dr. Biegeleisen said. "We read the Bible, but seldom study it. God is the heart of the Bible. That is why this collection of books is called sacred scriptures."

Dr. Biegeleisen, a Polish-born Christian Jew who studied to become a rabbi, is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ. Before his retirement recently he served 33 years on the faculty of Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis.

"The only condition attached to reading the Bible is the same as with all other gifts of God — share with others," Dr. Biegeleisen said.



The new sanctuary at Hickory Ridge Methodist Church, above (left) was formally opened for worship on Easter Sunday. It has a seating capacity of 300 and was erected at a cost of approximately \$50,000, including free labor. The building at the right will be used for classrooms for a fast-growing church school. The church is located on N. C. highway 8, about five miles north of Winston-Salem. Rev. R. A. Hunter is pastor, and Mr. Winfred Smith acted as chairman of the building committee.



# An Appraisal of the Cuban Situation

By GARFIELD EVANS

Information being published in the American press has improved in recent months, but still is far from telling the whole truth. Attitudes expressed by leaders in the States, as well as those in Cuba, unfortunately, do not deal with the main issues involved and too often represent personal animosities or disturbed feelings in vain efforts to maintain a status quo.

Colossal developments are taking place in this island which is about the same size as Florida but with a population of about 7,000,000. It is almost incredible the progress that has been made in the one and one-half years of the present revolutionary government. Changes had to come. A decadent form of government that had been handed down from Europe and fostered by corrupt influences from the USA and maintained by protected interests in Cuba was doomed to fail.

Confusion exists in the average American's mind because he does not have all the facts and since he does not think in the same pattern as does the Latin. Confusion is also in the mind of the Cuban because he, too, is not given all the facts and he is afraid of his American friends in the north, and fear makes any of us do things that ordinarily would not be considered.

Americans are liked by the Cubans, although he dislikes the methods of our government, and big business, and the typical tourist has not always been a representative of the true American. Latins are more courteous than Nordics. Traveling over Cuba for a month this summer I have never been treated more courteously by all classes.

"Patria Ovmuetre" (meaning country or death) is a sign found everywhere. It is an expression of extreme nationalism, for the smaller the country the more sensitive it is to its rights and privileges and is very fearful lest some of its rights may be infringed upon or restricted. Also from previous unfortunate pressures of the USA other small countries in the Caribbean area had seemed to be puppets of American interests. The Cubans are actually afraid that America may be planning to intervene with a military mission. This seems fictitious to you as you sit in the calmness of your protected home, but the Cuban is continuously haunted by this specter. We Americans must recognize it, and if we want to maintain our historic friendship we must do everything to remove it.

American Congressmen loudly proclaim that they do not believe in intervention, yet in the next breath they talk of imposing trade sanctions which to the Cuban is the same as the threat of war.

Any change in government is fraught with problems and many dangers. Time only is capable of adequately judging. The American Republic for many years and many times was on the brink of failure and our best friends in Europe were not sure we could succeed. A new page in history of the Western Hemisphere is being writ-

ten in Cuba, and the eyes of the other Latin American countries are trained on the events taking place here.

Ignorance and illiteracy represent a tremendous drag on the efforts of any sincere government honestly trying to improve the welfare of its people. With practically 50% of the total population illiterate and the same percentage living in a poverty that is only a little better than that of animals, adequate social changes of necessity must be slow and desirable results will not immediately be seen. Let us enumerate first of all some of the achievements and then frankly face some of the dangers.

## Favorable Achievements

Over 5,000 new schools have been begun, with teachers voluntarily taking a 50% reduction in salary so as to help the government. (A logical place to begin in government reform. Previously school money was the easiest to steal and teachers often rendered notoriously poor service).

The six large military barracks, where an average of 3,000 soldiers were stationed at each one, were reconditioned and are now functioning schools with government buses bringing children from distances. (Previously a government school bus was unheard of).

The old archaic system of education has been reformed very largely comparable to the American system. Most secondary schools and those of college rank will run all summer to help make up for time lost during the revolution.

Adequate school centers with appropriate and attractive buildings are being built in all towns of approximately 5,000 population or above. Previously schools were held in rented dwelling houses and very often most inadequate.

School dining rooms are functioning with attractive and wholesome food for underprivileged children. Milk "banks" are found in many centers where powdered milk is given to undernourished children under the direction of government doctors. Medical centers are established in many small towns and rural centers where all young doctors are required to serve from six months to a year before being allowed to choose residence for private practice.

Public and government-protected gambling has disappeared. Some of the notable gambling houses are now children's orphanages.

Liquor is not sold in the new "People's Stores" and no soldier is allowed to drink. The government tried unsuccessfully to enforce Sunday closing of all business. The Premier's son has joined an evangelical church.

A passionate enthusiasm characterizes the attitude of the average youth and most of the laboring class in support of the government policies. If there is a traffic jam and no police available some youth will efficiently take over, feeling it his duty.

Welfare centers well organized and efficiently staffed work sometimes day and night in helping the underprivileged. In related manner medical centers care for the poor, and many new hospitals and clinics are being built or reconditioned.

Honesty characterizes the administration of all government agencies. Mistakes may occur on account of inefficiency but not dishonesty. This is something undreamed of before.

Roads in poor repair are being repaired and new ones built. Public parks and many public buildings beautified. Soldiers work in construction instead of sitting around. Evangelical trained workers are at a premium, and the church never had such opportunities as now. The church has complete freedom.

## Unfavorable Tendencies

Most complaints come from the Agrarian Reform. Is it too fast and too radical?

Is expropriation of land from wealthy or some of the middle class justifiable or desirable?

Will private ownership of property and industry with individual incentive to progress become stifled or disappear?

Is the so-called "Cooperatives" (collective or communal farm and housing center) a desirable substitute for private and separate farm?

With governmental control of major industries and substituting often of untrained technicians result in loss of production and increased unemployment or lowered incomes?

Government restriction already has caused many businesses to close. How far can this go without industry seriously declining and taxable income become affected?

With growing population new industry and investments are needed. Will the fear of government intervention limit such investments?

Can the banks weather the limitations placed on loans and the failures of private individuals to repay interest and loans?

Although the government has required private industry to increase wages, nevertheless, in many instances it pays its employees less than private industry previously paid.

Although the government maintains a large force in public works, nevertheless, there is increasing unemployment among the low income brackets because of closed private industry.

There are 2,000 "people's stores" which has meant the disappearance of the small grocery store. The government employee is forced to buy at the "people's store." Is this monopoly desirable or helpful in the long run?

With the military training of almost all ages, in one way or another (often including women) and supplying adults arms develop a dangerous military-minded population.

Will Russian technicians as advisers pro-



mote better friendship with the North American neighbors?

Although political leaders avow they are not Communists, will the socialist tendencies know where to stop short of a totalitarian State?

# Methodist Commended for Better Care for Children

By CAROLINE BLAKELY

Jackie Robinson, first Negro in American Big League baseball, was once considered a juvenile delinquent. A Methodist preacher saw the possibilities in him, and what a difference it made!

Years later, Jackie was asked about the most significant event in his life.

He replied, "My redemption began when someone looked at a colored boy and said, 'By Jove, this boy is worth something' and made me believe it."

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke used this illustration in one of his devotions for 133 Methodists attending the "Institutes and Workshops for Personnel of Methodist Children's Agencies" at Lake Junaluska, N. C. last August.

In an effort to help lift the standards of Methodist children's homes, these workshops began eight years ago, mainly for houseparents. In response to demand, workshops have been added for administrators, caseworkers and supervisors.

Particular emphasis has been placed on helping personnel increase their understanding of the needs of troubled and hurt children and youths of our rapidly changing times.

Outstanding national workers in the field of child welfare have been secured as leaders for the various workshops. Administrators and other children's home staff also take leading parts in the program.

Through the workshops, fellowship and worship, those attending receive inspiration and knowledge to help them in their specialized jobs.

It is very evident that these people do not work for money alone, but because they believe in the worthfulness of all individuals and get satisfaction from seeing this belief, with hard work, produce useful citizens.

From beautiful Lake Junaluska in the Smoky Mountains, they return to the 63 Methodist children's homes across the United States with new insight and appreciation for their specialized jobs—serving approximately 7,000 children and youths annually.

## *Changing Aspects of Homes*

We no longer have "orphans" homes. Most of the children have one or more living parents. Most of them come from broken homes—homes where they have received little affection and often abuse.

These children and youths often are quite disturbed emotionally. Always they are hurt and troubled youngsters. "Any child out of his own home is a disturbed child," said one child-care expert. Helping such children requires caseworkers, psychiatrists and other specialists to work with

YOU CAN continue to help Cuban youth get adequate Christian education. Talk friendship, act friendly, pray for peace. Make an effort to visit Cuba and demonstrate your friendly spirit. Support your church's missionary program.

the houseparents through a team approach coordinated by the administrator.

This team works together with a plan, formulated to meet the individual needs of each child. There are no stipulating formulas—one works from the right underlying feeling, plus knowledge and understanding. Sound plans include working with the child's family, because it must be rehabilitated also before the child can return home.

The last 20 years have brought many changes in children's homes. The custodian-type orphans' home has given place to modern group care.

In this type prevalent today, 8 to 12 children live in a unit with houseparents who act as substitute parents and group leaders. Preferred practice is that preschoolers not be placed in institutions, but into foster homes.

In years past, houseparents have been poorly trained and paid, resulting in much turnover in personnel and inadequate service to children.

The houseparents have many housekeeping duties as in any home, but their main responsibility is to give affection, understanding and leadership to the troubled child as he tries to overcome his problems in spiritual, mental and physical development.

Good and unselfish as houseparents may be, they alone cannot do an adequate job of rehabilitating disturbed children. "Affection is not enough, training is needed and a working faith in God's power to make all things new."

More and more the rehabilitation is done by the trained social worker—a member of the helping team. Many of these are deaconesses.

The workshops at Lake Junaluska have emphasized the need of social services as basic in modern programs of good child welfare.

Children's homes with dedicated staffs, skilled in child care, have afforded one last chance to many children who have been in conflict with society. Unselfish devotion and patient understanding have helped these youths toward faith in their own worth.

High quality care of troubled and hurt children outside of their own homes is expensive. Food, clothing and other living essentials cost just as much for children in institutions as for others. In addition to this all personnel must be paid well for their difficult and specialized work.

The children's home is the fastest changing phase of social work and everyone

concerned has to grow with the change. "If you stop growing emotionally, you can't help others grow emotionally," said Martin Gula, leader of the administrators' workshop. An opportunity for growth is given through these conferences at Lake Junaluska.

In comparing the growth of Methodist homes since 1953 with others, Mr. Gula said, "The only sectarian group a few paces ahead of the Methodists is the Jewish group."

Miss Lena Martin, director of child welfare of the Board of Hospitals and Homes, has perhaps thrown out a challenge to all of us in her statement: "Should not the church, in setting up priorities for welfare services, give the highest place to children—its greatest potential asset?"

## *The Why of the Workshops*

These annual meetings are sponsored jointly by the Board of Hospitals and Homes and the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions.

The agencies provide the workshop as a service to the homes, to help them improve their work. Gifts from Methodists all over America thus are brought to the aid of the institutions. World Service gifts make possible the work of the Board of Hospitals and Homes in this and other service areas. Work of the WDCS is made possible by gifts from women in local societies.

A similar conference will be held at Lake Junaluska, August 7-12, 1960. Next year there will be increased emphasis on the role of the board member in child welfare work.

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## **Southeastern Jurisdiction WSCS Makes Record Pledge**

*Lake Junaluska*—A record \$2,110,300 was pledged here June 29 by Methodist women of nine southeastern states for their church's missionary work at home and in 33 other countries.

The sum is an increase of \$63,100 over 1959 and is the second successive year the figure has exceeded \$2,000,000, it was announced by Mrs. David J. Cathcart, Lakeland, Fla., president of the Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service in the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

The pledge service climaxed the annual School of Missions for nearly 300 WSCS leaders of 16 conferences.

The largest pledge, \$250,000, was registered by the Virginia Conference WSCS. Western North Carolina Conference pledged \$170,000, and North Carolina Conference \$142,300. Other conferences ranged from \$195,000 for North Georgia to \$62,500 for North Mississippi.

The money, to be contributed during the next 12 months, will go to the world-wide program of the Woman's Division of the Methodist Board of Missions.

Mrs. Cathcart reported that 30,272 new members were added to the southeastern WSCS rolls last year, bringing total membership to 418,401 in 8,745 local church societies.





# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## A Boy Was There

By R. P. MARSHALL

The mountainside was covered with people. As far as one could see were the eager listeners who, forgetful of the need for food, had rushed out of their homes to follow the Prophet of Galilee. Now they were tired and hungry, and the cries of children came to the ears of the Master. Turning to His disciples, He said, "Where can we buy food for these people to eat?"

One can imagine the look of surprise on the face of Phillip as he replied, "Ten dollars worth of bread would not be enough for them, even if they had only a little each!"

Just then, Simon Peter's brother Andrew, who never seemed to do anything spectacular, but was always around when needed, put in a word. He had been looking around among the people nearby, and had a bit of information that might help.

"There's a boy here who's got five little barley loaves and a couple of fish," he said, "but what's the good of that for such a crowd?"

You know what happened then—how Jesus gave the word for the people to sit down; and then, taking the five little loaves and two fish, performed an act of divine multiplication, and fed the entire multitude from out of the little boy's lunch basket.

Yes, there was a boy there, and it was very natural that there should be. Where there's a crowd there's always certain to be a boy somewhere. Whether it's a circus or a revival, you'll always find him, peering through a crack in the wall, climbing a tree so he can see, or sliding under a tent flap. I'm sure boys haven't changed much since Jesus' time. They're always sure to be around. Thank God for that!

The other folk saw only a hungry crowd of five thousand, Andrew saw them, but he saw more than that—he saw in that crowd a little lad who, like a good Scout, had come prepared for an emergency. Maybe the credit belonged to his mother, who may have had to hang onto his coat-tail while she packed the basket of food, but he gets the credit for bringing it, at least.

## THE BUNGLE BEE

By LOUISE C. GOOSMAN

My Daddy said I shouldn't try  
To catch a bee, for surely I  
Would get stung, an' that would be too  
bad,  
For stingers hurt — that's what he said.  
But there was this old bungle bee  
Inside a rose, an' I could see  
Him drinkin' somethin' there inside;  
So I just thought that maybe I'd  
Catch him, very slick an' quick.  
So I took my hankie — it was thick—  
An' wrapped it all around the rose.  
I didn't squeeze him, goodness knows!  
But do you know that that ole bee  
Stuck his stinger into me!  
Right through my hankie, in my thumb;  
It hurt so bad, an' still hurts some.  
I guess my Dad knows more than me  
'Bout the business end of a bungle bee.

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(Note: Mrs. Goosman has this to say about the above poem. "This experience with the 'bungle bee' actually happened to me one Sunday morning when I was about three years old. We were almost ready for Sunday School, and while waiting for Mother, Daddy told me to sit on the porch and let the bees alone. I didn't! No one went to Sunday School that day.")

Just think of what might have happened if the boy had not been there that day. Jesus could have fed the five thousand without him, I suppose; but think of what that boy would have missed!

Every Sunday is a time for us to meet Jesus in His church, and when we miss a service we have missed the opportunity to serve Him. When the Lord's Supper is celebrated in our church, we should remember that again Jesus is feeding His people; and as the minister passes the bread and grape juice, he is acting for Jesus. And here, as always, Jesus has need for boys and girls.

What can a boy do for Jesus today? Well, what did that little boy do on the summer day in Galilee? He simply gave Him what he had. Jesus used the loaves and fishes to feed five thousand people. He can use our love, our talents, our service, and even our very lives, in His great work of saving the world.

## TURN AROUND AND FACE IT

Once there was a little boy who dreamed that he was being chased by a horrible witch. At first it seemed she was about the size of a mouse, and then the size of a cat, and then she got as big as a horse, and then as big as a house.

No matter how fast the boy ran, the witch kept gaining on him, and finally he fell to the ground, unable to run any more.

Suddenly he got up and turned around, and when he looked the witch in the face, she began getting smaller, till she was about the size of a horse, and still smaller 'til she was the size of a cat, and still smaller 'til she was the size of a mouse, and then she scurried under the door of her house.

You know, problems and troubles are often like that old witch. They aren't really so big to start with, but we begin worrying about them, and trying to run away from them, without making a real effort to find a solution. We run this way and that way, trying to outrun the "monsters," and finally wear ourselves out as they get bigger and bigger, and closer and closer to us.

But sometimes we come to our senses, stop running, and turn around and look the problem or trouble square in the face. And strange to say, it doesn't look near as horrible as we thought. When we show it we're not afraid, and start to work on the thing, it gets smaller, and smaller, and smaller, and finally disappears "under the door."

How about turning around and facing your "witch" next time?—By E. Wisner.

## BIBLE QUIZ

Who? What? Where?

1. Who put whom in a den of———?
2. Who lived how many days in the stomach of a great———?
3. Who fed five thousand people with how many———and how many———?
4. What two people lived in what garden until they disobeyed God by doing what?
5. Who said to the Lord, "Am I my brother's keeper?"———

Answers in Closing Installment of  
Story Last Week

Benjamin — Joseph — Egypt.



# International Sunday School Lesson

FOR JULY 24

By **RAYMOND A. SMITH**

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## GOD DESIRES STEADFAST LOVE

**Background Scripture:** Hosea 1:2 through 4:4;  
5:15 through 6:6

**Lesson Scripture:** Hosea 4:1-3; 5:15 through 6:6

In our series in progress on "Century of Great Prophets" we now turn from Amos to Hosea. It is sometimes said that whereas Amos was the prophet of justice ("Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream"—Amos 5:24), Hosea was the prophet of love ("For I desire mercy and not sacrifice"—Hosea 6:6). Hosea was the only one of the great prophets of the later age to come from the Northern kingdom, Israel. Amos prophesied there, but his home was in Judea.

Hosea is remembered as the prophet who had an unfortunate family life, his wife, Gomer, having proved unfaithful to him. However, he forgave her and took her back. This tragic domestic experience was not permitted by Hosea to ruin and blight his life; instead, he used the experience as a sort of an enacted sign of the steadfast love of God for Israel, a nation that had been unfaithful to the covenant made at Sinai.

Like Amos before him Hosea did not deal in generalities. He was not like a modern preacher who is said to have told his congregation: "If you do not repent, in a measure, you will be damned to a certain extent." The catalog of sins listed in 4:1-3 involved the breaking of at least four of the Ten Commandments. So great was the sin of the people that even nature wept—the fields, the dumb animals and even the fish of the sea. This same idea of nature being affected by the sin of man is found in St. Paul's writings at Romans 8:22f: "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together . . . waiting for the redemption of our body."

In verses 1-3 of chapter 6 there appears what may be intended to be the easy assurance of people that hasty and superficial repentance will save them. "After two days he will revive us and on the third day he will raise us up" indicates their feeling that God will make everything all right. There is no suggestion of an "agonizing re-appraisal" of their way of life, nor any hint that their salvation will have to wait upon the complete reversal of their immoral practices. Even with the grace of God the re-making of a person (or a nation) is a major operation, involving the uprooting and destroying of old habits and attitudes and the gradual substitution of a new pattern.

Hosea describes the love of the people for their God by the metaphor of the morning cloud and the dew, both of which are quickly dissipated by the rising sun. It is a reformation that has no lasting qualities. By contrast, the prophet declares that God desires "steadfast love" and not sacrifices. Reference has already been made in a previous lesson to the attempt to substitute sacrifice for obedience as one of the chief temptations of men. Hosea, as well as others of the great prophets, reminds the Hebrew people that in the wilderness, where the relationship of the people to their God was a close and intimate one, there were no requirements of sacrifices. These various festivals and ceremonies of one sort and another had grown up only in the later days of Israel's national existence. Instead of being required by God they were merely the invention of the people's false leaders.

What is the suggestion in the above paragraph for the Christian Church today? Could it be that we, too, have been guilty of trying to substitute worship for obedience to God's ethical demands? The service of worship ought to be a trumpet call to action, not a vesper bell reminding us it is time to rest! It ought to penetrate to the very core of our lives and cause us, as it did Isaiah, to cry out: "I am a man of unclean lips, and I live in the midst of a people of unclean lips." Then, and only then, shall we begin to manifest that steadfast love without which our lives are merely pious frauds, or at least weak and feeble instruments that can do no great thing for the cause of God in the world.

### RULES FOR WORSHIP

I

Worship begins as I close the door to my home. On my way, I pray for my church, for the minister, and for those who worship far and near.

II

Before I enter the house of God, I pause a moment that I may cast off and leave outside all things and thoughts unbecoming a child of my Heavenly Father: hates, grudges, frettings, worldly cares, and sinful thoughts.

III

The moment I enter the door of this sacred house, I cease all conversation. I come in silence, for great things arise out of quietness and minister to me and to those about me.

IV

As soon as I am seated, I bow my head head in prayer. I pray for others as well as for myself. I pray for my church and its great causes. I ask God to be near me now.

V

I join in the singing of hymns and bow my head during the amen. I think about the words of the sermon and let their meaning and spirit go down to the roots of my soul.

VI

As I lay my offering on the plate, I say a prayer of thanks for my money and ask God's blessing on its use here and in the uttermost parts of the earth.

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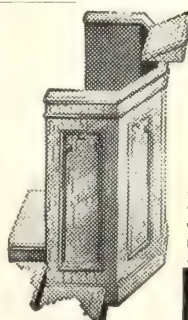
Throughout the service I think of God objectively. As power, peace, strength, love, He is all I need for life as it should be.

VIII

I listen as the minister preaches from God's Word, and I seek to apply his message to my life. I pray for him as he preaches.

IX

When the service has ended, in Christian friendliness I speak to those whom I know and also to those who are strangers to me.



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*Wrightsboro Methodist Church*

## Wrightsboro Methodist Observes 2nd Birthday

By REV. ALLEN WENTZ, JR.

On June 8, 1960, Wrightsboro Methodist Church of Wilmington, N. C. was officially two years old. Two years of dedicated labor and answered prayers have brought about much progress. The church organized with 34 members and now has 70 (even with the loss of four), the church school has grown from 22 to 85 members. In physical assets, the church has an acre of land and a church building valued at \$12,000. This has been accomplished without the aid of the \$10 Club indicating the need for the church in the community. The construction of this small church is in itself a story of dedication in the lives of many of the Wrightsboro men who sacrificed of their time, money, and talent to build their church with their own hands. Working on their "off days" and every night with the area lighted with floodlights and in temperature near freezing, Wrightsboro church was built. The sanctuary was completed in March 1959. Wrightsboro was the youngest church to have both an organized W.S.C.S. and a chartered Men's Club. These groups are active today with projects including furnishing the parsonage, landscaping the church lawn, and purchasing 18 pews. In the recent E.M.C. program the church increased its budget by 46%. The church also sponsors a day kindergarten with 18 pupils enrolled. The pastor, since its organization, the Rev. Allen Wentz, Jr., states that we are grateful for God's continued guidance in the growth and should you like to know more about the Wrightsboro Church, just send your name and you will receive a copy of the church's monthly paper, "The Shepherd."

### Alpharetta Leeper Dies in Missouri

Miss Alpharetta Leeper, a deaconess of the Methodist Church and a secretary of the Department of Missionary Personnel of the denomination's Board of Missions, 475 Riverside Drive, New York City, died on

Wednesday (July 6) in Lebanon, Missouri. She had been at the home of her sister there for the past year, ill with cancer.

Miss Leeper was born near Quincy, Kansas, October 5, 1908, but at an early age moved to Collinsville, Okla. She was educated at Muskogee Junior College, and at Scarritt College, Nashville, earning the A.B., and M.R.E. degrees. In 1932 she was consecrated a deaconess at the Oklahoma Annual Conference of the Methodist Church.

From 1932 to 1940, Miss Leeper was on the educational staff of Wolff Settlement, Tampa, Florida; and for eleven years following director of the Wesley Foundation at the State College for Women in Tallahassee, Florida. In 1952 she was elected to the staff of the Board of Missions to direct in the recruitment of missionaries and deaconesses for service in the United States. She was a member of Christ Church, Methodist, in New York City.

A memorial service for Miss Leeper will be held in McAlester, Oklahoma, and one will be held in the Interchurch Center, 475 Riverside Drive, New York City.

### Theologian Cites Dangers To American Family Life

Americans may wake up to find themselves "damned in the midst of paradise" if they ignore the dangers which accompany the advances in modern living, a Methodist theologian said at Lake Junaluska, N. C. "A family can be a hot-bed for bigotry, prejudice and selfishness or it can encourage generosity, truth and values," said the Rev. Dr. Haskell M. Miller, professor of social ethics at Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C. He was the principal speaker at a Family Life Conference held June 24-26 at the Methodist summer assembly for the nine-state Southeastern Jurisdiction.

## Christianity Is Credited With Changes in Africa

The spread of Christianity in Africa over the centuries is the reason why democracy is making such headway in Africa today.

So said Francis A. Dennis, deputy chief of mission of the U. S. Embassy of Liberia, in an address in Raleigh recently. He spoke at St. Augustine's College in place of Ambassador George Arthur Padmore who was unable to be present because of illness.

The deputy chief's address followed a vesper service of the National Council of Protestant Episcopal Churches. Dennis was introduced by Dr. James A. Boyer, St. Augustine's president, and Dr. Tollie L. Caution of the National Council presided.

Dennis said his explanation of what is currently going on in Africa was admittedly personal. Africans are galloping along the rocky road to independence, he said, because of their work and the work of people like them.

"It is the work which you . . . have financed which has brought about this transformation in Africa. You, with your Sunday contributions; with your missionary endeavor; your loyalty to the great tradition of David Livingstone . . . It is you who have changed the face of Africa. And I hope you will not forget this achievement.

"I hope that you will not fall too easily into the trap set for you by unbelievers who declare that the church has failed, that Christianity has shown itself unequal to the task imposed on it in an atomic age and that the Cross of our Saviour can no longer rally to support the disillusioned people of the under-developed nations of the world — of which so many are found on the map of Africa.

### Coming Home to Roost

" . . . Today in Africa, a whole flight of spiritual chickens are coming happily home to roost. It is not an accident that the defense of the interests of the grievously suppressed people of Southwest Africa has been entrusted to an Anglican priest, the Rev. Michael Scott.

"It is not an accident that the most powerful opposition to the abhorrent policy of apartheid in the Union of South Africa has come from the bishop of the Anglican Church.

"It is not an accident at that, in the darkest hour of his history the Bantu has found comfort, shelter and strength for renewed resistance under the banner of Christ—just as that banner has for so long fluttered in this country over the encampments of those who fight the holy battle against racial intolerance."

Liberia, Dennis reminded his audience, is not a country converted to Christianity but a country built on Christianity.

He also said that, according to Christian doctrine, when adversaries have been overcome the mercy of Christian forgiveness should be extended to the defeated. This is what Africa will have to do, he said, if its future is to be peaceful and quiet.

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It is as hard for the good to suspect evil as it is for the bad to suspect good.—*Cicero*.



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## *Our New Bishops*



The four men whose pictures appear above were elected bishops in the Methodist Church on July 15 by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference held at Lake Junaluska.

Left to right: Bishop James W. Henley, Nashville, Tenn., assigned to the Jacksonville, Fla., Episcopal Area; Bishop Walter C. Gum, Norfolk, Va., assigned to the Louisville, Ky., Area; Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., Birmingham, Ala., assigned to the new Columbia, S. C., Area, and Bishop John Owen Smith, Charleston, S. C., assigned to the Atlanta, Ga., Area.

In other episcopal assignments the following were returned to their same Areas: Bishop Roy H. Smith, Nashville, Tenn.; Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, Jackson, Miss.; Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va.; Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, Charlotte, N. C., and Bishop Bachman G. Hodge, Birmingham, Ala.



# LETTERS

Washington, N. C.  
June 10, 1960

Dear Faculty and Schoolmates:

Again we greet you and say: Get ready for the third reunion of the students and faculty members of the former Washington Collegiate Institute, down "on Carolina's Eastern Borders Where the Waters Flow."

Place: First Methodist Church  
West Second Street  
Washington, North Carolina

Date: Friday, August 12, 1960

Time: 10:00 a.m.—Registration

1:00 p.m.—Luncheon  
(\$1.75 per plate)

Those who attended the other two reunions had so much fun and pleasure they are clamoring for another opportunity to renew former friendships and talk about the grand old days of yesteryear.

Please write *this minute*, and let me know that *you will* be there.

Expecting to hear from you by return mail, I remain

Sincerely yours,

—EMILY D. PADGETT, *Secretary*

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P. S. Deadline for sending in reservation: August 1.

## Attention, W.N.C. Pastors!

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Charles D. White, Sec'y

## A Strong Appeal to North Carolina Methodists!

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We have a new editor who plans to make the paper more readable, more interesting, and more helpful in our churches. Your news items, your contributed articles, your suggestions and your encouragement will assist our editor, the Reverend S. J. Starnes. Your members of the Board of Publication pledge our best assistance.

Also, remember that our Piedmont Press is prepared to do fine job printing. Your orders for printing will assist in strengthening the fine support of the ADVOCATE Board.

Further suggestions will be coming from our new editor, but this is a direct request to each one who reads these lines to do everything you can to get subscriptions to our Church paper in North Carolina. *Methodism needs this paper if we are to have an informed membership. And the ADVOCATE needs your support!*

WILSON O. WELDON, *President*  
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## Carolina Briefs

REV. B. C. RUSSELL, professor at Pfeiffer College, preached at the morning service at Mount Holly Methodist Church last Sunday in the absence of the pastor, Rev. T. H. Swofford, who was on vacation.

THE METHODIST MEN'S CLUB of the Southern Pines Methodist Church will meet at Howard Johnson's Restaurant at 7:45 on Sunday, July 24, for their monthly Sunday morning breakfast meeting. Rev. Charles Maness, chaplain at McCain, preached in the Southern Pines Church on July 17.

THE REV. EARL R. HAIRE, pastor of the Sedge Garden Methodist Church, is spending some time in Egypt. He will visit Cairo, also going to Lebanon and Damascus. The Rev. Ed Cochran, pastor of the Konnoak Hills Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, preached in the Sedge Garden pulpit on July 10.

REV. JAMES A. RAINES, a recent graduate of the Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, Ga., has taken up his work with the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship and will be located in Greensboro. His work will have to do with counseling college and university students in Christian relations.

MISS JUDY STARNES, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Starnes of Albemarle, was one of five North Carolina young people who left Charlotte airport July 13 on the first leg of their trip which will take them to the YMCA World Youth Conference meeting in Amsterdam, Holland, August 3-13.

HOMECOMING was observed at the Porter Methodist Church near Albemarle, July 17 at 11:00 a.m. The preacher for the occasion was Rev. C. R. Cranford, of Winston-Salem. At the 7:30 service the same day Rev. Max Brandon, Jr., began a revival at the Porter church which continued through Saturday evening, July 23.

REVIVAL SERVICES for the Glencoe Methodist Church, on the Glencoe-Bethany Charge, were held July 17-22. Homecoming at Glencoe is scheduled for the first Sunday in August, and at Bethany the second Sunday.

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the CME (Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Colored) will be held in the Russell Memorial Church, Durham, August 3-7.

Bishop W. Y. Bell is the presiding bishop and the Rev. C. R. White will be host pastor.

HOMECOMING AND REVIVAL SERVICES will be held at Greer's Chapel Church Sunday, August 7th. Revival services will begin and continue during the week. Services each evening at 7:30. All former pastors, former members and friends are invited to attend.

HOMECOMING SERVICES, formerly planned for the Woodleaf Methodist Church, have been postponed until Sept. 18, according to the Rev. Frank J. Stough, pastor.

FOUNTAIN HILL METHODIST CHURCH, Route 1, Peachland, N. C., observed homecoming services on Sunday, July 24th. Rev. C. G. Mitchum preached the homecoming sermon and preached in the revival which began on Monday night, July 25th. This is Mr. Mitchum's home church.

DAVIS STREET CHURCH, Burlington, Rev. D. J. Reid, pastor, is now having two morning services—8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

THE REV. N. C. WILLIAMS, SR., was guest minister at the Mount Pleasant Church, Winston-Salem, on Sunday morning, July 17. Mr. Williams is now retired, after serving 47 years in the Methodist ministry of the Western North Carolina Conference.

MR. LLOYD BAILEY, a student in the Duke Divinity School, is spending the summer on the Whitakers charge assisting the pastor, Rev. W. M. Jeffries. The MYF of Whittakers is planning a Youth Activities Week beginning August 14.

BISHOP MARVIN A. FRANKLIN of Jackson, Miss., area, preached at the 11:00 o'clock hour at Central Church, Asheville, July 17. Incidentally, Central church is redecorating the sanctuary, installing additional lights, new doors, etc. The work will be completed in about two weeks.

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# EDITORIALS



## THEME FOR THE WEEK

*"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night." — Psalm 1:1,2.*



## Our Hearts Are Warmed

Since the editor cannot write every individual who has so graciously expressed a keen interest in, and pledged support to him in his work with the *ADVOCATE*, it seems fitting that it should be done through the pages of this periodical. Our hearts have really been warmed by kind words of appreciation from ministers and laymen alike. We all love and treasure our *NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE* as a medium representing these two conferences, bringing to us religious news, personal items, interpreting to us the plans and program of The Methodist Church, and challenging us to our best in service. A boyhood friend of this writer said some years ago that if he had to make the choice between the *ADVOCATE* and his county or other paper, he would give up the others and keep the *ADVOCATE* coming, for said he, "it is worth the price just to have this word 'Christian' constantly before my family." Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon, while presiding over the conferences in North Carolina said he always looked forward to the coming of the *ADVOCATE*, which, he said he regarded as the best of all the *Advocates* that came to his desk. The editor can afford to say these things, because he was not connected with the paper when these compliments were given. It speaks well for the men who were responsible for it at that time. And this heritage of the past makes us want to live up to its fine reputation, and even improve where possible. It will require the combined efforts of us all. We welcome brief articles of interest and new subscriptions. Again, we want to express our gratitude to every member of the staff here in the office, to the Board of Publication, and to the many ministers and laymen in the two conferences who have either written us or spoken to us voluntarily pledging their support. It is our purpose to serve the entire constituency to the best of our ability. We thank you for your gracious words and assurance of support.

## Welcome Back to Our Bishops

All North Carolina Methodists will rejoice to learn that our presiding Bishops Paul N. Garber and Nolan B. Harmon have been returned to their respective areas for another quadrennium. Both the North Carolina Conference and the Western North Carolina Conference had passed resolutions asking unanimously that the bishop be returned. Each of them has made an enviable record in his episcopal area. No two conferences in American Methodism have shown more progress during the past four years. While all of the bishops are hard-working men, ever alert and active in every field of endeavor that will promote the kingdom of God, both Bishop Garber and Bishop Harmon have commanded the respect and cooperation of their preachers and laymen to a marked degree. In fact, in the field of evangelism, church extension, and education, movements have been set in motion and plans projected that were almost unbelievable. Emphasis has been placed upon the church's primary task, evangelism, as it is related to conversion, missions, church extension, education, and all the rest. When these dedicated men set themselves to a task they do it with complete commitment. It is not strange, therefore, that North Carolina Methodism stands at the very forefront in achievement.

With the retirement of Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Bishop Paul N. Garber becomes the senior bishop of the Southeastern Jurisdiction. Since 1951 he has presided over the North Carolina Conference. Bishop Nolan B. Harmon was elected to the episcopacy in 1956 and has been the presiding bishop of the Western North Carolina Conference since that time. The fine records of these men during the past was the determining factor in requesting their return. They are loved, respected, and supported by the ministers and laymen of their respective areas, and we are all happy to look forward to the challenging leadership in the future that they have given us in the past.

## What Would it Mean if We Did Our Best?

We often hear folks say, "I do the best I can." Is that ever really true? Aren't we kidding ourselves and seeking an excuse for not doing better? Most of us could make improvement in many realms, even in the secular field. Recently we were dining in a cafeteria. The country-style steak was so tough we could neither chew it nor hardly cut it with a knife. We reasoned that

maybe they couldn't do anything about it being tough, but they could at least sharpen the knife. A lady said her door bell was out of fix. When the button was pushed it was supposed to say "dang, dong," but it just said "dang." A preacher friend was just beginning his ministry. He preached at a country church. An appreciative member desiring to compliment him said, "Brother, that was a good sermon." The preacher replied, "Huh, I can do a lot better than that." And most of us will admit we could do better. As Christians we could give a better witness; we could attend services more regularly; we could contribute more to the budget; we could render better unselfish service; we could encourage the preacher by letting him know he could count on us to stand with him in his fight against sin and in the cause of righteousness. Our besetting sin is complacency. We desire the maximum blessing, but give the minimum devotion. And yet we know we can never reap the richest rewards until we make a complete commitment. We may not be endowed with unusual gifts or the ability to render a large service but if we will use what we have, large or small, angels can do no more. A colored man was driving a horse and a mule hitched to a wagon. A white friend said, "Uncle, I was reared on a farm and my father taught me it was not good to work a horse and a mule together—it was better to work two horses or two mules." To which the colored brother replied, "Well, my father taught me to do the best I could with what I had." And suppose we applied that principle to our daily living? It goes without saying that many improvements would be made. God has richly endowed us with life. He doesn't require us to be successful, but only to be faithful. If as Christians, we really do the best we can with our time, our talents, our substance, and our opportunities, this can be the best year we have known.

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## Jewish Fund

Washington—The United Jewish Appeal reported Sunday that midyear in its nationwide 1960 fund-raising drive it has collected \$33,150,000.

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice-chairman of the appeal, told the closing session of a two-day national leadership conference that if the present rate continues the 1960 drive will about equal last year's 68 million dollars.

The United Jewish Appeal is American Jewry's chief fund-raising agency in behalf of Jewish refugees and immigrants to Israel.



# S. E. Jurisdictional Conference Meets at Lake Junaluska

To sit in on the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, to watch the bishops preside with such poise and dignity, handling difficult situations involving differences of opinion and intricate parliamentary procedure, and see these finally resolved into agreement and cooperation with which all seem to agree, is to be able to see church statesmanship at its best. Such an experience was the privilege of those attending the Southeastern Jurisdictional conference last week at Lake Junaluska.

Dr. James W. Fowler and his staff entertained the conference in an excellent manner. Dr. Don A. Cooke, secretary and his co-workers had made ample preparation in arranging the program. Everything seemed to move with precision and purpose. The 416 official delegates were usually in their places and took an active interest in the entire proceedings. The many hundreds of unofficial visitors were as deeply concerned and watched with interest every move. The fine fellowship afforded both in the meetings and during the intervals was a source of joy.

North Carolina Methodism was represented by 74 delegates—44 from the Western North Carolina Conference and 30 from the North Carolina Conference, 37 of whom were ministers and 37 laymen.

Bishop Arthur J. Moore, senior bishop of the jurisdiction, opened the conference and presided at the first session on Wednesday morning. After organizational procedure had been completed, Bishop Paul N. Garber of the Richmond area, read the episcopal address, which was a masterful expression of the combined thinking of the College of Bishops. Highlights dealt with the progress of the jurisdiction in such fields as evangelism, church extension, missions, advance specials, membership gains, building programs, youth programs, temperance, education, publishing interests, hospitals, social service, homes for children and the aged, race relations, family life, chaplaincy, stewardship, laymen's work, Woman's Society of Christian Service, etc. The address showed plainly that the Methodist church is on the march, as evidenced by its marvelous growth and influence.

The purpose of the jurisdictional conference, among other things, is to elect and assign bishops, to promote the church's evangelistic, educational, missionary, and benevolent interests; to elect members to Methodist general and jurisdictional boards, and to transact other business.

There are in the Southeastern Jurisdiction nine states and Cuba. These are Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Kentucky. These states have within their bounds 17 annual conferences.

The Southeastern Jurisdiction is the largest of the six jurisdictions composing the Methodist Church in the United States. There are 4,771 effective ministers to say

nothing of the hundreds of accepted supply pastors. In 1959 there were 6,548 pastoral charges, with a membership of 2,675,266, plus 178,383 preparatory members, and total money raised was \$133,865,331. This represents an increase of 652,327 members for the four-year period, and a financial increase of \$113,845,550 for the quadrennium. Comparative figures show that the jurisdiction leads all the other five in these matters. It has also set the pace in church extension, increasing and strengthening its educational institutions, Woman's Society of Christian Service, and some other matters. The jurisdiction has 12,160 churches, with a property value of \$750,665,688. Compared with Methodism in the six jurisdictions of the United States with a membership of 9,815,459, plus 1,536,419 preparatory members representing 39,236 churches, it can be easily seen that this jurisdiction rates far more than one-sixth of the Methodist strength in this country. Added to the statistics of the Methodist church in this country, there are 6,000 churches and chapels overseas, with a membership of 874,732, plus 608,842 preparatory members. The Methodist church has work in 44 countries, and preaching services in 125 languages.

On recommendation of the Committee on Episcopacy, the conference voted to establish a new episcopal area with Columbia, S. C., as its center. The Committee also recommended that four new bishops be elected. A period of prayer was observed before each ballot was taken. The four new bishops are Dr. J. W. Henley, pastor of West End Methodist Church, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. Walter C. Gum, pastor of Park Place Methodist Church, Norfolk, Va.; Dr. Paul Harden, Jr., pastor of First Methodist Church, Birmingham, Ala., and Dr. J. O. Smith, pastor of Bethel Methodist Church, Charleston, S. C.

The four new bishops will be added to the five present active ones and assigned to supervise an episcopal area. The five now active are Bishop Paul N. Garber, of Richmond, Va., Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, of Jackson, Miss., Bishop Roy H. Short, of Nashville, Tenn., Bishop Nolan B. Harmon of Charlotte, and Bishop Bachman G. Hodge, of Birmingham, Ala.

The new bishops were assigned as follows: Jacksonville, Fla. area, Bishop James W. Henley; Louisville area, Bishop Walter C. Gum; Columbia area, Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr.; Atlanta area, Bishop John O. Smith. Bishop John W. Branscomb, of the Jacksonville, Fla., area, died in January, 1959, and the two retiring are Bishop Arthur J. Moore, 71, a native of Glenmore, Ga., who entered the ministry in 1909 and soon became known as an evangelist. He was elected a bishop in 1930, and has headed the Atlanta area since 1940. He spent the first years of his episcopal ministry supervising the work on the mission fields. He has served as president of the Methodist Board of Missions since unification of the three bodies in 1939. Bishop

W. T. Watkins, 65, is retiring ahead of the church's age-limitation rule because of ill health. He was born in Maysville, Ga., and entered the ministry in 1914. He was professor of church history at Emory University, Atlanta, at the time of his election as a bishop in 1938. He has headed the Louisville area since 1944. The combined period of ministerial service of the two retiring bishops is 97 years. With the retirement of Bishop Moore, Bishop Paul N. Garber became the senior bishop of this jurisdiction. He was elected in 1944.

On Friday morning an appropriate memorial service was held for the bishops and wives of bishops who have died during the quadrennium. Bishop Arthur J. Moore read the memoir of Bishop John W. Branscomb; Bishop Nolan B. Harmon read the memoir of Bishop W. W. Peele; Bishop Costen J. Harrell read the memoir of Bishop Ralph A. Ward; Bishop Paul N. Garber read the memoir of Mrs. W. B. Beauchamp; Bishop Clare Purcell read the memoir of Mrs. Paul N. Garber, and Bishop Arthur J. Moore spoke of Mrs. James E. Dickey, who died just recently, and whose memoir will be presented later.

Bishop Arthur J. Moore preached at the 11:00 o'clock service Sunday, and at 8:00 p.m. the sermon was delivered by Bishop Roy H. Short, after which the four new bishops were presented for consecration to that high office. With this very impressive service, the jurisdictional conference came to a close and the bishops and other ministers and laymen began to turn to their respective places of service for another period of service in the advancement of the kingdom of righteousness.

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## Albemarle District Off To Good Start

By I. L. SHARPE, District Reporter

Under the enthusiastic leadership of our new district superintendent, Jack Huneycutt, this brand new Albemarle District is off to a good start. The home and office is located at 276 North Fourth Street, Albemarle. This home-office is adequate in every particular for this new purpose. It is a red brick structure, with an ample number of large rooms, four baths, and plenty of office space.

The Stanly County churches have agreed to furnish this new parsonage—which has already been done. The office has also been well equipped with necessary furnishings. And from all outward appearances the new superintendent is happily busying himself at this new task of making the Albemarle District one of the best in our conference.

At a recent organizational meeting in Monroe, the district was duly organized. Names of those elected to various positions appeared in the *ADVOCATE* issue of July 14.

World Service apportionments will amount to about \$44,000. There are 39 charges, with eighty-eight churches.

The women have also met and organized. Mrs. R. E. Bisel of Badin is the newly elected president, and Mrs. Roger Duvall is vice-president.

Rev. Norwood P. Montgomery of Mineral Springs, will be director of youth work for the district.



# Methodists Plan Congo Technological School

The Methodist Church is taking the lead in setting up a crash program of technical education for Africans in the newly independent Republic of Congo (formerly the Belgium Congo).

The interdenominational program will center in a technical training school, tentatively to be called the Congo Institute of Technology, and will emphasize the training of Africans in many skills and disciplines, ranging from mechanics and plumbing to business management and political science. Some experts predict that the new Institute may be the initial step in the formation of the First Protestant university in the Congo.

The Methodist Board of Missions and interdenominational agencies to which it is related have chosen as the expeditor and agent for setting up the Institute a Los Angeles-based foundation, Agricultural Aids Foundation. It is a non-profit corporation, organized by the Southern California-Arizona Methodist Conference, which has been supplying simple tractors and other light farm equipment, seed and fertilizer to farmers in Africa.

The technical-training program is proceeding on a "full speed ahead" basis because of the urgent need for skilled personnel in almost every phase of modern life in the Congo. There are now only 16 college graduates among the almost 14,000,000 Africans. The two universities in the Congo enroll not more than 300 Africans, and most will not be graduated for two or three years.

The Congo Institute of Technology will be the first of its kind in the country. The training it will offer has been compared to the adult education program now popular throughout the United States. The emphasis will be on intensive training to prepare skilled personnel as quickly as possible for many kinds of occupations, which will be needed in the Congo.

Agricultural Aids Foundation will work with an interdenominational board of directors in the Congo on plans for getting the Institute in operation as soon as possible. In cooperation with the Congo board, the Foundation will have responsibility for recruiting personnel, raising funds, constructing buildings and outlining a curriculum. Bishop Newell S. Booth, episcopal leader of Congo Methodism, will work closely with all phases of the Institute's development.

A director is in the process of being selected, and a location is under consideration. Specialists in various technical fields will be recruited and sent to the Congo within the near future. Fields in which training will be offered include agriculture, political science, plumbing, mechanics, business management, public administration, transportation, carpentry, communications, and language.

Policies for establishing the Congo Institute of Technology were worked out at a meeting in Los Angeles June 21, attended by representatives of the Methodist Board of Missions, the Africa Committee of the

National Council of Churches and Agricultural Aids Foundation. Responsibilities for various phases of the Institute's development were assigned to agencies and individuals.

The newly appointed executive director of Agricultural Aids Foundation and five young Methodist missionaries to the Congo have been given key assignments in the Institute program. The executive director is the Rev. J. Wesley Neal, formerly pastor of the First Methodist Church of Chatsworth, Calif., and a visitor to Africa in the interest of agricultural missions. He will process applications for staff members of the Institute.

Methodist missionaries who will work in various phases of the program are:

The Rev. Bill Starnes of Baxter, Tenn., who will be a liaison man between the Africa Committee of the National Council of Churches and Agricultural Aids Founda-

tion; the Rev. Thomas Cloyd of Donelson, Tenn., who will help to determine standards for Institute teachers; the Rev. Kenneth Enright of Hillman, Mich., and the Rev. Joseph M. Davis of Lexington, Ky., who will do fund-raising for the program, and Robert Metcalf of Arcadia, Calif., who will be architectural consultant for buildings.

A large number of Methodist and ecumenical bodies are cooperating in getting the new program underway and in seeking adequate funds and suitable personnel. Among the leaders involved are Bishop Gerald Kennedy of the Los Angeles episcopal area, who is chairman of the Board of Agricultural Aids Foundation; the Rev. Dr. C. Melvin Blake, executive secretary for Africa of the Board of Missions; the Rev. Theodore Tucker, executive secretary of the Africa committee of the National Council of Churches; Drs. Frank Williams, Grover Bagby, and J. Wesley Hole, staff executives of the Southern California-Arizona Conference, and Keith Smith, young Methodist layman who conceived the idea of Agricultural Aids Foundation and has put much time, energy and funds into its establishment.

## Executive Committee Board of Evangelism N. C. Conference Meet in Goldsboro

The Executive Committee of the Conference Board of Evangelism, consisting of Rev. Leon Couch, president, Rev. Paul C. Browning, vice-president, Rev. Alison Simonton, secretary, and Rev. C. Freeman Heath, conference secretary, met at Saint Paul's Methodist Church, Goldsboro, at 10:00 a.m., July 8.

The Fall meeting of the Board of Evangelism was set for October 28 at 10:00 a.m. at Saint Paul's Methodist Church, Goldsboro.

The Spring meeting of the Board was set for May 16 at 10:00 a.m. at Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh.

The following men were selected to lead in certain areas of evangelism in the conference:

Eldridge I. Fergus, 2903 Wrightsville Ave., Wilmington, was given the task of working out laymen's retreats through the Methodist Men's Clubs; Walter F. Anderson, 3305 Ruffin Street, Raleigh, was chosen to spearhead laymen's revivals in the conference; S. A. Chalk, Jr., 2406 Evans Street, Morehead City, was made responsible for choosing and helping men to become certified lay visitors for making visits in jails, hospitals, and in the homes of shut-ins. Rev. Leon Couch will be responsible for stressing "dedication to God through holy baptism."

It is hoped that several qualified ministers will become certified teachers of the course in Evangelism so they can teach the course in Leadership Training Schools.

The Conference Secretary of Evangelism will meet with the district directors of Evangelism at the Camp Meeting, August 14-21, and they will study the new book on evangelism, "A Year of Evangelism in the Local Church."

Numbers as such will not be stressed. It is the opinion of the executive committee that additions to the church will be the natural result of genuine concern for the unsaved and an all-out effort to reach them for Christ.

The Board of Evangelism is anxious to work with all the other boards and agencies of the conference in a cooperative program of evangelism.

It is hoped that every known type of evangelism will be used in each local church sometime during the year.

The services of the board and the conference secretary are offered to the churches of the conference.

The Pastors' Conference on Evangelism will be held at Louisburg College August 30-September 1, 1960. More of the details of the program will be given through the *ADVOCATE* later.

For information about the program of evangelism in the North Carolina Conference, write Rev. C. Freeman Heath, P. O. Box 866, Clinton, North Carolina.

## Mt. Mitchell to Observe Homecoming August 14

The Mt. Mitchell Methodist Church, Kannapolis, N. C., will observe Annual Homecoming Day August 14th. There will be special music and at 11:00 o'clock Dr. George M. Schreyer, professor and head of the Department of Christian Education of Pfeiffer College, will be the guest speaker. There will be a picnic dinner served at 1:00 p.m. We shall look forward to seeing all our former ministers, members and friends.

The Reverend Ray S. Cody is the present pastor.



*Next Year Or Soon After . . .*

# One or More New Districts Seen For N. C. Conference

By DALLAS MALLISON

Based upon virtually every fact and line of reasoning, one or more new districts for the N. C. Annual Conference is almost a certainty through conference action next year or soon thereafter.

"We find a probable need for an additional district or districts," said the long-range planning committee in its report to the June annual session, unanimously approved by the delegates.

"In view of the forthcoming census, which will reveal latest population figures and trends, we recommend that the study of new districts be continued with recommendations to be made to the 1961 session of the Annual Conference," the committee advised.

The 1959 annual session approved a resolution offered by the Board of Lay Activities requesting that the long-range committee make a thorough study of the redistricting needs of the N. C. Conference. The full committee last December heard witnesses and went into the matter in a preliminary manner, appointing a special sub-committee to go into the matter exhaustively.

The five-man sub-committee held meetings and the report as submitted at the Rocky Mount session is the result of their work. The sub-committee is composed of Dr. C. D. Barclift, Dr. W. L. Clegg, J. Nelson Gibson, Jr., Dr. A. J. Hobbs, and the Rev. Key W. Taylor.

## SIMILAR TO 1954

In several important respects the situation today is similar to that in 1954. That year two new districts — Burlington and Goldsboro — were created, increasing the number of districts from seven to nine. This is the present number.

The 1954 Journal reveals that there was 336 pastoral charges in the conference at that time. This means that there were an average of 48 charges per district superintendent before the two new districts were created, and an average of 37.3 charges per district superintendent afterwards. The 1960 annual appointment list (the Journal is not yet ready for 1960) reveals a total of 477 pastoral charges. This means that today there are an average of 53 charges per superintendent.

On this basis, a tenth or one new district would mean an average of 47 charges per district superintendent. Two new districts — tenth and eleventh districts — would give an average of 43.1 charges for each superintendent. Three new districts — tenth, eleventh and twelfth districts — would give an average of 39.8 charges per superintendent.

Thus to get about the same average number of charges per district now as there were after creation of the Burlington and Goldsboro Districts in 1954 at least

three new districts are needed. Considering that by the time the next annual session meets there will be probably about 15 more charges in the conferences, the average number of charges even with a total of 12 districts will be pushed beyond the 40 per district mark.

By subtracting the 336 charges in 1954 from the 477 charges today, a net increase of 141 new charges during the past six years or an average of 23.5 per year will be seen. On the basis of 45 or more charges on the average per district or superintendent, three new districts would be necessary.

## COMPELLING FIGURES

There are other important facts and figures which tell the same story and which are equally compelling.

Since 1954 the membership of the N. C. Conference has shown a net gain of almost 20,000 which in itself is enough to justify new or additional districts. The net gain from 172,550 in 1954 to 192,523 is 19,973 members.

Perhaps 40 per cent of the 456,627 net gain in North Carolina's population since 1950 has been in the 56 counties making up the N. C. Conference. If so, then the net population gain in the conference area during the past ten years has been around 180,000. Even a smaller increase than this would still seem to indicate the need of one or more new districts.

Since sometime in 1953 or the first of 1954, 75 or more new churches have come into being in the N. C. Conference. This is more than enough to justify the creation of at least one new district.

While the grand total of money raised from all sources is not in itself an indication of a sufficient need for more districts, it does indicate the financial basis for any such expansion. Since 1954 the grand total of all money raised from all sources in the N. C. Conference has increased by some \$5,010,212 or over fifty per cent more than the total was six years ago. The figure in 1954 was \$6,016,416 and in 1960 it was \$9,026,628.

## 1960 CENSUS SURPRISE

With all the talk about the population "explosion" in North Carolina and eastern Carolina in particular, the preliminary census figures released in May were disappointing and surprising to say the least. They indicated that the gain in the state or the east has not been as great as expected. The estimated 180,000 population gain given earlier in this article for the N. C. Conference area may be too great in view of the actual figures, which will be available soon.

Of the 100 counties in the state, a new high of 39 counties revealed population losses. Twenty-two or well over half of

these are in the N. C. Conference territory. Several of those counties showing a gain registered only very slight increases. One eastern county—Johnston—showed a very big loss.

In general those counties that depend almost altogether upon farming revealed population losses. Those counties with large military establishments, such as Onslow, Craven, Wayne and Cumberland, showed the greatest gains. Counties with large industrial gains, such as Lenoir and Alamance, registered large population growth also. Wake County had a large increase due to industrial growth and its position as the capital and an educational center.

Since at least 22 of the counties among the 56 counties comprising the N. C. Conference area lost population since 1950, this means that not far from one-half of all the counties in the N. C. Conference territory were slipping in population size during the past decade. If to the 22 are added those counties chalking up slight or very small gains the total is half or more of the 56 counties.

## COUNTIES LISTED

The 22 counties losing population, based on official but preliminary figures, are: Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Caswell, Chowan, Columbus, Duplin, Franklin, Gates, Greene, Hyde, Johnson, Martin, Northampton, Pamlico, Perquimans, Richmond, Sampson, Scotland, Tyrrell, Vance, and Warren.

## FUTURE PLANNING

Members of the long-range planning committee and other members of the N. C. Conference have expressed the view that not just the present situation should be taken care of but reasonable provision should be made for the next six to ten years. Such looking ahead, these observers say, will prevent the necessity of coming back in a few years to set up more new districts. Thus, it is quite possible that more than one new district will be recommended in the 1961 report.

In all this thinking and reporting it is, of course, helpful to point out that it will be the bishop of the Richmond Area, Bishop Paul N. Garber, who will make the final decision as to whether one or more new districts will be created. This is because the Discipline gives bishops of episcopal areas this authority.

However, the close study and careful recommendations of the study committee and the approval of the conference itself will have great weight with the presiding bishop. Indeed, he will seek the advice and support of the conference.

It is also important to recall that the other conference in North Carolina, the Western North Carolina Conference, which comprises the other 44 counties in the state, has just set up two new districts. This gives them a total of 13 districts.

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Think of thy present life as though thou wilt live forever, and of thy life hereafter as though thou wilt die tomorrow.—*Gabriel*.

If it were not for divine grace, I should have been the worst of criminals.

—*Augustine*.



# North Carolina Caravan At Work In Europe

July 9, 1960  
(Rec'd Raleigh 7/13/60)

Dear Caravan Friends:

The North Carolina Methodist Youth Caravan again sends greetings to all our friends in North Carolina. This time our greetings come from Wolfsburg, Braunschweig, Koln (Cologne) and Bonn. On the morning of June 27, 1960, we very sadly said "Auf Wiedersehen" to our friends in Berlin and were soon flying in a British European Airliner to Hanover. On the plane things were quieter than usual. Perhaps some of us were contemplating returning some day to visit again those who had done so much for us while we were there. Whatever each of us was thinking, one may be sure that they were thoughts of gratitude and love.

Reinhardt Brose, the brother of Martin (our guide in Berlin) met us at the airport and after going through customs, we loaded our bags into an auto-bus and headed for Wolfsburg where we had our first work project. The afternoon we arrived in Wolfsburg, we were taken on a tour of the Volkswagen factory to which the city virtually owes its existence. In fact, Wolfsburg is only 20 years old. It is quite clean, modern and lovely. All of us stayed in the homes of various refugees from East Germany who very quickly made us feel at home. In fact, many of us had our first bath in several days.

Practically all of the townspeople are connected with the Volkswagen factory in some way. The factory is a mile long and employs 38,000 people who work in two shifts and manage to produce 3600 cars a day. It is fantastic to watch them make and assemble the car from the nuts and screws to the finished product. We all enjoyed it very much.

After a good night's sleep we were awakened early to begin work. Some of the group had to walk two miles to and from the church where they worked but it was fun. Besides, after so much sightseeing, we were all ready to pitch in and work. So, work we did! Our goal was to make 200 cement blocks for a walkway to a church which the people there hope to build in the not-too-distant future. The church they have now consists of one room in a building which used to be barracks. So, we began mixing cement, carrying loads of it to be put into forms and then beating it firmly into place. Frances was taking the rocks out because she thought they were not good for the cement blocks. When the boys realized what she was doing, they laughed and teased her. Between our singing and laughing we got right much done our first morning. Newspaper photographers came and took our pictures for their papers. Reinhardt Brose was very glad that the Methodist Church was going to receive some recognition.

Soon it was lunch time and we had a good meal at the Rosenfelds' house. They too, are refugees from East Germany. Mr. Rosenfeld's brother, who is still living in East Sector of Berlin, was visiting there also. But his visit was different from ours. In the first place, it had taken him and his wife three years to get permission to come, and in the second place, he didn't want to return home. Indeed, the Rosenfelds had tears in their eyes as the caravaners bade them goodbye.

Our caravan had the church services in Wolfsburg and Braunschweig the two nights we were there. We told them a little about Methodism in North Carolina and particularly about student work in the Sunday schools, M.Y.F., and Wesley groups on the college campuses. These people are very interested in what we are doing in America. Reinhardt Brose told us that even if we did nothing else, just our being there was very good because by so doing, we let these people know that they are part of a much larger church than they realize. Methodism is such a minority sect over here. He told us a little about the Iron Curtain and the constant threat it poses to the free areas because many of the people who live there remain in such poverty that they are easily influenced by Communist propaganda.

He also told us a little about Methodism in Germany. Missionaries first came here from the Methodist Church in England and America about 100 years ago. There are now some 60,000 confirmed Methodists here. There are more if you include the children. However, they are not allowed to join until they are 14 years old at least, because most people over here feel that they should be old enough to know what they are doing and to make the decision for themselves. Compare this number with the 190,000 Methodists in the North Carolina Conference alone and you will note what a small and scattered group they are. There are several reasons why Methodism is growing slowly in Germany. First of all, the Lutheran Church is strongest, especially in the South. The Catholic Church is stronger in the North. Second, the wars have brought great losses in population and property. Also the Methodist Publishing House was destroyed and has only recently been re-established with the help of Americans. On top of all that, the Seminary at Frankfurt has very few professors and is too poorly equipped to educate enough men for the ministry.

This is a very inadequate summary of some of the things we have heard and learned from our own observations.

But I must continue with my report of our trip thus far. As usual, it was hard to say "Auf Wiedersehen" to our friends in Wolfsburg. When one lives, eats, works, plays and prays with one another, especially in his home, one becomes very close to the other.

We left by train to Koln (Cologne). The trip took about four hours but some of us

gratefully used the time to write letters or in diaries while others slept.

We were met at the train station in Cologne by Rev. Hammer, who took us directly to The Methodist Church where we had a bite to eat before our meeting with the youth group. The language barrier did not prevent us from getting into a good discussion with them about what it means to us to be Christians in our different situations. In this one big exchange of ideas, we learned much about the Germans and their way of life. I wish I could put it all into a letter.

We had one day of sightseeing in Cologne. We visited the very famous and beautiful Dom Cathedral and saw the Cardinal's seat inside. Then we went to the oldest church in Cologne which is Romantic in style with some mosaic floors dating back to the 3rd century A.O. We also saw the Roman tower, a beautiful, modern opera house, and the well-known Cologne bridge near which the famous 4711 Perfume factory is.

Mary's hostess in Koln took one of her father's hand-carved pictures off the wall and in a gesture of love gave it to Mary as a farewell gift. Does anyone now wonder what we mean by the *love* and sacrificing of these people?

From Koln we went by train to Bonn. At a short stopover, we almost lost the boys. They had stepped off the train for something to eat and seeing it starting to pull out, they ran and jumped on just in time. We all laughed in relief.

We were in Bonn only one afternoon, but in that time we toured Beethoven's house, saw Chancellor Adenauer's residence and went to a session of the Bundestag (like our Congress). From Bonn we went a few miles of the road to Bud Gochesberg where a "little America" is located in the heart of Germany. The employees of the American Embassy have virtually all the American comforts, and more - - - even newspapers in English. We were extremely glad to share them for one night. We did several washing machine loads and had nice warm baths. After a good reception and an equally good meal, we enjoyed a film about Germany. The next morning we again got up early. This time it was so we could board the boat "Rhineland" to go to Frankfurt.

We were on the river for 10 hours and every mile we went seemed like a page in a fairy tale book - - castles on the tops of hills and little scenic villages dotted the landscape on each side. We could almost picture a Prince Charming and his sleeping beauty. Two little German children and Nancy began talking and soon a dozen or so were around. They mostly laughed but all seemed to enjoy it. When time came for the Caravan to disembark, she hugged them goodbye and they waved each other out of sight.

It was a good day and this is a good way to end my epistle.

God bless you.

—THE NORTH CAROLINA METHODIST  
EUROPEAN CARAVAN OF 1960.

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Virtue scorns a lie for its cover, but to hide a sin with it is like a crust of leprosy drawn upon an ulcer.—*Jeremy Taylor*.



## Thomasville Sub-District MYF At Camp Adventure

The Thomasville Sub-District MYF Camp was held at Camp Adventure, Lake Junaluska, the week of July 4-9, 1960. Eighty-six campers and youth leaders attended. Leadership for the camp included the following: Director, the Rev. R. L. Oakley, Trinity; program director, the Rev. A. J. Pearce, Prospect-Pleasant Hill; business manager, Mr. Robert Kennedy, Mt. Pleasant; head counselor for boys, Mr. Paul Berrier, Canaan, on North Davidson Charge; head counselor for girls, Mrs. Paul Berrier, Canaan, on North Davidson Charge; director of recreation, Mr. Charles Clark, Duke student serving as summer associate pastor of Fair Grove; crafts, Mrs. J. G. Allred, Mr. Vernon; dining hall supervisor, Mr. Roy Hill, First, Thomasville.

The program for the morning included Bible study groups, dramatic presentations of the lives of outstanding laymen, swimming, and directed recreation. In the afternoon a study was made of the lives of outstanding Christian leaders of the past and present, and there was time for swimming, crafts, and other forms of recreation. In the evening there was directed recreation followed by a worship service centered around the theme, "Pathways to Spiritual Certainty." Speaking at these services during the week were:

Monday, the Rev. Arthur Peace, Prospect-Pleasant Hill; Tuesday, the Rev. Dwight Pyatt, Fair Grove; Wednesday, the Rev. C. C. Phillips, New Mt. Vernon-Shady Grove; Thursday, the Rev. Dr. McPheeters, president, Asbury Theological Seminary; Friday, Mr. Walter Anderson, outstanding North Carolina layman.

The camp was concluded on Saturday morning with a service of Holy Communion in the Memorial Chapel at Lake Junaluska. Dr. Leslie Ross, General Board of Evangelism, delivered the Communion meditation.

## Major Conference on Adult Work

Seven units of the National Council of Churches are cooperating this month in a conference on coordinating the educational program for adults in the local church. Sponsored by the Department of Adult Work of the Commission on General Christian Education, this strategy conference is being held at Conference Point Camp, Williams Bay, Wis., from July 17-23.

Taking part in the program for the first time together are the NCC departments of United Church Men, United Church Women, Church and Economic Life, Stewardship and Benevolence, Evangelism, Family Life and the Commission on Missionary Education.

Study of the concept of the church in the setting of today's complex society will be a highlight of the week's work, the Rev. J. Blaine Fister said, announcing the details of the program. Church leaders will also plan a strategy for coordinating an education program for adults, he said. He is director of adult work of the Commission.

## Dr. Gatewood Professor At Wesleyan College

*Rocky Mount* — Dr. Willard E. Gatewood, Jr., has been appointed as Associate Professor of History and chairman of the Division of Social Sciences, according to an announcement by President Thomas A. Collins of North Carolina Wesleyan College.

Dr. Gatewood is a native of Pelham, North Carolina, and completed his high school training at George Washington High School in nearby Danville, Virginia. He completed collegiate preparation with distinction at Duke University. He received his A.B. from Duke in 1953 with honors, was awarded the M.A. degree in 1954 and the Ph.D. in 1957.

While at Duke he was initiated into Phi Beta Kappa and Kappa Delta Pi, national honorary fraternities, as well as Phi Kappa Sigma. He did graduate work as an Otis Green Fellow in History.

Dr. Gatewood is a member of the North Carolina Historical Society and the American Association of University Professors. His articles have appeared in the *North Carolina Historical Review*, *South Atlantic Quarterly*, *Georgia Review*, and others. He has a book ready for publication by the Duke Press this fall.

Dr. Gatewood taught for two years at East Tennessee State College in Johnson City, Tennessee and the past two years at East Carolina College.

Mrs. Mary Lu Gatewood, his wife, is a native of Elizabethton, Tennessee. She was graduated from East Tennessee State with a teaching major in biology.

The Gatewoods are active in the Methodist Church. They have one son, Willard, III, almost one year old, and have moved to Rocky Mount.

## Chilean President Thanks U. S. for Quake Aid

*New York, N. Y.*, July 13—The people of Chile will never forget the "spontaneous" and "large-hearted generosity and sympathy" with which the American public has rushed to the earthquake stricken victims in that nation.

With this expression of "the deep gratitude" of his countrymen, Chilean President Jorge Alessandri—in a letter to Dr. R. Norris Wilson, executive director of Church World Service, National Council of Churches—has emphasized the "fraternal solidarity" and the "high spiritual values" manifested in the immediate response of Americans "for the benefit of Chileans who suffered."

President Alessandri's letter, officially conveyed to the Protestant church leader by Ambassador Walter Muller at the Chilean Embassy, was made public at Church World Service offices at 475 Riverside Drive in New York.

"In interpreting the feelings of all the Chileans, that we shall always remember the kind and spontaneous generosity of the North American people," President Alessandri wrote, "I feel I should ask you kindly to accept and pass on to others the deep gratitude with which each one of us has responded to it."

Announcing receipt of President Alessandri's letter, Dr. Wilson pointed out that the American churches—acting through the Ayuda Christiana Evangelica, their counterpart Chilean national relief agency—had rushed assistance to the earthquake zones within a matter of hours after the first of the disastrous tremors, had continued to serve widely throughout the emergency and would continue in every possible way in meeting immediate and long-term rehabilitation needs among the hundreds of thousands left homeless and destitute.

"With not only homes and possessions lost, but livelihood as well—due to the almost complete destruction of industry throughout southern Chile—the catastrophe is having effect throughout the nation, even in northern areas, a thousand or more miles removed from the quake zones.

"Many families, with no hope of self-sufficiency in their home cities, are migrating and inescapably adding to the tremendous human welfare problems existing in other parts of the country," he said.

"The task of rehabilitation assistance is greater than can be met by any single agency or group of agencies. Only a program of comprehensive magnitude, of people-to-people, government-to-government and industrial cooperation, can effectively deal with the problems Chile must face in the coming months and years," said President Alessandri's letter.

## North Carolinians Placed on General Boards

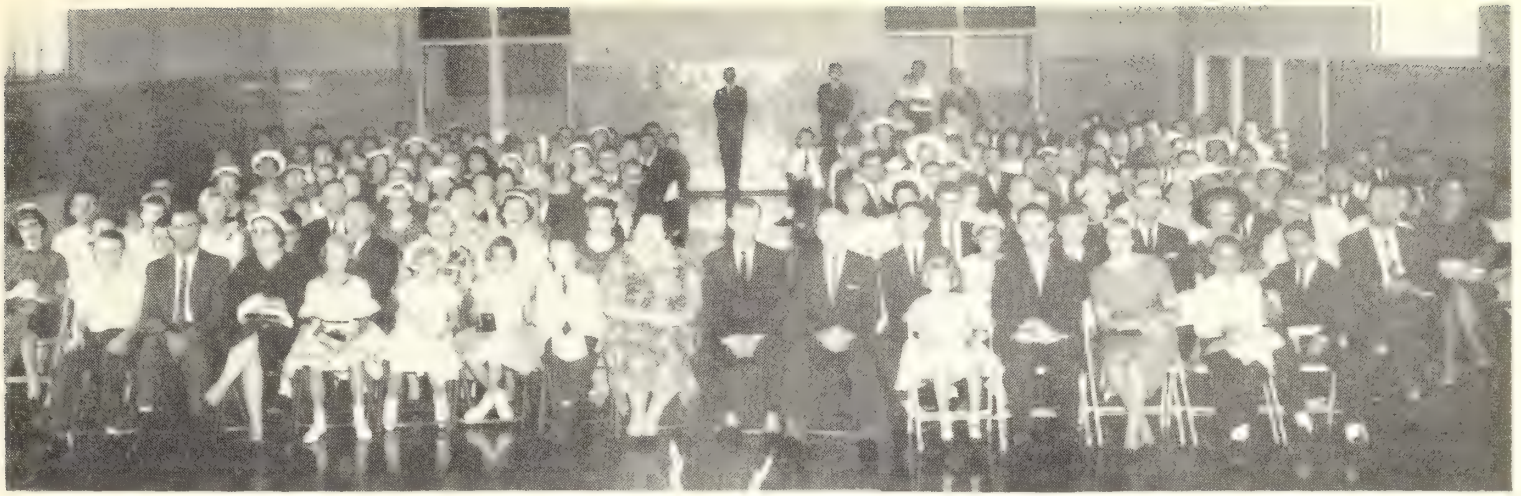
At the recent Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference the following North Carolinians were among those elected to church-wide offices:

Dr. Charles E. Jordan of Durham and Dr. Carl H. King of Statesville on the General Board of Education; Dr. Wilson O. Weldon of Charlotte and Walter F. Anderson of Raleigh to the General Board of Evangelism; J. Nelson Gibson, Jr., of Gibson to the General Board of Lay Activities; Dr. C. C. Herbert of High Point to the General Board of Christian Social Concerns; and Dr. E. H. Blackard of Asheville to the Radio, Television and Film Commission of the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

## New Subscriptions

Sunset Park Church, Wilmington, has sent in 39 subscriptions since conference. Williamston, 14; Kerr St., Concord, 10; Cool Springs, 4; Forest Hills, Concord, 4; Wesley Memorial, High Point, 3; Grace St., Wilmington, 3; St. Luke, Goldsboro, 1 each; First Church, Gastonia, 2 each; 1 each from Covenant, Gastonia, Elkin Ct., Bryson City, First Morganton, City Road, Elizabethtown, Pembroke Ct., Mill Grove, Mt. Olivet, Concord, Haymount, Fayetteville, Williston-Smyrna, Central Albemarle, Farmer, Center Silk Hope, Charge, Suoam, First Graham, Myers Park, First, and St. James Charlotte, First Wadesboro, Vass, Jarvis Memorial, Greenville, Trinity, Durham. We appreciate these and urge every charge to see that every official, and as many others as possible, receives the *ADVOCATE*. An informed Methodist is a better Methodist.





*The congregation of Woodmont Methodist Church, Reidsville, at the Organizational Services, July 10, 1960.*

## Woodmont Church Organized In Reidsville

Approximately 250 persons attended the organizational service of Reidsville's newest Methodist church at South End School on Sunday, July 10th. Dr. J. Clay Madison, district superintendent of the Greensboro District, presided at the first meeting of the congregation, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Garland S. Gammon. A noteworthy event took place when Dr. Madison received 210 persons into the fellowship of the church by certificate of transfer from other Methodist churches and 18 persons were received by profession of faith. Dr. Madison stated that this was the most auspicious beginning of any new church he had ever personally witnessed.

Dr. Madison also conducted the business session of the organizational service. The congregation voted to name the new church The Woodmont Methodist Church. The name is derived from the two lovely residential areas in which the new church building will be located, Woodland and Belmont Park. Also elected were the church stewards and the chairmen of the five commissions. Following the declaration of organization by Dr. Madison, Rev. Garland S. Gammon delivered the charge to the congregation, reminding them that "the purpose of the church was to protect and preserve the sacred Christian heritage; proclaim the love of God as recorded in the gospels and to be keenly sensitive to the social issues of our day. These two objectives," said Mr. Gammon, "can become realities only if the church remains a spiritual church that embodies that unique and powerful fellowship of sharing created by the Holy Spirit. The Spiritual Church is a living community overreaching all others in extent, surpassing all others in depth of meaning, and richest of all values in the experience of its members."

Church School Superintendent James Holmes stated that 230 persons were enrolled in the church school on the first day of classes. All classes, including the nursery, were in full operation; and all literature was in the hands of the teachers, having been received earlier in the week from the Methodist Publishing House.

The pastor of Woodmont Methodist Church is the Rev. Garland S. Gammon.

Mr. Gammon graduated from High Point College on 1956. He received his Bachelor of Sacred Theology from the Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D. C., in June 1960. Mr. Gammon says it is a deep joy to be a part of such a significant event in the history of the church. Mr. Gammon echoes the words of Dr. Norman L. Trott as he spoke of the tremendous task of building Wesley Theological Seminary in the nation's capitol, "We are caught up in something big!" This is the feeling permeating the minds and hearts of those new members of Woodmont Methodist Church who realize the enormous task before them, but who, like Abraham, are going out in faith to build a new world for themselves and for their children.

## Faculty Conference To Be Held at Lake Junaluska

College and university faculty members will meet at Lake Junaluska August 29 to September 2 for the seventh annual Southern States Faculty Conference.

Theme of the conference is "Christian Dimensions of World Citizenship."

The meeting is sponsored by the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., and the Board of Education of The Methodist Church, in cooperation with the Faculty Christian Fellowship.

It is for all college and university faculty members, regardless of denomination, type of institution, or academic field.

Purpose of the conference, said Dr. Richard N. Bender, Nashville, director of religion in higher education for the Methodist Board of Education, is "to explore on a high level of intellectual and religious competence the problems presented to Christian faith and education in the changing world and to develop ideas for improving education and for making Christian faith relevant to the field of higher education."

Four addresses will be given by Dr. Kenneth J. Foreman, a professor at Louisville (Ky.) Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He will speak on "Christian Theology for the Intellectual."

Other addresses will be given by Dr. John A. Mackay, Chevy Chase, Md., presi-

dent emeritus of Princeton Theological Seminary; Dr. Frank Porter Graham, New York City, former president of the University of North Carolina and now a consultant to the United Nations; Dr. Andrew R. Cecil, Dallas, Texas, vice-president and educational director, Southwestern Legal Foundation; and Dr. James G. Leyburn, a professor at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.

Deans of the conference will be Dr. E. Ashby Johnson, Department of Religion and Philosophy, Austin College, Sherman, Texas, and Dr. Claude S. Chadwick, professor of biology, Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn.

Seminars and their leaders will be as follows:

Basic Christian Beliefs, Dr. McMurry S. Richey, a professor at Duke University Divinity School, Durham, N. C.

The Aims and Methods of Bible Study, Dr. J. Ralph Jolly, dean of students, Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, Ala.

World Political Tensions and Christian Responsibility, Dr. Rene de Visme Williamson, chairman of the Department of Government, Louisiana State University.

Confrontation of Christianity and Communism, Dr. Creighton Lacy, an associate professor of Duke Divinity School.

Confrontation of Christianity and Islam, Dr. George L. Abernathy, Department of Philosophy, Davidson College, Davidson, N. C.

The Meeting of East and West, Dr. Joseph N. Uemura, professor of philosophy, Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa.

The Theology of Karl Barth, Dr. Shirley C. Guthrie, Jr., Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga.

Modern Literature and the Christian Faith, Dr. Arthur R. Borden, Department of English, Washington and Lee University.

The Theology of Paul Tillich, Dr. Herbert S. Turner, Department of Philosophy, Mary Baldwin College, Staunton, Va.

The conference center at Junaluska will be Lambuth Inn.

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That which punishes the lie almost at once is the necessity of defending it with other lies.—*Prevost.*



# Woman's Society News

## Annual N. C. Conference W. S. C. S School of Missions; Wesleyan Service Guild Week of Study

By MARY GARDNER

Plans for the 14th Annual N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service School of Missions and Christian Service and the second Annual Wesleyan Service Guild Week End of Study call for class sessions on the four current mission study courses and clinics for officers training. The School of Missions will also feature a daily hour of Bible study and evening platform hours. Both events will be held at Duke University, August 8-12, and August 13-14, respectively.

The Spiritual Life Retreat on Saturday and Sunday, August 6-7, also at Duke University, will be under the direction of Mrs. R. L. Jerome, conference secretary of Spiritual Life, with Miss Clarice Bowman, assistant professor department of religion, High Point College, as the leader.

Those attending these events should bring pillow, bed linen, towels bath cloths and blanket (if desired). Mrs. Sam A. Dunn, the school's general chairman, is also requesting that registrants also bring a copy of the June 1960 issue of *The Methodist Woman*.

### *Spiritual Retreat*

Saturday, August 6

Mrs. R. L. JEROME, *Chairman*

MISS CLARICE BOWMAN, *Leader*

12:00 noon-3:00 p.m.—Registration

12:30-1:30—Lunch

4:00-5:00—Retreat Session

5:30-6:30—Dinner

7:30-9:00—Retreat Session

Sunday, August 7

7:00-8:00 a.m.—Communion Service  
Duke Chapel

8:00-9:00—Breakfast

9:30-10:30—Retreat Session

11:00—Worship Service, Duke Chapel

12:30-1:30 p.m.—Lunch

4:00-5:00—Closing Retreat Session

5:30-6:30—Dinner

### *School of Missions*

Monday, August 8

9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.—Registration

12:30-1:30—Lunch

2:45—Orientation

3:30-5:30—Class Sessions

5:30-6:30—Dinner

7:30—Evening Assembly

Tuesday through Friday

7:00-8:00 a.m.—Breakfast

8:20-9:20—Bible Study  
(entire school)

9:30-11:20—Class Sessions

11:25-12:00 noon—Day Students hear  
Platform Speakers

12:00-1:00 p.m.—Lunch

1:00-3:00—Clinics (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday only)

7:30—Evening Assembly

### WSG WEEN END OF STUDY

Saturday, August 13

10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.—Registration

12:30-1:30—Lunch

1:00-2:00—Registration

2:15-2:50—General Session

3:00-5:15—Class Session

5:30-6:30—Dinner

7:15-8:30—Clinics

8:40-9:30—General Sessions

Sunday, August 14

8:00-8:40 a.m.—Breakfast

8:45-10:15—Class Session

10:15-11:00—Free Time

11:00-12 noon—Worship Service  
Duke Chapel

12:30-1:30—Dinner

## School of Missions at Pfeiffer College August 15-19th

By Mrs. JOHN C. WRIGHT

The 14th annual School of Missions and Christian Service for the women of the Western North Carolina Conference will be held at Pfeiffer College at Misenheimer the week of August 15th through the 19th.

The Spiritual Life Retreat will be held two days prior to the school, on August 13th-14th.

Classes, clinics, worship services and Bible study sessions are being planned to present the approved studies for the coming year in a way that will be most helpful to the local societies, says Mrs. Ginner Harris, chairman of arrangements. Outstanding leaders of the Methodist church will serve as instructors and the Conference officers will conduct the clinics in the afternoon.

These are the courses that will be offered: "Into All the World Together," taught by Mrs. E. I. Hillman and Mrs. T. S. Newbold; "Heritage and Horizons in Home Missions," taught by Deaconess Mary Floyd; "Basic Christian Beliefs," taught by Miss Stella Ward and Dr. George Schreyer, and "Alcohol and Christian Responsibility," taught by Robert Regan.

This is the daily schedule: 7 a.m., morning devotions; 7:30 a.m., breakfast; 9 to 10 a.m., the Bible Hour led by the Rev. Orion N. Hutchinson, Jr.; 10:05 a.m.-12:05 noon, mission study classes; 1 p.m., lunch; 2:30 p.m. to 4:40 p.m., clinics in nine departments of Woman's Society work, with Conference officers in charge of each group. District officers will meet on Tuesday, local officers on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

The evening hour has been reserved for an over-all picture of each of the studies. On Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Robert Regan, director of the Department of Organizational Activities of the General Board of Temperance in Washington, D. C., will present a resume of the study of alcohol and its problems.

On Wednesday at the same hour Miss Mary Floyd will present a summary of, "Heritage and Horizons in Home Missions,"

with suggestions and visual aids for teaching helps.

On Thursday evening Mrs. E. L. Hillman and Mrs. T. S. Newbold, both of the North Carolina Conference, will present a resume of, "Into All the World Together," with visual aids and other helps for teaching in the local church.

Registration at the college will be on Monday, August 15th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The afternoon classes begin at 2:30 p.m. All who expect to attend the school are asked to register as soon as possible by writing to Mrs. J. B. Duckett, Elizabeth Ave., Forest City, N. C., indicating choice of a course.

No classes have been planned for visitors this year, for the committee in charge feels that each delegate should attend ALL class sessions and get credit for the course.

Fees for the school include \$2.50 for registration and insurance and \$15.00 for board and room. The registration fee should accompany the application and the room and board may be paid when one arrives at the college.

The theme of the school is, "Thy Word, Our Law."

It would be helpful for all students to read the text *before* the school begins.

### SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT

The theme of the Spiritual Life Retreat will be, "The Greatness of God." Miss Stella Ward of Lambuth College in Jackson, Tenn., leader of the retreat, says, "I feel led to go along this line, because the tensions of today are causing even Christians to take too small a view of God. We may be tending to lose the idea of a personal God."

Mrs. H. F. Anderson, secretary of Spiritual Life of the W.N.C. Conference, will be in charge of arrangements for the retreat. The opening session will be on Saturday at 3:30 p.m., and will continue through Sunday evening, concluding with the communion service. Miss Ward will lead all parts of the program.





MISS STELLA WARD

Each summer finds Miss Ward as busy as can be in teaching the Spiritual Life studies in Schools of Missions in many conferences. She also writes regularly for the Adult publications of the Methodist Board of Education, especially the Church School literature for adults.

She is a native of eastern Kentucky. She holds degrees from Eastern Kentucky State College and Peabody College. She has done graduate study at Cornell University, Columbia University, Union Theological Seminary and the University of Minnesota.

She has done administrative work in West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buchanan and in Greensboro College in Greensboro, N. C. At present she is dean of students and director of admissions at Lenoir College in Jackson, Miss.

Registration for the retreat may be made by writing Mrs. J. B. Duckett, Elizabeth Ave., Forest City, N. C. The fees are \$1.50 for registration and insurance and \$7.00 for room and board.

#### NEW HIGH POINT DISTRICT

The officers of the newly organized High Point District were selected and installed at a meeting of the group held at First Methodist Church in Asheboro on July 7th.

Mrs. W. B. Hall of High Point was chosen as president and Mrs. I. F. Craven of Ramseur as vice-president. Mrs. Hyatt Hammond of Asheboro, recording secretary, and Mrs. J. C. Woodward of High Point, treasurer.

Others are Mrs. Harry Bell, High Point, children's work; Mrs. Harry Hendrick, High Point, Christian social relations; Mrs. Howard Johnson, Franklinville, literature and publications; Mrs. W. I. Gibson, Randleman, missionary education and service; Mrs. Carl Anderson, Ramseur, missionary personnel; Mrs. Reid Rich, Randleman, promotion; Mrs. Stanley Baker, High Point, spiritual life; Mrs. H. D. Marsh, High Point, student work.

Mrs. J. C. Montgomery, Trinity, supply work; Mrs. J. C. Spencer, Asheboro, Wesleyan Service Guild; Mrs. Delbert Byrum, High Point, youth work; Mrs. J. A. Spence, Asheboro, chairman of committee on nominations, and Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford, Asheboro, public relations.

The Rev. Ralph Taylor, High Point district superintendent, conducted the installation service.

## High Point College Offering Evening Courses

*High Point*—The previously announced plans by High Point College to expand its course offerings in the new Evening School beginning in September have met with great enthusiasm from the general public in this area as well as with regular students at the college.

Heading this new expansion at the local college is Dr. C. R. Hinshaw whose official title is Director of the Evening School. All classes with the exception of the art course will meet twice a week for one and a half hours each evening. The art course will meet one evening per week for a two and one-half hour session. Classes have been scheduled either on Tuesday and Thursday evenings or on Wednesday and Friday evenings of each week.

Courses presently scheduled to be taught in the Evening School include Art, Typing, Accounting, Economics, Business Law, Accounting-Income Tax, Business Methods and Standards, Essentials of English Composition, Business and Professional Speech, Business English, Modern Drama, Russian History, American Political Parties, Astronomy, and Industrial Psychology. Additional courses will be offered if the demand presents itself for such courses. All inquiries regarding courses as well as the Evening School in general are welcomed by Dr. Hinshaw.

Each course offered in the Evening School gives regular college credit on the basis of three semester hours per course and will count toward graduation, and also toward the renewal of teachers' certificates.

Any Korean veteran who is interested in attending the Evening School should contact his VA office to determine whether or not he is eligible for financial aid.

Advance registration is greatly encouraged and may be accomplished by contacting the director, Dr. Hinshaw. Formal registration will be held in Roberts Hall on the college campus on Wednesday and Thursday, September 14 and 15 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

If you desire to know more about this new program of High Point College contact Dr. Hinshaw.

## General Boards Announce Meetings

*Chicago*—The Methodist Church's general boards which are located in Chicago have announced their organizational meetings for the new quadrennium as follows:

July 26-27—Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, Colorado Springs.

Sept. 12-13—Board of Lay Activities, Evanston, Ill.

Sept. 14—General Board of Pensions, Chicago.

Sept. 27-28—Council on World Service and Finance, Chicago.

Sept. 28—Board of Hospitals and Homes, Chicago.

Two boards now located at Chicago—the Board of World Peace and the Board of Social and Economic Relations—together with the Board of Temperance in Washington, D. C., will become divisions of the new Board of Christian Social Concerns,

which is scheduled to organize in Washington Sept. 29.

Several other agencies of the church will hold organizational meetings in Chicago. These include: Sept. 16, Commission on Deaconess Work; Sept. 19-20, Board of Missions; Sept. 26, Television, Radio and Film Commission (TRAFECO); Sept. 27, the Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information; and Oct. 25-26, the Board of Publication.

## America's Opportunity to Feed the Hungry

The struggle in Africa and elsewhere for a better world and decent living conditions is testing America's moral pretensions and democratic principles, Bishop Gerald Kennedy said recently.

Perhaps never again will the U. S. have the opportunity and privilege it has now in Africa to feed hungry people and establish friendship, he told laymen at First Methodist Church in Los Angeles.

Bishop Kennedy's talk wound up a series of five meetings in the Southern California-Arizona Conference to explain to laymen the urgent need in Africa, and how churches of all denominations can furnish simple farm tractors and other equipment to help Africans feed themselves.

The program is being carried out through the Agricultural Aids Foundation, a non-profit corporation functioning through the Methodist Church, but already serving many faiths in Africa.

"So far as most of us are concerned, hunger is an academic question," Bishop Kennedy told the laymen. "Once in a while we may miss our lunch and dinner tastes particularly good that evening. But to be with people whose diets keep them barely alive is something that shatters a man's complacency."

"At the very moment Africa is hungry, America has more food than we know how to use. Our warehouses are bulging and we are worried about the excessive cost of storing our excess grain. If this is not madness, I find myself unable to discover any clue that will lead me to believe it is sanity."

"I think there ought to be a great uprising of American opinion that will say to our leaders that this must not be. If they reply that it is difficult to work this thing out, we will answer that difficult or not, it must be done."

AAF, Bishop Kennedy said, gives Africans the opportunity to acquire power machinery to get the soil in shape in order to grow larger crops with more food value. "It is an enterprise that does not confine itself to committee meetings and resolutions, but can say that equipment is being shipped and larger plans are being realized as more support is forthcoming."

"Through the gifts of one individual we take care of all the overhead expense of the Foundation," Bishop Kennedy explained. "That means that every cent contributed goes to providing equipment and material to alleviate Africa's hunger."

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"Behold what a great fire a little criticism kindleth."



# A Few Highlights From The Episcopal Address

*Excerpts from the Episcopal Message of the bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church to the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of 1960, Lake Junaluska, N. C., July 13, 1960, as given by Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va.*

## *Our Present Record*

We regret that in 1960 our evangelistic record does not compare favorably with that of early Methodism.

Our evangelistic record in the Southeastern Jurisdiction is only a little better than that of the church at large.

The primary way that any church grows is through admission of members on profession of faith. It is here that we are failing, for during the first three years of the quadrennium only 252,569 members were received by profession of faith and 74 per cent of these came through the church school and represent our own children who join the church at the Easter season. About 35 per cent of the people of the South, at the age of thirteen and above, are not affiliated with any church, but we win very few of these people on profession of faith. It has so aptly been said that our emphasis has shifted from aggressive evangelism of the forgotten to the education of the Methodist offspring.

## *Barren Churches*

One explanation of the small number received on profession of faith is that 2,940 of our 12,227 local churches did not win a single member by profession of faith during the Conference year 1958-59; they were barren churches.

## *Losses by Quarterly Conference Action*

It has been admitted that certain names must be removed from the church rolls and there is Disciplinary authority for the same, but when pruning the rolls becomes a major duty of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism we have certainly departed from the evangelistic spirit of pioneer Methodism.

The wholesale dropping of members reflects our departure from the period when the church was really close to the members and attention was given in the societies and class meetings to each individual.

## *Our Evangelistic Concern*

There is really only one answer to our evangelistic problem and that is to return to the spirit and practice of early Methodism. There should be in this quadrennium in every annual conference a continuous evangelistic crusade so well organized that we Methodists will knock upon every door in our Southland to ascertain if the people are church members and if not to offer to them our Saviour Jesus Christ.

If our evangelism is to be motivated by urgency, goals must be set in our local churches, annual conferences and Jurisdiction. We recommend that the goal be set

at an annual 4 per cent net gain each year in each of our annual conferences.

## *Church Extension*

The growth of population in our nine Southern states makes imperative a great church extension era if Methodism really plans to reach the people.

In addition to this growing population there is also a mobile population.

The southern church that delays in Church Extension is simply writing the verdict that this church will become more and more a minority element in religion and in other affairs of the Southland.

Since 27 per cent of the members of The Methodist Church are in the Southeastern Jurisdiction, this would mean 432 congregations for us (between 1960 and 1964), or an average of 108 per year.

## *The Changing South*

Only a few statistics are needed to show that the South is shifting from a rural to an urban way of life.

Any church that does not understand the changing South of 1960 will be making a colossal mistake.

We Methodists must admit that many of these changes go counter to our background which until now has been rural not urban.

We must suddenly change our program and strategy based on serving a rural population to that of meeting the challenge of the industrial workers and urban inhabitants. At the same time we must take care of the rural churches affected by the migration from the country to the city.

## *The Rural Religious Problem*

One suggestion is that the strategy in depopulated areas is relocation and merger of churches under a unified leadership such as a larger parish or group ministry.

One basic difficulty in our rural church program has been the lack of regular preaching services every Sunday in all the churches.

Silent pulpits can be abolished even on large circuits if we return to the historic Wesleyan plan of using lay speakers and preachers.

## *Methodism a Class Church?*

In 1960, however, with a few notable exceptions, Methodism has become an upper middle class.

Here in America we Methodists can no longer win the cities or keep the countryside if we do not identify ourselves more fully with the masses.

The encouraging point is that there is an awakening to the fact that Methodism has lost ground with the laboring classes and the poor people.

## *Local Church Emphasis*

Each annual conference should have its own goals (for 1960-64) but we would suggest five goals for each local church: *a careful study of the community served by the church; a 4 per cent net increase in*

*membership; the organization of each local church along Disciplinary lines; the full acceptance of World Service askings; and an Advance Mission Special in each local church.*

## *The Church Schools*

In serving all classes of people in the Southland we must be concerned for their Christian training from the cradle to the grave.

The historic position of Methodism has been belief in infant baptism. The Discipline of 1960 states that it is the duty of the pastor to exhort the parents to dedicate their children to the Lord in baptism as early as possible.

During this quadrennium a study should be made to ascertain if maximum use of educational facilities is being made in our local churches. If we are to reach and train the people, more than 26 hours are needed each year for Christian instruction.

We should hold far more week-day nurseries and kindergartens. Many young parents would be brought close to Methodism if we in our larger churches provided this type of educational facilities.

There are many parents who desire a private school for their children and some Protestants, and even some Methodists, send their children to Roman Catholic parochial schools. It is apparent that more and more children will be attending private schools, and we should offer such facilities to our members and friends who desire not only a private school, but a school with a religious motif.

More membership classes should be available for those to be received into membership so that prior to reception they might study the Christian life and Methodist doctrines.

## *Methodist Literature*

We look forward to the time when every church in our Jurisdiction will use only Methodist literature. Our local churches should not be misled any longer by the claims of so-called interdenominational publishing houses which, despite their allegations, are often super-sectarian and usually propagate types of social and economic views that are foreign and contrary to the Methodist way of life.

There are so many places where outpost church schools should be started; in places where, at present, the resources are not yet available for new congregations. Methodist church schools can become expanding frontiers of church extension.

## *Higher Education*

We are happy to report that the Southeastern Jurisdiction has led the entire church during the period of the Emphasis in enlarged support of the colleges and Wesley Foundations. It is somewhat discouraging to have some Methodists say that the emphasis on higher education has now been completed and now attention should be given to other fields of action. We say in all sincerity that unless we Methodists expand our present educational facilities, our Methodism is going to have less and less a part in affecting along Christian lines the culture of the future.

## *Additional Preachers Needed*

Ministerial recruitment is clearly a major



item in the program of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, and it will be successful if we return to the historic way of presenting our needs to the entire membership. We need a maximum of 667 new ministers annually.

#### *Race Relations*

The South has often been criticized or misrepresented by certain political leaders from other sections, and by theoretical crusaders in the field of race relations. Some of us have not appreciated the false propaganda that the church is far behind all other agencies for the betterment of the Negroes in our midst.

#### *Jurisdictional System*

We refuse, however, to accept the charge that segregation is a child of Methodist Union, or that it is a product of any one section of our nation.

If there had never been a racial problem we would still be having the jurisdictional system because it serves effectively to relate the life and work of the church to the great body of our people at home and overseas.

We, of the Southeast, have been particularly fortunate in our jurisdictional program. It has kept the work of the Church creatively related to our people.

#### *Alcohol*

What can we do in the Southeastern Jurisdiction about this picture (alcohol)? We can work toward stricter state and federal controls of the alcohol industry. We can keep before our members the facts about the curse of alcohol.

#### *Communism*

There is not one iota of truth to the continually repeated lie that Methodism is tinged with Communism. This propaganda attack upon Methodism is not based on any sound religious foundation, but it is conceived for the purpose of causing Methodists to fight each other and thereby weaken Methodism in its fight for Christian democracy as opposed to Fascism and Communism.

We need tolerance, not intolerance, in our Southeastern Jurisdiction, and we should be fighting sin rather than attacking fellow Methodists.

#### *Problems of 1960*

We can however only pay our debt to the past by putting the future in debt to ourselves. It is the hope and prayer of your bishops that we of the Southeastern Jurisdiction will put the future in debt to us by having in 1960 and in the years before us a concern for every individual and the showing of that concern by offering Jesus Christ to every individual within the Southeastern Jurisdiction.



## **Some Jurisdictional Conference Sidelights**

A motion was made and carried that each ballot for bishops be preceded by a period of prayer.

On Thursday morning at 11:00 o'clock, Bishop A. Frank Smith, of Texas, delivered an inspiring sermon on "Gathering Up the Fragments."

In the afternoon session Thursday Dr. Embree H. Blackard of Asheville asked the audience to stand and sing with the South Carolina and Western North Carolina delegations "Happy Birthday" in celebrating the birthday of Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, who presides over these two conferences.

The Lake Junaluska MYF group of young people served a nice juicy slice of good watermelon for 25 cents to those who cared to indulge. The money is to be used by the young people in carrying on their work.

Many of those who were not engaged in committee meetings or otherwise in the afternoon found their way to Junaluska golf course where they engaged in exhilarating physical exercise which made them forget for the time being the duties resting upon them while they endeavored to lower their score on the links and be better prepared to sit through the rather exacting responsibilities in the auditorium.

The music for the conference was especially inspiring. Junaluska choir gave anthems, and solos were rendered by Mrs. Robert Gidney, soprano; Mr. William Holley, tenor; Mr. William Vessels, baritone; Miss Eleanor Abertsomber, soprano, and others. A quartet composed of Mr. James Fowler, Mr. John Stokes, Mr. Walter Whitehurst, and Mr. Lawrence McClusky, sang Thursday evening. For the memorial services Friday morning, in memory of bishops and bishops' wives who have died during the quadrennium, a quartet composed of Mrs. Robert Gidney, Miss Margie Kappan, Mr. William Holley, and Mr. William Vessels sang "My Times Are In Thy Hands." The congregational singing, under the direction of Prof. Glenn Draper of Pfeiffer College, was one of the high moments of worship.

The Methodist Publishing House, Richmond branch, had on display a large collection of books and other materials for sale to those who wished to purchase them.

The Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information operated a news agency and published the DAILY CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

After considerable debate the conference voted to sustain the resolution of the jurisdictional council to hold the 1964 jurisdictional conference within the geographical bounds of the Southeastern Jurisdiction not more than sixty days prior to the date of the General Conference.

Friends were glad to see Rev. and Mrs. Frederick R. Dail of White Plains, N. Y. at the jurisdictional conference. They were passing through and stopped by for a visit. Mr. Dail, formerly a member of the North Carolina Conference, has been taking post-graduate work at Columbia University, N. Y. They have been accepted as missionaries to India, and plan to leave for their new work as soon as arrangements are made.

## **Brethren Conference Reaffirms Faith in Council**

"Aware of the unfounded accusations made against the National Council of Churches," the 174th recorded annual conference of the Church of Brethren last week went on record reaffirming their faith in its leaders and programs.

In a special Statement on Communism in the Churches, the conference declared: "We express our appreciation for the opportunity which the National Council provides for each denominational member to participate in a united Christian witness for Christ as Lord of all life."

In challenging the infringement on the basic tradition of the separation of church and state in the Air Force manual incident, said the statement, the National Council rendered a great service to the cause of religious freedom.

Stating that one objective of communism is to infiltrate into every phase of American life, the statement noted that churches are no exception to such attempts. "However, we are confident that churches, united through the leadership of the National Council, are aware of this threat and are seeking through concerted action to maintain our heritage." The statement concluded by reaffirming "the right and responsibility of the Church, individually and corporately, to interpret and speak the relevance of the gospel to every area of life."

In other action at the conference, held this year at the University of Illinois, Moderator Dr. Edward K. Ziegler set aside the moderator's usual State of the Brotherhood message to appeal for Christian unity within denominations and across denominational lines, in a process of "Christian creative interaction."

## **Virginia Council Calls For Understanding in Race Issue**

A message to church leaders in Virginia deploring hatred and violence in race relations has been issued by the executive committee of the Virginia Council of Churches.

"Noting the crisis now confronting the citizens of Virginia in the demand for racial equality in public services," the committee "felt the necessity to issue this statement," the preamble declares.

"God wills that Christian love, made known on the Cross, should mold all human relationships," the statement begins. "The denial of human dignity in any form is, therefore, a denial of the will of God."

Saying that the church should take the lead in striving for a society in which God's will may be done, it continues: "We are humbled by the fact that the minority group, who have been denied their true position as children of God, have had to take the initiative in seeking it."

The statement concludes with a plea for all Christians, both white and Negro, to "act in all human relationships with patience, mutual understanding and love."

The Rev. Myron S. Miller is executive secretary of the Virginia Council.





# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## Watch For the Train

By Jean L. Phillips

"Of course, Mother," Jimmy shouted.

"Why, surely, Betty and I can go to Grandmother's alone! We're ten and twelve years old, you know, and haven't we made the trip with you dozens of times?"

"And we don't have to change trains but once," Betty assured their mother. "And the conductor won't let us get on without looking at our tickets, so we can't get on the wrong train. Please let us go, Mother."

So it was all arranged. Their suitcase was soon packed and they were ready. There was a box of lunch to eat at noon while they were on the last miles of their first ride by themselves. Jimmy and Betty felt very grown-up and important as they boarded the train, calling goodbyes to their friends in Littlefield.

But when they arrived at Southport where they had to change trains, they found they had more than two hours to wait.

"Now, do keep a close watch on the time, or you might miss your train," their father and mother had cautioned them. "There is just one train a day on the Shore Line, and if you miss it, there you are!"

In the depot at Southport they checked their suitcase. It cost only a dime, and they would not have to carry it around. They looked at the clock. Then they started for the lake where the boats were loading and unloading. There was a whalebacker filled with iron ore. A ferry went across the bay, with autos on its deck and dozens of people in its cabin. They looked at the clock in the warehouse, and then started for the business district.

"Here's the dime store," said Betty, and Jimmy followed her. They sat on high stools and had ice cream. Then they made the rounds of the store, and the next one, too.

Suddenly there were sirens and screeching, and the street was filled with fire trucks. No, the fire was not in the store, but before they remembered

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

By LOUISE C. GOOSMAN

I like Sunday School - - - always go.  
They tell us stories, an' I know  
'Bout Adam gettin' put out of that park,  
An' how Nora had to build an ark.  
Like a great big boat it was, an' nen  
He put a lot of animals in.  
(I sure am glad the dots were there,  
Else I'd never have old Flare.)  
Nen there was this other tale  
'Bout Joiner, swallowed by a whale.  
He should-a known better, goodness  
knows  
Than to ever try to get that close,  
'Cause whales have great big mouths  
an' can  
Swaller things bigger than a man.  
There's another story they tell, too,  
'Bout a bad ole king, they say, an' who  
Made a fire place big an' hot.  
Nen he went to town an' got  
Three Hebrew children with great, long  
names,  
An' he throwed the children in the flames.  
They didn't burn - - - I sure don't know  
why - - -  
But we shouldn't try it, you or I.  
The story I like the best of all  
Is 'bout Mr. Daniels, strong an' tall.  
An' he was just the nicest man,  
But they throwed him in the lions' den.  
The lions, they didn't eat him, so  
They let nice Mr. Daniels go.  
Wonder why they did those things  
To such good people - - - those ole kings?  
Yes, Sunday school is fun, you see,  
An' if you go you'll learn lots, like me.

about the train again the clock pointed to - - - - -.

"Oh, Betty," called Jimmy. "It's train time! Come quick! Let's run!" They threaded their way out of the crowd and ran for the depot. It was two minutes past train time. They dashed to the information desk, and were told that the train hadn't come, as it was a few minutes late. But before the children could catch their breath, the train came. Oh, how close they had come to missing it!

"Oh, Jimmy, how dreadful it would have been to have to sit in that station all night!" Betty gasped. "That was too close! We'll never let that happen again!"

"Makes me think of what Uncle Jim said the other day," Jimmy answered, "about always keeping watch so as not

to miss the train for heaven, when Jesus comes with an invisible train and takes everybody that loves Him and is ready."

"What was the memory verse about it? Do you remember?" Jimmy asked.

"Watch, therefore, for you know not what hour your Lord doth come." "Wasn't that it?" asked Betty. "But, of course, you can't see an invisible train. When Jesus said that, Uncle Jim says He meant that we are to keep watch on our lives, and keep true, and not let even the tiniest sin get between us and Jesus, you know."

"I'll always remember it, whenever I think about how close we came to getting left in Southport," Jimmy replied.

"Oh, here we are crossing the river," cried Betty. "It's only a little way now 'til we'll be at Grandmother's. I can hardly wait. Come on, let's be the first ones off the train."

## A LITTLE STORY

On a warm day a very small boy, holding a large broom, knocked at our door. He asked if we would like to have the sidewalk swept. I asked the young businessman how much he would charge for the job. He replied it would be a dollar.

"A dollar!" I exclaimed, looking at the ten feet of sidewalk leading to the door.

At that the little fellow looked up at me and answered timidly, "Or a nickel, or a dime, or a penny." — **Christian Science Monitor.**

## BIBLE QUIZ

Below are groups of three names or objects that are usually thought of together. The number of spaces indicates the number of letters in the third word.

1. Abraham, Isaas, and - - - - - ?
2. Gold, frankincense, and - - - - - ?
3. Father, Son, and - - - - - ?
4. Peter, James, and - - - - - ?
5. "The wind, the earthquake, and the - - - - - ?"

## Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. King Darius — Daniel — lions.
2. Jonah — three — whale.
3. Jesus — five loaves — to fishes.
4. Adam and Eve — Garden of Eden — eating the forbidden fruit.
5. Cain — keeper.



## Sunday School Lesson

FOR JULY 31

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH

Head, Department of Religious Education,  
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### SEEDS OF NATIONAL DECAY

*Background Scripture:* Hosea 8:1-5; 10:1-12; 13:1-3.

*Lesson Scripture:* Hosea 10:1-8, 12.

The work of the Hebrew prophets constitutes a standing denial of the oft-repeated phrase: "Religion has no business with politics." The prophets lived their lives and preached their sermons in an atmosphere tense with the pressure of national problems and international intrigue. Nor did they hesitate to proclaim what they regarded as the will of God respecting the course their nation should take, both with regard to national and international policy. Indeed, they would have felt themselves traitors had they failed to speak out.

In today's lesson we see Hosea unleashing his attack upon the nation's leaders, both civil and religious, because they were following a course that was both displeasing to God and dangerous for the future of the nation. The charge was this: That in a period of great economic prosperity these leaders were spending funds (often gotten at the expense of the poor) for the erection and adornment of altars and pillars for worship. At first glance there seems to be nothing wrong with this. However, when we realize that these pillars were a form of worship borrowed from the pagan Canaanites, and that repeatedly the prophets had warned the people against them, then the problem took on more serious proportions. Instead of steadfast love and loyalty to the ancient covenant of Israel with Jehovah, the people's leaders thought they could purchase the favor of God by the erection of elaborate shrines. But Hosea says (vs. 2) "The Lord will break down their altars and destroy their pillars." The reader may recall that a century or so earlier this same battle with the heathen religion of Baalism had been fought out by the great prophet, Elijah. But his victory was temporary. Time and time again the prophets had to renew the struggle, for the people were easily tempted to become involved repeatedly in these pagan worship practices. In verse 4 we have the charge that the people no longer regard a covenant (or contract) as sacred: "They utter mere words; with empty oaths they make covenants." Writing some years ago a distinguished judge pointed out that here in our own country perjury (swearing to a lie) seemed to mean nothing to most people. On the international scene we have seen it happen many times that some nations treat solemn agreements as "scraps of paper."

In verse 6 the custom of carrying the religious symbols of a conquered nation to the land of the conqueror is referred to. Here is the picture of the golden bull (symbol of Canaanite, and later of Hebrew religion) being carried away to Assyria, there to be eyed with curiosity by crowds who gathered to view the spoils of conquest. Hosea says then the Hebrews will be ashamed that they trusted such an idol for deliverance. He also points out that while thorns and thistles grow up around

the deserted altars of powerless heathen gods, the people tremble with fear as they contemplate the danger of defeat and destruction.

A serious look at these verses, and an honest attempt to see their significance for our own country right now, forces us to ask ourselves: in what have we been putting *our* faith in recent years? Our coins have the inscription: "In God We Trust," but does this represent the true conditions? The military bases which were established on the soil of small friendly nations after the war (when we alone possessed the atom bomb) have, due to the expansion of Soviet power, become potential first targets in the event of war. Naturally all our efforts at maintaining friendly relations with these people are now seriously hindered, in spite of vast amounts of monetary aid extended them. Have we awakened to the fact that we are in for an "agonizing reappraisal" of our international position?

Hosea's remedy for the evidences of national decay is summarized in the memory selection: "Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is time to seek the Lord, that he may come and rain salvation upon you." Can we find a better plan?

## Sunday School Lesson

FOR AUGUST 7

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH

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### GOD LOVE HIS ERRING CHILDREN

*Background Scripture:* Hosea 11

*Lesson Scripture:* Hosea 11:1-9

One of the most tender and moving sections of the Old Testament is found in the first four verses of our Scripture for today. It clearly teaches the fatherhood of God for the Hebrew people, if not for all people. This great doctrine was to come later. It is God, the broken-hearted Father, that we see portrayed here. "The more I called them the more they went away from me" is a phrase that finds its echo in many parental hearts, unfortunately. As one reads these beautiful words it seems almost like sacrilege to attempt to comment upon them. They stand alone, complete in themselves. No wonder Hosea is said to be the prophet who stands nearest to Jesus. He speaks for a God of compassion, one who loves and cares for his people even when they forsook him for other gods.

They were unaware of his love, and when "They kept sacrificing to idols" refers to the well-established fact that for many generations after the Hebrews entered the land of Canaan many of them joined in the worship of the Baals. They did this partly because they thought it necessary to insure the success of the crops and the fertility of their herds. They were yet to learn that the God of the Shekinah and the Ark of the Covenant was also "the ruler of all Nature."

Following these verses the mood changes and we hear the sentence of doom pronounced upon the wayward nation. Their lot is to be the sword and exile. None of the fortresses they have prepared will be able to save them. They seem bent upon self-destruction.

We have seen this situation in history many times. Probably the origin of the phrase "hell-bent" arose out of some comparable situation. We sometimes hear it said that "things won't get any better until they get worse," or "they have to hit bottom before they can start toward the top again." This certainly proved to be the case for the two little Hebrew nations. Israel was destroyed by the Assyrian power in 722 B.C. and Judah by the Babylonians in 586 B.C.

But it would be wrong for us to believe that this was the way God wanted it to be. Study carefully verses 8 and 9, where we again have a change of mood: "How can I give you up, O Ephraim! How can I hand you over, O Israel! How can I make you like Admah! How can I treat you like Zeboim! My heart recoils within me, my compassion grows warm and tender." Here the conflict between love and justice is seen even in the heart of the Eternal. It is a tension that never seems to cease. It is felt in the heart of every concerned parent who feels himself torn between protecting a child from the harsh consequences of that child's own folly, or stepping in to soften the blow and thus perhaps to prevent the child from "learning his lesson." The conflict is seen in the whole area of the treatment of law breakers. Shall the punishment be severe and unyielding, or shall the court aim at the redemption of the offender through measures of rehabilitation? These are vexing questions that never seem to have a clear-cut answer. There seems to be no rule that will apply invariably. Every case must be studied individually, and a decision made only after prolonged examination of all possible courses for the highest good of all concerned.

Verse 9 states that the reason why God will not destroy the nation is because "I am God, not man." Man often seeks immediate revenge for real or fancied wrongs done to him. He feels the account must be balanced quickly. But God is in no hurry. He can wait. He harbors no hatred and resentment. He is the God of the yearning heart. In these passages we are approaching the New Testament conception of God. In Matthew 18:14 we read: "Even so it is not the will of your heavenly Father that one of these little ones should perish." So here in the Old Testament, centuries before the coming of Christ, we find the foreshadowing gospel of grace - - the unmerited goodness of God toward sinful man."

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## New Staff Member General Board of Lay Activities

Chicago—Gordon D. Danielson, a Concordia, Kansas, attorney, is joining the staff of The Methodist Church's General Board of Lay Activities. He will begin his new duties at the board's headquarters at 740 Rush Street, Chicago, August 15.

Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, general secretary of the board, said that Danielson will be associate director of the department of stewardship and finance, headed by Dr. Edwin A. Briggs.

The 39-year-old Kansas layman has practiced law in Concordia since 1952.



## Brantley Becomes Executive Director of Higher Education

Dr. Allen P. Brantley was appointed at the recent North Carolina Conference as executive director of higher education for the conference. He will be located in Raleigh, at 710 Graham Street, Cameron Village. Dr. Brantley holds the degrees of A.B., M.A., S.T.B., M.R.E., S.T.M., and the honorary degree of D.D. from High Point College. He studied at Duke University, Boston and Harvard Universities, and Oxford University, England. His appointments in the North Carolina Conference have been Trinity, Wilmington, University Church, Chapel Hill, Sanford, First Church, Elizabeth City, St. Paul, Goldsboro, First Church, Henderson, and for the past six years has been district superintendent of the Burlington District. He is author of the book, "The Enchanted Cross," and has traveled extensively through Europe, North Africa, and the Near East, including the Holy Land. In the position he now holds he succeeds the Rev. Paul Carruth, who became pastor of the Hayes Barton Church, Raleigh.

## Negro Methodists See End of Racial Unit

*Cleveland, July 16* — The all-Negro Methodist Central Jurisdictional Conference today went on record as recognizing the inevitability of its own abolition "as a racial unit in the structure of the Methodist Church."

After prolonged discussion, the quadrennial conference approved a report stating that the Central Jurisdiction "looks with favor" upon steps toward integration taken by the white West Wisconsin Annual Conference, the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference, and the North Central Jurisdictional Conference and the Negro Louisiana Annual Conference.

## Dr. Walt Holcomb Busy on Autobiography at Lake

Moving around Stuart Auditorium among the milling multitude was Dr. Walt Holcomb who summers at Lake Junaluska for the 39th year and will celebrate his 83rd birthday, July 29.

After spending 35 years as General Evangelist throughout the nation and in Europe, Orient, and Latin America, he became pastor of leading churches in Tampa, Memphis, and Atlanta, covering nearly two decades. Since his retirement he has held "one-day revivals" in all parts of the United States.

During recent years, he has written several books, including the Biography of Sam Jones and The Gospel of Grace. He is now engaged in writing his autobiography, and has a desire to include enough of your biography to make you feel all humanity has enough in common to make one story.

He will spend the summer at Lake Junaluska and put the finishing touches on his autobiography and will return to his Atlanta home at the end of the summer.

## Rural Church Convocation To Be Held in Raleigh

Do you know what changes are occurring in North Carolina and how they affect the rural church? Do you want to help rural churches serve more effectively? Would you like to know what resources are available in facing the challenge of tomorrow's rural community?

If so, you will want to attend the first North Carolina Rural Church Convocation to be held August 9-11 at State College in Raleigh. The Convocation is open to pastors and laymen, men and women, of all denominations in the state.

Among those on the program will be Commissioner L. Y. Ballentine, Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, Dr. J. W. R. Norton, Dr. Ellen Winston, Harry B. Caldwell, Walter Anderson, Mrs. Corinne G. English, Rev. Jack Waldrep, L. R. Harrill, Dr. Philip Aylsworth of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Dr. James W. Sells and Dr. Garland Hendricks.

The Convocation is sponsored jointly by the Rural Church Committee of the North Carolina Council of Churches and the College of Agriculture. The opening session will be Tuesday night, August 9, a 7:30.

Costs for two days will be \$2.00 for registration, \$3.00 for two nights in college dormitory (furnishing own linen), plus meals at the College Union or Cafeteria.

Registration fee and request for more information may be sent to The Rural Church Convocation, Box 5191, College Station, Raleigh.

### BRIEFS

❖ DR. C. HOKE SEWELL, for the past two years editor of the Georgia Wesleyan *Christian Advocate*, official organ of Georgia Methodism, has returned to the pastorate, and been assigned to Trinity church, Augusta. Dr. Sewell has been succeeded as editor and general manager of the *Wesleyan Advocate* by Dan H. Williams.

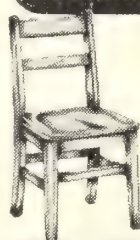
❖ MRS. LAURA COLE, of Carr Church, Durham, celebrated her 98th birthday July 13th. We extend our hearty best wishes.

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## *At The Gate Beautiful*

By RICHARD BRAUNSTEIN

He was a beggar. A man in rags, no doubt hungry, certainly penniless, homeless. Yet we find him on the list of heroes. He belongs to the WHO'S WHO of the Christian Enterprise. If he had a friend to button-hole, or some wires to pull or some red tape to unwind his story might have read differently. We would have lost the saga of a mendicant who became a missionary, the epic of an outcast who became a benefactor.

Recall the story of his miraculous healing. For the first time in forty years he was able to stand on his own feet. Now we find him using those feet not for himself but for the **cause** that put him back to normalcy, established his social status, made him a pillar of the church. With his restored members he said, "I thank you."

It was the day after Peter and John had come by the beautiful temple gate. Peter said to him, "I have no silver and gold but I give you what I have; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk" (RSV). Such as I have. Such as we have. Such as the church has. No longer can we say "silver and gold we have not." But we are able to say, "Rise up and walk." The denominations are wealthy in their resources. There is plenty of money and there is a horde of power. The Gospel has been given a temple and a tongue. The Christian church does not concern itself with things large or small but with values both large and small. "God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness hath shined in our hearts but we have this treasure in earthen vessels." Let us not confuse the vessel with the treasure, the jewel with its setting, the water with the pitcher, the picture with the frame.

Peter and John were tried for the healing of the lame man. It was the usual courtroom session. The crowd was there. The curious and the morbid. The skeptical and the believing. All the trivia and trappings that often go with what we call justice. In our modern day the reporters and photographers would have a field day. The press associations would jockey their cameras and microphones. The radio people would send their announcers and commentators to clutter the wave lengths with their patter and clatter. Television technicians would maneuver for close-ups. Hollywood would offer contracts and the breakfast foods would bid for endorsements. The occasion was a **cause celebre**. It would be history repeating itself in the words, "The people therefore that stood by said that it thundered; others said an angel spoke."

It has always been like that. Some will tread roughshod over the sublimities. Others will bow the head in reverence. Materialism transcending the supernatural. Happy those who can stand before a burning bush, take off the shoes, and acknowledge holy ground. The prisoners are called in. Spectators scramble for a better look. The judges take their seats. The trial begins. It is a great show for the rabble. Perhaps there was hysteria and swooning. We recall the funeral of the late Rudolph Valentino, screen idol and heart smasher. That was death but people for the most part saw cheap drama. Few discovered that a god had feet of clay. We knew the mortician personally. He was a national figure, famous for his elaborate funeral parlors and splendid appointments. We were offered the most lucrative position of

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# LETTERS

Dear Sir,

I appreciated the letter by Mr. John T. Maides in the July 14 issue titled "People Are Yearning for a Revival." I would like to try to answer the question he asked.

There are still a few rural churches where preachers can enjoy the wonderful fellowship of God's people in spiritual revivals. However, this number has decreased over the years for numerous reasons. One of these reasons is that in these rural churches we have adopted the dry formal ways of our city brethren and the annual revival meetings turn out to be merely a week of religious services.

It takes several attitudes to bring about these revivals. First, the people must truly be hungry for such a revival. They must pray fervently and expectantly for something to happen. Secondly, they must be united in spirit by singing gospel hymns such as are excluded from most of our modern hymnals. Thirdly, they must hear the gospel message proclaimed victoriously by an evangelist and not the social gospel we hear so much nowadays. They must hear sin denounced as sin, and the wages of sin as death. The pastor of the host church must also be a true shepherd and a born again believer. When all these things happen, the convicting power of the Holy Spirit of Christ descends upon the hearts of sinful men, women, and children and causes them to be regenerated.

Faithfully yours,

GUY MCINTOSH

Stanley, N. C.

## Carolina Briefs

MR. ROBERT ADAIR BURNETT, native of Spartanburg, S. C., will join the faculty of Pfeiffer College in September as assistant professor in history. He received his A.B. degree from Wofford College in 1956 and his M.A. from the University of North Carolina. He and his family are expected to move to the Pfeiffer campus in late summer.

TWO BENNETT COLLEGE students, Miss Mildred B. Graves, of Leaksville, and Miss Frances L. Poindexter, of Lexington, Va., are among 22 students working this summer in the leadership training program of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church.

BREVARD COLLEGE has announced the addition of five faculty members who will assume their duties this fall. Miss Elvena C. Bolick and Andrew Hamilton will teach in the English department; Miss Doris E. Burdette will teach psychology and guidance; Jack C. Keeter, mathematics, and W. Lewis Miles, who will assist in both the department of social studies and the department of religion.

MR. GORDON L. WILSON, business, civic, and religious leader of Statesville, was elected as one of the members of the General Board of Missions of the Methodist Church by the recent Jurisdictional Conference at Lake Junaluska.

REVIVAL SERVICES were held at the Richfield Methodist Church July 24-29. Dr. Daniel Sain of Misenheimer was the visiting minister. Rev. G. W. Clay is pastor at Richfield.

ANNUAL HOMECOMING services were held at the Bethany church near Albemarle July 24. The pastor, the Rev. David Cowart, preached at 11:00 a.m. on "The Parable of the Seed and the Soils." Lunch on the church grounds, and a period of fellowship and singing were enjoyed.

REV. W. L. MANESS, of Siler City, retired, was the preacher at St. Paul church, Burlington, last Sunday. Mr. Maness spent 41 years as an active member of the North Carolina Conference. He retired in 1956.

THE REV. DONOVAN E. HULL is the new director of the Wesley Foundation for Methodist students at the University of Kansas. His wife, Dixie, is a graduate of Greensboro College, and before their marriage in 1954 was director of Christian Education at Broad Street Church, Statesville.

REV. RAYMOND A. SMITH, head of the department of Religious Education at Greensboro College, is teaching a course in the summer session at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn.

REV. W. L. LOY, retired, of Rowland, preached at the 11:00 a.m. service at Fairmont July 31. During August he will preach at Lillington, and will live in the parsonage, while the pastor, Rev. Mr. Wegwart, is on vacation. Mr. Loy is a former pastor of the Lillington church.

REV. GRADY N. DULIN, of Lincolnton, preached at the homecoming service at the Pleasant Hill Church, McFarlan, N. C., on Sunday, July 24. Mr. Dulin is a former pastor of Pleasant Hill.

THE WRIGHTSBORO METHODIST CHURCH of Wilmington recently purchased 78 used pews from Wesley Memorial Church, High Point. The pews were transported intact to Wilmington July 22, and are being installed by the laymen of the church.

HOMECOMING DAY will be held at Oakview Methodist Church, High Point, August 7. Rev. George C. Starr, Jr., former pastor, will preach at 11:00 a.m., and lunch will be served at 12:30. All members, former members and friends are invited.

LAYMAN'S DAY was observed at Hawthorne Lane Church, Charlotte, July 24. Mr. Robert M. Smith, of Mount Airy, conference lay leader of the Western North Carolina Conference, was the speaker. His subject was, "Always Be Ready." Incidentally, the pastor, Rev. Lee R. Spencer, is attending Chaplains' School at Fort Slocum, N. Y.

## Bickley Joins Pfeiffer Faculty

Dr. Aubrey W. Bickley from Huntsville, Alabama, will join the Pfeiffer faculty in September, replacing Dr. Donald D. Douglass as assistant professor in psychology. Dr. Bickley is a graduate of Emory University having received his A.B. degree in 1928 and M.A. degree in 1930. He received his Ph.D. in psychology from George Peabody College.

Dr. Bickley is a member of First Methodist Church, Huntsville, Alabama.

Dr. and Mrs. Bickley will move to the campus in the late summer and he will begin his duties in September.

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# EDITORIALS



## THEME FOR THE WEEK

*God be merciful unto us, and bless us;  
and cause his face to shine upon us.  
That thy way may be known upon  
earth, thy saving health among all  
nations.—Psalm 67:1,2.*



## The American Way

To operate a successful political democracy the two-party system is no doubt necessary. It gives each party the opportunity to check, criticize, and endeavor to supersede the opposition party. In some cases this may produce excellent results, but some of us wonder why this always receives the major emphasis. It would seem that the main business of a national convention would be to set about the task of producing an intelligent, constructive platform that will embrace the ideals that will appeal to an intelligent electorate. Both, the Democrats at Los Angeles, and the Republicans at Chicago, have again had their traditional quadrennial opportunity to lambast the other side and seek to sell their own political philosophies to the general public.

But with all the ballyhoo and showmanship that usually goes with such gatherings, there were many good things that came out of them. They represent the best thinking of the combined groups, even if some of them did seem to be too much swayed by their prejudices. There were many speeches that might well have been left out, while there were many sane and constructive utterances that should bear desirable fruit. We still do not understand why there is always so much horseplay, and banner-waving, and wild parades, rather than for the delegates to settle down in a serious mood to devote themselves in a serious manner to the serious business before them. But maybe that is democracy in action. However, with the conventions behind them, platforms adopted, political courses charted, and candidates selected, the American people now face the responsibility of weighing the issues and making their choice for the November elections. And may the Good Father of us all give us grace, wisdom, courage, and guidance as we set ourselves to this important task.

## A Significant Answer

One of the two questions asked the five finalists who competed in the Miss North Carolina contest in Charlotte last Saturday night afforded an opportunity for a forthright answer, and was designed to give an insight into the thinking of the American young people today. "If you could write the headline for tomorrow's newspaper, what would it be? Elaborate and explain." It is significant that every one of the young ladies, without knowing how the others answered, dealt with the same subject, namely, our relation to the rest of the world, and the desire for peace. With two major world conflicts in one generation, to say nothing of the Korean experience, it showed plainly that the young people of today are weary of world tension, cold wars, armament races, international unrest, insecurity, and braggadocio attitudes on the part of some of the major powers in dealing with each other. These young people evidently believe we would have a better chance of solving our international problems at the peace table than on the battlefield. After all, when war comes it is the young people who have to bear the brunt and burden of it. No one is immune to its requirements and hardships, and they would like to write the headlines across the newspapers of today indicating that by the intelligent application of common sense and good religion the matter of world brotherhood can become an accomplished fact.



## A Leadership Training Conference for College Students

*Lake Juunaluska, N. C.*—Methodist college students and their counselors will meet here August 22-29 for the 1960 south-eastern regional leadership training conference of the Methodist Student Movement.

The conference will be one of seven held across the country during August and September.

The Rev. Dr. Harvey C. Brown, a staff member of the Methodist General Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn., said the theme of the conferences will be "The Mission of the Church in the University."

The Rev. Dr. Albert Outler, professor of theology, Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, will be platform speaker at the conference here. Dean of the conference will be the Rev. Glen O. Martin, Knoxville, director of the University of Tennessee Wesley Foundation who will become a staff member of the Methodist General Board of Education September 1.

Dr. Brown and Miss Ruth Harris, secretary of student work for the Methodist Board of Missions, New York City, will be educational directors.

## Another Faculty Member For Wesleyan College

Officials of North Carolina Wesleyan College announce the appointment of Dr. John E. Bentley as professor of psychology.

Dr. Bentley comes to Wesleyan after a distinguished career at American University in Washington, D. C. At American University for thirty years, he served as professor of psychology and education, chairman of the Department of Psychology and as dean of the college for eight years.

In addition, he has lectured or served as visiting professor at Johns Hopkins University, the University of Colorado, the University of Edinburgh and with the U. S. Army Training Command.

Dr. Bentley is a native of Knottingley, England, but became a naturalized citizen in 1923 at Denver, Colorado.

He was educated at the University of Manitoba and McGill University. He received his Master of Arts degree from Clark University, his B.D. degree from Boston University and his doctorate in psychology from McGill University.

The author of many articles in learned journals, he has also written several books. Among these books are *Problem Children*, *Superior Children*, *The Handbook of Psychology* and the *Outline of Philosophy*.

Dr. and Mrs. Bentley are members of the Methodist Church and have one son, Lt. Com. Philip C. Bentley, a chaplain in the U. S. Navy.

The Bentleys will move to Rocky Mount early in September.

## Dr. Everett W. Palmer Elected Bishop

Dr. Everett W. Palmer, 54, pastor of First Methodist Church, Glendale, Calif., was elected a bishop by the recent Western Jurisdictional Conference. He was assigned to the new episcopal area established at Seattle, Washington. Dr. Palmer is the first new bishop elected by the jurisdiction in eight years.

## Stanley County Resident Joins Pfeiffer Faculty

*Misenheimer, N. C.*—Mrs. Janet Pickler, wife of Eugene B. Pickler, will join the Pfeiffer faculty this fall as speech instructor in the division of fine arts. Mrs. Pickler is a native of Penn Yan, New York, and received her formal education at State University of New York and was graduated with a B.S. degree in elementary education and speech in June 1956. She also attended Michigan State University and Eastern Michigan College. Mrs. Pickler received her Master of Arts degree from Michigan State in 1960.

Mrs. Pickler is a member of the Kendall Baptist Church, and also a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club and the Home Demonstration Club of Albemarle. She played the oboe in the Batavia Civic Orchestra in Batavia, New York for five years.



# N. C. Conference Establishes Public Relation Commission

By DALLAS MALLISON

For the purposes of studying the publicity needs of the N. C. Conference and making specific recommendations in this matter at the 1961 annual session to be held in Durham next June, a commission on public relations and Methodist information was set up at the June annual session of the Conference at Rocky Mount.

Since there are only three conference commissions of this kind in Methodism and these three are located in Illinois, the N. C. Conference in setting up this new agency is again pioneering or taking the lead among its sister conferences in the Southeastern Jurisdiction. There are, of course, a considerable number of regional and episcopal area commissions throughout the country.

The delegates at Rocky Mount were acting on the recommendation of the Conference long-range planning committee which last December held a hearing on the matter in accordance with a resolution authorizing it to do so by the 1959 annual session. The original resolution at the Wilmington session in 1959 had been introduced by the commission on Town and Country Work.

The move is the concrete result of several years of plugging and promotional work on the part of several agencies and leaders in the N. C. Conference, prominent among them being the Commission on Town and Country Work and the writer of this article.

## MEMBERSHIP

The commission is composed of one minister and one layman from each of the districts in the N. C. Conference, thus making an 18-member body. At its initial, organizational meeting immediately following adjournment of the annual session on June 30, Dallas Mallison of Oriental and Carolina Beach was chosen chairman, the Rev. C. Wade Goldston of Louisburg, vice-chairman, and the Rev. W. W. Sherman of Scotland Neck, secretary.

The full membership of the new agency is by districts:

Burlington District: The Rev. J. C. Chaffin of Robbins and Robert Pate of Burlington; Durham District: The Rev. Gayle T. Alexander of Route 1, Mebane, and John D. Langston, Jr., of Durham; Elizabeth City District: The Rev. M. L. Dehart, Jr., of Route 4, Elizabeth City, and Norman Pendleton of Elizabeth City; Fayetteville District: The Rev. E. C. Crawford of Route 1, Fayetteville, and Charles McAdams of Methodist College, Fayetteville.

Goldsboro District: The Rev. G. C. McGill of Goldsboro and Mrs. Paul Mitchell of Route 3, Goldsboro; New Bern District: Rev. L. A. Dillman of New Bern and Dallas Mallison of Oriental and Carolina

Beach; Raleigh District: The Rev. C. Wade Goldston, professor at Louisburg College, and H. A. Dennis of the *Henderson Dispatch*; Rocky Mount District: The Rev. W. W. Sherman of Scotland Neck and Donald Hall of Roanoke Rapids; and Wilmington District: The Rev. H. A. Phillips, Jr., of Shallotte and Al G. Dickson of the *Wilmington Star-News* newspapers.

## RESOLUTION

"With respect to the resolution that the Annual Conference give consideration to ways and means of establishing a much-needed information, publicity, and press relations service, the long-range planning committee recommends that the Annual Conference appoint a commission on public relations and Methodist information permitted by Paragraph 1590, 1956 *Discipline*," the report of the committee said, "and that this commission study the needs of the Conference along this line, and make its recommendations to the 1961 session of the N. C. Annual Conference."

## NO DUPLICATION

Observers point out that the new agency is not a duplication of and will not operate in the same field as the long-existing Conference commission on promotion and cultivation. This older agency seeks to promote and further the programs of Conference agencies through the preparation and financing of special materials, such as brochures, books, and leaflets. This agency does not directly operate in the field of journalism or public relations.

As clearly stated in pertinent sections of the *Discipline*, the functions of the two agencies are separate though complementary. On the national level there are in operation a general commission on promotion and cultivation headed by Dr. E. Harold Mohn of Chicago and a general commission on public relations and Methodist information directed by Dr. Ralph Stoodly of New York.

The commission on public relations and Methodist information operates mainly and directly in the field of public relations with emphasis on working through and with newspapers, magazines, radios and television. These commissions prepare and distribute press releases, cover all important denominational happenings, appear on or record for radio and TV stations, and work as press, radio and TV liaison officers.

Dr. Stoodly has said that the philosophy and conviction undergirding and motivating the work of these commissions is the belief that "the propagation of the gospel by the dissemination of information through the printed word is next in importance to preaching in the spreading of the gospel." Other leading denominations in the state, including the Baptists, have set up or are planning to set up similar press relations agencies.

## PERMISSIVE LEGISLATION

The Methodist *Discipline* makes adequate provision for a public relations commission. Paragraph 1590 of the 1956 edition provides that an annual conference at its discretion may establish a commission on public relations and Methodist information when it finds an evident need for such an agency.

The functions of such a commission are similar to those of the national or general commission on public relations and Methodist information headed by Dr. Stoodly in New York. These are set forth in clarity and detail in paragraphs 1586 through 1590 of the 1956 *Discipline*.

## METHODIST INFORMATION SYSTEM

In 1940 at the first meeting of the General Conference following unification the previous year, the general or church-wide commission on public relations and Methodist information was set up. There are now four regional branch offices of this national or general commission in New York, Chicago, Washington, and Nashville. These national branch offices deal mostly with church-wide events and actively promote the work of general agencies located in their regions.

However, by far the largest number of such commissions operate on an episcopal area basis. There are 20 or more such offices, three of which operate within the Southeastern Jurisdiction. These are those in the Louisville, Atlanta, and Mississippi areas. Other episcopal areas in the SEJ are considering setting up such agencies, especially the Charlotte area which would serve both the W.N.C. and S.C. Conferences.

At the present time and based on the very latest information available, there are only three P. R. and M. I. offices which function on a conference basis. All these three are located in the same area and in the same state—the Illinois area. In this division there seems to be no area-wide office. Although the Mississippi offices are set up on an area basis, the director divides his time equally between the two conferences in Mississippi and seems to operate somewhat on a conference basis.

## GENERAL AIMS

The general aims or functions of a P. R. and M. I. office may be briefly stated as follows:

1. To prepare stories for the church press.
2. To maintain a release service for secular newspapers and magazines.
3. To cover and report all important Methodist events in the primary or general area concerned.
4. To maintain a liaison service for all church and secular newspapers and magazines.
5. To work closely with the offices of the commission on promotion and cultivation where the two areas of work closely relate.
6. To work closely with the conference or area organs operating within the area or division concerned.
7. To help and work closely with radio and television stations operating in the area or division concerned.



8. Where feasible and desirable, to prepare news supplements for such magazines as *Together* and *Methodist Story*.

9. At all times to aim particularly at promoting the programs of the Methodist church, working closely with bishops, dis-

trict superintendents, and all boards and agencies.

10. To always think and act on the philosophy that religious journalism is, in the final analysis, a ministry to aid in the spreading of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

## Caravaners Near End of Trail in Europe

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Dear Caravan Friends:

Time is certainly flying. It seems like just yesterday that we first boarded the Groote Beer, and all of a sudden we wake up and realize that we are about to leave Germany, many of us never to return again. But with this great adventure we are all witnessing, there really isn't any time for reminiscing for our thoughts always must be before us.

After our minds had played fantasy all the way down the Rhine, we stepped off our boat just in time to catch a train for Frankfurt (Saturday, July 2). Good ole Martin Brose led us right to the Seminary in Frankfurt and right to a new stack of much-wanted letters from home. After hearing the latest gossip from the states, we all managed to find sleep ready to come. Sunday morning found us up early (6:30) trying to get ready for an 8:30 church service. Pop was in charge of the service at Zion Methodist Church, the largest congregation we had seen yet. Right after the service, we caravaners and about a fourth of the congregation boarded a bus and started on a beautiful scenic ride of the mountain around Frankfurt. The scenery was about the nearest thing to the smoky mountains we had seen. We had lunch in a little village nestled high up on the side of a mountain. After lunch we all got back on the bus and headed for a dedication service of a youth camp named the "House of the Seven Brethren." This youth camp is situated about 40 km from Frankfurt. Among the speakers at the dedication was Bishop Wunderlich, famous for his contacts with the Methodist churches in East Germany. After the dedications we had a tour of the camp and then headed home, once again tumbling wearily into the very much appreciated beds at the seminary.

Monday morning we were up at 6:30, packed, ate, and hurried across town to catch a 9:30 train for Heidelberg. After about an hour's ride we arrived in Heidelberg. We immediately headed for the world-famous Heidelberg Castle (13th Century). After a guided tour through the castle (including the wine cellar) we headed down the mountain to eat lunch at the same restaurant that last year's caravan made their quick exit with weiner schnitzel in hand. The afternoon consisted of a visit to the University (everybody especially enjoyed the student prison) and then a three-hour ride to Nurnberg. We were met in Nurnberg by Rev. Hammer who escorted us to our new homes. This was perhaps the strangest 4th of July any of us had

ever encountered. It wasn't anything we were used to and yet I'm sure it's one we'll never forget.

Touring was on the agenda for Tuesday the 5th. Among the sites was the Nurnberg Castle (Charles V), the place where the first pocket watch was made, the home of the sculpturer Albrecht Durer (Praying Hands), St. Sebald (Catholic Cathedral). We were invited to the Mother House for lunch and for a tour. The Mother House is where the Methodist deaconesses are trained as nurses, teachers, etc. We saw the orphanage, classrooms, a museum, and were given a general outline of the girls' training. The rest of the afternoon was spent writing letters, catching up on some lost sleep, and shopping. That evening we were in charge of a service and everybody left in a gay mood. When we got up to sing, Grayson saw a boy from her home town who was stationed there in Nurnberg. All in all it had been a very enjoyable day.

Wednesday 6th. The next morning we all struggled down to the train station in the rain and caught the train to Munchen. Al took the limelight when he stacked all the bags up against the men's bathroom and of course there was a man occupying the room. Everybody got a big laugh; that is, everybody but the man inside the bathroom. We arrived in Munchen at 1:30 and the rest of the afternoon was spent looking around the fair city. About 5:30 Martin led us to the Methodist Church in Munchen and here we met Rev. Neef. After a long talk with the youth of the church (they could speak very good English) concerning Communism and religion, we all headed back to our hotel rooms.

The next morning we started touring Munchen. We went to the Museum (the largest in Europe). That afternoon we visited St. Peter's Cathedral, Town Hall, the Hofbrauhaus (the most famous beer hall in the world), St. Mary Cathedral, the house Mozart lived in, and the Bravarian Government building. That evening everybody but Al, Alex, Pop and Mom went to the world-famous art museum, Pinakothek. Mom and Pop Boggs met Mrs. Holland Hope, Chaplain Hope's wife, in town. Chaplain Hope has been transferred to Stuttgart. Mrs. Hope and Wyatt will follow next week.

We boarded the train for Salzburg early the next morning and headed for a new city, new adventures and a new country—Austria. We had stayed in Germany almost four weeks and had enjoyed every moment of it. We had stayed in the homes of people who knew what freedom really is, for they had to flee their homes and risk their lives just for the sake of freedom. We

## Annual Meeting of Methodist Foundation, Inc.

The annual meeting of the Methodist Foundation, Inc., was held this week and the theme which was used in this meeting and will be followed in subsequent meetings was: "Working Together." The following subjects were discussed: "Stewardship," by Bil Price, president, Commission on World Service and Finance; "Town and Country Work," by Roy L. Turnage, director of field work, Commission on Town and Country Work; "Evangelism," by Rev. C. Freeman Heath, executive secretary, Commission on Evangelism; "Church Extension," by Rev. O. L. Hathaway, executive secretary, Board of Missions and Church Extension; "Gifts and Wills," by Dr. F. Olen Hunt, director, Department of Gifts and Wills of the Methodist Foundation, Inc.

Plans are now being made to present a program, "How Can We Help Our Colleges, Working Together," at the next quarterly meeting of the board in October, 1960. The following institutions are affiliated with our Conference: Greensboro College, Greensboro; Duke University, Durham; Louisburg College at Louisburg; High Point College, High Point; the Methodist College, Fayetteville; North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount.

Our plans now are for similar programs to be presented at each quarterly meeting until all of the subjects relating to our church have been covered.

The following officers and committees were elected:

**Officers:** President, Gurney P. Hood, Raleigh; vice-president, John M. Dozier, Durham; treasurer, Marvin J. Cowell, Raleigh; secretary, Mrs. Edna M. Rogers, Raleigh.

**Investment Committee:** Gurney P. Hood, John M. Dozier, Marvin J. Cowell.

**Department of Gifts and Wills—Officers:** Chairman, Rev. Charles S. Hubbard, Chapel Hill; vice-chairman, Dr. John C. Brauer, Chapel Hill; director, Dr. F. Olen Hunt, Raleigh; secretary, Mrs. Gwendolyn J. Mayes, Raleigh. **Committee Members:** Rev. Charles S. Hubbard, Chapel Hill; Dr. John C. Brauer, Chapel Hill; J. Nelson Gibson, Jr., Gibson, N. C.; Mrs. H. C. Turlington, Dunn; Gurney P. Hood, Dr. F. Olen Hunt, Marvin J. Cowell.

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Calvary shows how far men will go in sin, and how far God will go for man's salvation.—*Trumbull*.

weren't able to say a single sentence in German, and yet we were a big enough influence to leave tear-stained cheeks all over Germany. Well, it's time to be moving on. God bless everyone at home.

Love and kisses,

—THE 1960 CARAVANERS.

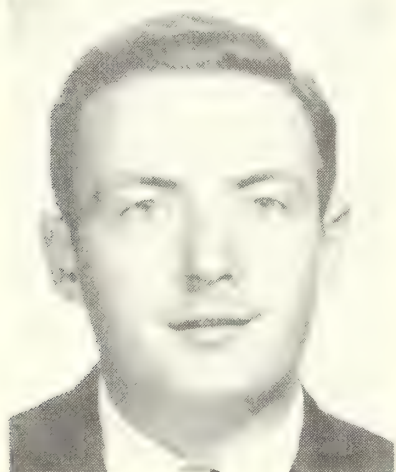


# North Carolina Conference Board of Education Reorganizes

By C. P. MORRIS, *Executive Secretary*

## Staff Changes Announced

Reverend Robert McKenzie, Jr., after serving so effectively as Conference Director of Youth Work for the past three years, has returned to the pastoral ministry and has been appointed pastor of Wynne-wood Park Methodist Church, Raleigh. The Conference Board of Education in session at Rocky Mount on Monday, June 27, unanimously passed a resolution of appreciation for his faithful and outstanding work. The young people of the Conference similarly honored him during the Senior Assemblies at Louisburg College in June. All of us in the Board of Education office appreciate his warm friendship and wish him Godspeed as he undertakes once more the important responsibilities of the pastoral ministry.



REV. J. CONRAD GLASS, JR.

Reverend J. Conrad Glass, Jr., who has served as pastor of Layden Memorial Methodist Church, Raleigh, for the past three years, has accepted the appointment of Conference Director of Youth Work, succeeding Mr. McKenzie. Mr. Glass is 28 years of age, a native of Raleigh, and was educated in the public schools of Raleigh. He received the B.S. degree from N. C. State College in 1954 and the B.D. degree from the Duke University Divinity School in 1957. His scholastic honors at N. C. State College included membership in the Phi Beta Sigma, a freshman honorary society, and the Phi Kappa Phi, equivalent to Phi Beta Kappa in liberal art schools. He served on the Duke Endowment for three years prior to his pastorate at Layden Memorial Church, where he directed the erection of their new building.

In the area of youth work Mr. Glass has served as president of the Raleigh District and subdistrict MYF, as Raleigh district director of youth work, as camp counselor for six years and as a staff member at ACS and the Louisburg Assemblies for a number of years. He has attended the Jurisdic-

tional Recreation Workshop at Leesburg, Florida, the National Convocation of Methodist Youth in 1951 and 1959, the Inter-collegiate School of Alcohol Studies in 1956, and numerous other national and conference-wide workshops. We all feel that we are very fortunate in being able to secure the services of this outstanding young minister and youth leader for this important position.

Miss Kathleen Cox, who has served so devotedly and so effectively as office manager and secretary to the executive secretary for the past nine years, has resigned this work to take a position teaching in the North Carolina Public School System. It is with keen regret that we lose the services of Miss Cox to the North Carolina Conference. She has been an active inspiration to the entire office staff and an indispensable aid to the executive secretary. Our sincere appreciation and very best wishes go with her as she begins her new duties as teacher of ninth grade English in the Reidsville High School the first of September.

Mrs. Margaret Fogleman who has served as a part-time office secretary for the past eight years will replace Miss Cox as office manager and secretary to the executive secretary the first of September.

Mrs. Delano Lunsford who has served so efficiently as secretary to the Conference Director of Youth and Children's Work for the past two years has resigned effective the first of November. We are most grateful to her and wish her continued health and happiness as she takes time out to increase her family.

## Organization of the Board of Education

The Board of Education of the North Carolina Annual Conference was organized for the 1960-61 quadrennium on Wednesday evening, June 29, by Dr. C. D. Barclift, Convenor. The following officers were elected: president, Rev. Leon Russell, pastor of First Methodist Church, Rocky Mount; vice-president, Rev. Paul Carruth, pastor of Hayes-Barton Church, Raleigh; secretary, Rev. Brooks Patten, pastor of Page Memorial Church, Aberdeen.

The following persons were elected chairmen of the Standing Committees who together with the officers will constitute the Executive Committee: Committee on General Church School Work, Mr. John M. Meares, Raleigh; Committee on Children's Work, Rev. E. Clifford Shoaf, Minister of Christian Education, Duke Memorial Methodist Church, Durham; Committee on Youth Work, Mr. W. A. Graham, Chapel Hill; Committee on Adult Work, Mr. R. L. Cannon, Vanceboro; Committee on Christian Family Life, Dr. Haywood Harrell, pastor, Pink Hill Methodist Church, Pink Hill; Committee on Camps and Conferences, Rev. Brooks Patten, Aberdeen; Committee on Christian

Higher Education, Rev. Paul Carruth, Raleigh.

The following persons were elected to represent the Board of Education on the Inter-Conference Commission on Student-Religious Work: Rev. Leon Russell, president, Conference Board of Education; Dr. C. P. Morris, executive secretary; Dr. Allen P. Brantley, executive director Conference Commission on Higher Education; Mrs. Taylor Long, Blanch, N. C., Conference secretary of student work, W.S.C.S.; Dr. W. L. Clegg, Burlington, district superintendent; Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr., pastor, Trinity Methodist Church, Durham; Dr. David Bradley, Duke University; Mr. Charles Stanley, Hillsboro, student at Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone.

The organizational meeting of the Inter-Conference Commission on Student Religious Work will be held at College Place Methodist Church, Greensboro, September 7, 1960, at 10:00 a.m.

The following persons were elected to represent the Board of Education on other Conference boards and agencies: Rev. C. F. Grill, Burgaw, Conference Commission on Town and Country Work; Rev. L. A. Aitken, Ayden, Conference Television, Radio and Film Commission; Rev. J. H. Miller, Jr., Snow Hill, and Rev. L. A. Aitken, Ayden, Board of College Visitors; Rev. Leon Russell, Rocky Mount, Methodist Foundation, Inc.

The Board of Education elected the following persons to serve on the Commission on Christian Higher Education: Rev. Paul Carruth, Rev. T. J. Whitehead, Rev. Vergil E. Queen, Rev. Leon Russell, Rev. L. A. Aitken, Rev. O. Kelly Ingram, Dr. James E. Hillman and Dr. Robert E. Cushman.

At a subsequent meeting this committee elected the following persons to serve on the Annual Conference Commission on Christian Higher Education: Dr. W. Stanley Potter, Sanford; Mr. Henry B. Dixon, Burlington; Dr. C. E. Jordan, Durham; Mr. L. R. Foreman, Elizabeth City; Mr. J. W. Hensdale, Fayetteville; Mr. J. B. Frizzelle, Maury; Mrs. L. B. Jenkins, Kinston; Mr. W. C. Calton, Raleigh; Mr. S. M. Cozart, Wilson; Mr. E. C. Saunders, Tabor City; Mr. Hugh Ragsdale, Richland; and Mr. Marshall T. Spears, Sr., Durham.

The following exofficio members will complete the composition of the Conference Commission on Christian Higher Education: Bishop Paul N. Garber; district superintendents: Dr. W. L. Clegg, Dr. C. D. Barclift, Rev. R. L. Jerome, Rev. M. C. Dunn, Rev. W. M. Lawrence, Dr. A. J. Hobbs, Rev. Graham S. Eubank, Dr. W. C. Ball and Dr. J. E. Garlington; Conference lay leaders: Mr. Nelson Gibson, Gibson; president W.S.C.S., Mrs. H. C. Turlington, Dunn; secretary student work, W.S.C.S., Mrs. Taylor Long, Blanch; executive secretary Conference Board of Education, Dr. C. P. Morris.

This commission will be organized at a time and place to be announced later by Bishop Garber.

The Board of Education nominated and the Annual Conference elected twenty-six members in addition to the eighteen elective members and six exofficio members



appointed by the Cabinet. The completed membership of the Board is as follows:

Carruth, Brooks Patten, H. L. Harrell, T. J. Whitehead, R. E. Cushman, V. E. Kueen, J. H. Miller, Jr., L. A. Aitken, C. F. Grill, O. Kelly Ingram, Grady L. Kinley, Troy J. Barrett, F. Owen Fitzgerald, R. H. Eason, J. Earl Richardson, John Pearsall, Henry Bizzell, H. H. Hodgkin, M. Earl Cunningham, R. Bruce Pate, W. M. Howard, Jr.

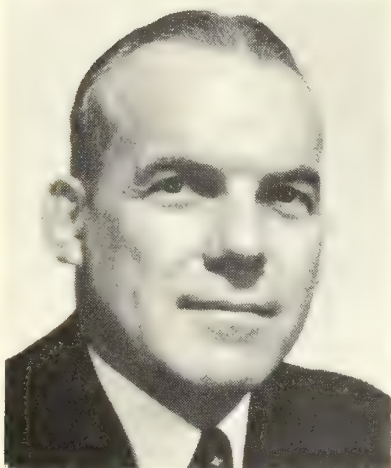
Lay members: Julian M. Aldridge of Rocky Mount; Mr. John M. Meares, Raleigh; Mr. R. L. Cannon, Vanceboro; Mr. W. A. Graham, Chapel Hill; Mr. P. E. Cotter, Sanford; Mr. L. S. Thompson, Plymouth; Mr. R. R. Allen, Fayetteville; Mr. C. W. Twiford, Goldsboro; Mr. A. Kimsey King, Sr., Chapel Hill; Mr. H. J. McDonald, New Bern; Mr. Nile F. Hunt,

Raleigh; Mr. W. Avery Thompson, Lake Waccamaw; Mr. T. S. Newbold, Rocky Mount; Mr. James E. Hillman, Raleigh; Miss Mable Nance, Burlington; Mrs. W. R. Stevens, Wilmington; Mrs. C. G. Bookhout, Durham; Mrs. E. I. Terry, Raleigh; Mr. M. W. Stancil, Selma; Mrs. S. W. Anderson, Whitakers; Mrs. Robert D. Massey, Zebulon; and Mr. Carl Hjortsvang, Greenville.

Youth members: President, Conference MYF; president, Conference Older Youth Fellowship; representative of Conference MYF, representative of N. C. Methodist Student Movement.

President, Conference Young Adult Fellowship, Mr. Wilton Ward, Goldsboro; Certified Minister of Christian Education, Rev. E. Clifford Shoaf, Duke Memorial Methodist Church, Durham.

## North Carolina Rural Church Convocation at Raleigh



L. Y. BALLENTINE

The N. C. Council of Churches and the N. C. State College School of Agriculture are jointly sponsoring the North Carolina Rural Church Convocation, which is to be held at N. C. State College, Raleigh, Aug. 9-11. This is the first Rural Church Convocation to be held in North Carolina. The purpose of the convocation is to help rural ministers and laymen of our state to become informed about changes taking place in the rural community and to learn something about services that are being rendered by community organizations. All church leaders, ministers, and laymen are invited to attend. The cost of the convocation is \$2.00 advanced registration fee and \$3.00 for a college dormitory room, plus meals.

Featured speakers are N. C. Commissioner of Agriculture, L. Y. Ballentine, who will speak on "What is Happening in Rural North Carolina;" Philip F. Aylesworth, Director of Program Relationships, United States Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., whose topic is "Considering Our Resources;" and Rev. Garland Hendricks, professor, Southeastern Baptist

Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, "The Church in the Rural Community at Home and Abroad." Other outstanding features will be interest groups on vital topics and two panel discussions. One of the panels will be made up of representatives of public agencies, such as health, welfare, education, law enforcement, and the other will have leading denominational representatives speaking on "The Church Challenged to Serve." Rev. Wilson Nesbitt, professor in the Duke University Divinity School, is chairman of the Rural Church Committee of the N. C. Council of Churches and has largely directed the planning of the convocation. The major denominations are cooperating in the planning and in the financial support of the convocation. For information on the convocation, get in touch with Rev. W. W. Blanton, secretary of Town and Country Work, W.N.C. Conference, 308 Walnut St., Statesville, N. C., or in the N. C. Conference contact Mr. Roy Turnage, director of Field Work, Ayden, N. C. Registration for the convocation will begin at 3:00 p.m. August 9 in the College Union Building on Hillboro St., Raleigh.



PHILIP F. AYLESWORTH

## Bishop Garber Heads Southeastern Jurisdiction

*Lake Junaluska, N. C.* — Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va., has been elected president of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council of the Methodist Church.

He succeeds Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Atlanta, who retired.

Other officers elected for the next four years were first vice-president, Howard Berg, Melbourne, Fla.; second vice-president, Bishop John Owen Smith, Atlanta; and secretary, the Rev. Dr. Carl J. Sanders, Richmond, Va.

The 83-member council elected the officers during the quadrennial Methodist Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, which was held here July 13-17.

Organized more than 15 years ago, the council places its emphasis on helping the Methodist general boards and agencies to strengthen the work of the more than 12,000 churches in the denomination's Southeastern Jurisdiction.

The council has headquarters in Atlanta, and its executive secretaries are the Rev. Dr. James W. Sells and the Rev. Dr. D. Trigg James.

Next meeting of the council will be August 23-24 in Atlanta.

## Southeastern Council Elects New Officers

The Southeastern Jurisdictional Council, meeting at Lake Junaluska July 16 elected Bishop Paul N. Garber of Richmond, Va., president. He succeeds Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta, retired. R. Howard Berg, Melbourne, Fla., is first vice-president, and Bishop John Owen Smith of Atlanta, second vice-president. The Rev. Carl J. Sanders of Richmond was elected secretary. Renamed executive secretaries of the council were the Rev. Dr. James W. Sells and the Rev. Dr. D. Trigg James, both of Atlanta.

## Good For Raeford 100 Percent Church

Raeford Methodist Church has sent a check to the *ADVOCATE* for \$495 to place the Conference organ in every home. We are grateful to the Rev. K. R. Wheeler and his people, and trust they will receive real benefit from this investment. This will add strength to their church and be a blessing to their people. May others do likewise.

## West Jefferson Supports Native Preachers in India

The West Jefferson Church is now furnishing the salaries of two native preachers in India. One is Maxwell Milton, about 50, who was an orphan boy in the Gonda School. He is a product of our church. The other Indian native receiving support is Amu Williamson, about 20 years of age. The Commission on Missions urged the support of two such preachers, and their action was endorsed by the official board. The yearly cost for the support of these two native ministers is about \$250.00 each.



# Interesting Methodist Briefs

Gordon D. Danielson, a Concordia, Kansas, attorney, will join the staff of the General Board of Lay Activities in Chicago August 15. He will be associate director of the department of stewardship and finance, headed by the Rev. Dr. Edwin A. Briggs.

The Rev. Grady Adcock, staff member of the General Board of Pensions, Chicago, has returned to the pastorate, having been appointed to the church at Sudan, Texas.

The Rev. R. Jerrold Gibson, minister of students for the Harvard-Epworth Methodist Church in Cambridge, Mass., will serve as acting minister of the Memorial Church at Harvard University there beginning September 1.

The Rev. Dr. George H. Jones, staff member of the Board of Evangelism, Nashville, is the new president of the Southeastern Jurisdiction's Methodist Historical Society.

Speaker on the Methodist radio series of "The Protestant Hour" July 31 to Oct. 2 is the Rev. Dr. Waights G. Henry, Jr., president of LaGrange (Ga.) College.

Dr. Robert G. Mayfield of Chicago, general secretary of the Board of Lay Activities, was the principal speaker at the National Convocation of the American Baptist Men's Fellowship at Green Lake, Wis., July 20.

A Conference on evangelism for ministers and laymen of the Northeastern Jurisdiction was held July 10-15 at Drew University, Madison, N. J. The Rev. Dr. Allen E. Claxton, pastor of Broadway Temple Church, New York City, is president of the jurisdiction's Board of Evangelism.

Dr. Gaither Warfield, general secretary of the Committee for Overseas Relief, reported the receipts of \$199,036.17 for Chilean relief as of July 20.

"A Decade of Dynamic Discipleship and Prayer" was officially launched at Lake Junaluska recently at a nine-state conference for pastors and church leaders. The conference was sponsored by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council and Prayer Life Movement of the Board of Evangelism, Nashville.

The Rev. Dr. Ernest V. May, executive secretary of the Pittsburgh Conference Board of Missions and Methodist Church Union, will become director of city work in the Division of National Missions in Philadelphia Sept. 1. Succeeding Dr. May in the Pittsburgh post will be the Rev. Dr. David J. Wynne, minister of Baldwin Community Methodist Church, Pittsburgh.

The Rev. Dr. Charles D. White, pastor of Trinity Church, Kannapolis, N. C., was elected secretary-designate of the South-

eastern Jurisdictional Conference. He will take office Jan. 1, 1961, succeeding the Rev. Dr. Don A. Cooke, Bradenton, Fla., who has been elected general secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, Chicago.

## Governments Honor Three Missionaries

Three Methodist missionaries, two in Liberia and one in Chile, have recently received high awards from the national governments in the countries where they work.

Dr. and Mrs. George Way Harley, two of Methodism's most famous missionaries, received the highest award Liberia can bestow—Knight with Great Band of the Liberian Humane Order of African Redemption. The award was made personally by Liberian President William V. S. Tubman, a Methodist lay preacher, in the Presidential Pavilion in Monrovia. Dr. and Mrs. Harley have retired after 35 years of service at the Ganta mission station and are making their home in Lancaster, Va.

Miss Florence J. Prouty has been decorated with the Bernardo O'Higgins Medalion in the First Degree by the government of Chile. For the last 20 years, she has been on the staff of Sweet Memorial Institute in Santiago. The award was made in the Red Room of the Chancellery of the Chilean Foreign Ministry in the presence of educational authorities and officials of the Foreign Ministry. The Bernardo O'Higgins award is named for the man who is considered the George Washington of Chile and is given to outstanding educators. Miss Prouty's home town in the United States is Ollie, Montana.

## Historical Society Elects New Officers

New officers for the 1960-64 quadrennium of the Methodist Southeastern Jurisdiction Historical Society were elected in a meeting at Lake Junaluska July 11-12.

The Rev. Dr. George H. Jones, a staff member of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn., was elected president.

Other officers are, first vice-president, the Rev. H. E. Bullington, Duncan, S. C.; second vice-president, the Rev. Frank S. Moseley, Eutaw, Ala.; secretary, the Rev. E. E. Wiley, Chattanooga, Tenn.; and treasurer, the Rev. Dr. J. Manning Potts, Nashville.

In addition to the officers, members of the executive committee will be the Rev. J. B. Cain, Magnolia, Miss.; the Rev. Dr. E. H. Nease, Concord, N. C.; the Rev. Dr. Elmer T. Clark, Lake Junaluska, N. C., and the Rev. Dr. C. W. Robbins, Louisville, N. C.

At the meeting, Dr. Clark, American secretary of the World Methodist Council, announced that through the generosity of Charles C. Parlin of New York the World Methodist Building at Lake Junaluska has recently acquired a portrait of John Wesley said to have been painted by John Jackson about 1824. The portrait was presented July 15 at the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference.



The cornerstone of the new church school building of Centenary Church, Greensboro, was laid on Sunday, June 26. The inscription on the stone reads: "Erected for the Teaching of the Word, and the Sharing of Christian Fellowship." This building will be the first unit of the proposed church plant at Friendly Road and Elam Avenue. Seen above are the pastor and members of the building committee during the ceremony. Left to right: J. W. Smith, Mrs. Robert Rives, Ralph Weisner, Henry L. Wolfe, Jr., Pastor J. L. Pittard, Herbert B. Whittemore and Robert S. Hunter. (Mrs. George H. Roach, another member of the committee, is hidden behind Mr. J. W. Smith.)

The completed church plant will consist of three units—the educational building, the sanctuary, and the chapel. The educational unit will accommodate 600 pupils. This first unit is estimated to cost in excess of \$286,000.



## At The Gate Beautiful

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chaplain for his theatrical entourage, provided that, as minister-in-residence, we were willing to play the chameleon and change our credal color as the situation required.

The man who was healed did a great thing in that hour. He did not dream—no man hardly ever does—of the tremendous thing he was doing. Crises reveal character. There are no crises men or women. Those so characterized are the people who are ready when the crises come. Here was the crucial moment. The man who was no longer lame arose in his place at the back of the room and walked forward, with a steady and firm step. He took his place with the prisoners. *He stood with them.* The result of that action was the prisoners were charged to heal no more in the name of Jesus. Suspended judgement, acquittal.

Seeing the man who was healed standing there how else could the verdict have been? The God who answers prayer by healed men, He is the true God. The God who reveals Himself in jungle clinics and wilderness hospitals, He is the true God. The God who sends His ministers up the trails of the lonesome pines and the course of winding rivers, to the last clearing, He is the true God. Once there was a trader in Africa in search of ivory. He came across a native reading his Bible. "You don't believe that," said the trader. The native replied, pointing to a clearing in which there was a huge black kettle hung over a fire, saying, "If I did not believe this you would be simmering in yonder pot." The God who quenches the fires of cannibalism, He is the true God.

So far we have only half the picture. We have seen the man walking down to the front of the courtroom. He might have used those strong legs for his own purpose. He might have fled the premises and overtaken his lost years. He might have wanted to put the grim scene behind him. He might have feared the judges, Annas, Caiaphas, John and Alexander and the kindred of the high priest, the same before whom Jesus lately stood.

As a convert the man gave his testimony. The trial of the state became a prayer meeting. The hall of justice became an evangelist's tent. The machinery of the authorities became the organization known as the church. Peter told how it happened and called for the ear of the nation. "Be it known unto you and to all." Boldness. Holy boldness. "Many that heard the word believed and the number of the men was about five thousand." Peter's sermon was on how it happened. His statement was commentary. The real sermon was the man himself. A Living Epistle. A Sermon in Shoes. The Word that was Flesh. Preaching with a heart throb and a pulse beat. A homily with a punch line. Convincing, appealing, irrefragable, clinching.

The man who was healed was not in absentia, but present. Today his pew would be occupied on Sunday. His query would not be about the roll call up yonder, but here and now. When we see members wholehearted, faithful and loyal, we are looking at the church in action. "When

morning gilds the skies" they "take time to be holy."

A story comes to us about Private Dubb. He failed to answer roll-call. His place was empty in the ranks. His sergeant went on a still hunt and found him in his tent on his cot. When queried why he did not attend reveille he replied, "I can see everything perfectly from here." We know that this never happened. But the story illustrates. Anywhere else perhaps but not in the Army. Much of the world's finer things are done by minority groups, while the sidewalk superintendents look on. The kingdom of heaven cannot be established from a couch. *Not any kingdom.* When a small boy was told by his church school teacher that we are here to help others, he wanted to know what the others were doing. Discipleship requires that we stand up and be counted. The demand is that a testimony be given both in word and in deed. The church, individually and collectively, can move its time and day when it is motivated by the drum-and-fife music of Christ's "Follow Me."

"And all the people saw him walking and praising God . . . and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what happened to him."

## Recent Changes in Staff of Methodist Board of Education

Recent additions to the national staff of the Methodist Board of Education include Dr. Horace R. Weaver, professor of religion at Hendrix College, Dr. W. Thomas Smith, minister of Trinity Methodist Church, Atlanta, and the Rev. Charles E. Mowry, pastor of the Methodist Church in Cordell, Oklahoma.

Dr. Weaver succeeds Dr. Charles M. Laymon as editor of adult church school publications as of September 1. Dr. Laymon has resigned to become head of the department of religion at Florida Southern College in Lakeland. Before going to Hendrix last year, Dr. Weaver was for ten years chairman of the division of religion and philosophy at Union College, Barboursville, Ky. He is a member of the Ohio annual conference and holds degrees from Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, and Boston University.

Dr. Smith, a native of Knoxville, Tenn., will serve as director of ministerial recruitment in the Division of Higher Education. He was educated at Maryville College, Ohio Wesleyan University, Emory University, and Boston University. He has served churches in Ohio, Massachusetts, and Georgia, and was for a time director of religious life and head of the department of religion at Young Harris College. He is a member of the North Georgia Conference.

Mr. Mowry has joined the youth department staff of the Division of the Local Church, with special responsibilities in the area of older youth. He is a graduate of Oklahoma City University and Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. He has had wide experience in youth and student work in the Oklahoma Conference in which he holds membership.

## Writers' Conference Held at Junaluska

The second annual Methodist Writers' Conference was held at Lake Junaluska July 18-21. Dr. Webb B. Garrison, a writer of national recognition, was the director. The conference this year was in the form of a workshop, with about fifty writers and would-be writers in attendance. Those in attendance were from several states, including Florida and Illinois.

Dr. Arthur West of Methodist Information in Chicago gave the closing address, in which he stressed the value of the printed page. He urged the group to be alert to the possibilities of church and religious news that is constantly breaking all around us. That we should co-operate with our secular news editors in getting the best coverage for our important church news. Earlier in an address, Dr. Webb Garrison told the group that the field is wide open to religious feature stories. He pointed out that many secular magazines, such as industrial, and trade journals, feed and grain periodicals, printed regularly religious feature stories.

Dr. Paul Pettit, representing the Abington Press, said there is now a constant need for writers in books on recreation, Bible and Bible study, the minister and his work, church history, program and working materials, Christian education, and the "how" on teaching in the church school.

Other leaders and instructors participating in the workshop were, Robert Glazier from Radio and Film Commission; Dr. Maurice Phillips from *Upper Room*; Richard Rice from the editorial division of the General Board of Education.

Those attending from W.N.C. Conference were: Rev. Sam Moss, Rev. Leroy Scott, Mrs. John C. Wright, Rev. I. L. Sharpe, and several others who were visitors. Dr. Trigg James, program director of Lake Junaluska Assembly, speaking to the group at the closing session, assured the group that another Writers' Conference would be held at the Lake next year, with added sponsoring groups, assuring a bigger and better Writers' Workshop.



Samuel and Margaret Ann Long, pictured above, children of Mr. and Mrs. Ardell Long, who attend Sunday school at Severn Methodist Church, Severn, N. C., have a perfect attendance record of six years, and five years, respectively. Margaret Ann has missed only one Sunday in six years and Samuel has not missed any. Next October they will add another bar to their attendance pins.



# Woman's Society News

## N. C. Conference

By MARY GARDNER



### N. C. CONFERENCE WSCS WOMEN ATTEND WORKSHOP

Delegates from 26 member organizations comprising the N. C. Council of Women's Organizations were in attendance at the ninth Annual Leadership Training Workshop held at the University of N. C., Chapel Hill, July 18-21. The workshop is sponsored jointly by the NCCWO and the extension department of the UNC.

A clearing house for North Carolina's women's organizations, the council's purpose is to provide an opportunity for organized groups, agencies, and individual members to plan and act together voluntarily concerning areas of special interest to women. Among these are community service, education, public affairs, international affairs, health, welfare, religion, and cultural activities. Its member organizations represent one-half million women.

The 1960 Leadership Training Workshop featured as the keynote speaker General Carlos Romulo, Philippine Ambassador to the United Nations, and former president of the General Assembly of the U.N. Other speakers included State College Chancellor John T. Caldwell; Dr. A. C. Dawson, of Raleigh, Executive Secretary N. C. Education Association; Mrs. Lula Belle Rich, Chief of Health Education N. C. State Board of Health; Wake County Senator John R. Jordan, Jr., and Sam Ragan, Executive Director, News and Observer and the Raleigh Times.

Among other features of the three-day event were general sessions, and classes on Leadership Skills, Effective Speaking, Parliamentary Procedure, Civic Responsibility and Programs. A trip by the delegates to Raleigh for the purpose of studying the state's various governmental agencies and a tour of the State Art Museum—a first this year for the annual workshops—was climaxed by a dinner meeting at the State College Union.

Delegates from the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service to the workshop included Mrs. L. S. Thompson, Plymouth; Mrs. L. A. Doub, Aberdeen; Mrs. Leroy Pickard, Siler City; Mrs. C. T. Johnson, Raleigh; and Mrs. H. R. Odom, Gibson.

Mrs. John W. Crawford, of Raleigh, served as Director of the 1960 Leadership Training Workshop. Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, of King's Mountain is president of the N. C. Council of Woman's Organizations.



Four nails would not have held God and man fast to the Cross, had love not held Him there.—*Author unknown.*

## W. N. C. Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



### CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

August 13-14—Spiritual Life Retreat, Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer; Miss Stella Ward, Lambuth College, Jackson, Tenn., leader.

August 15-19—School of Missions and Christian Service, Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer.

#### Four basic studies:

1. Heritage and Horizons in Home Missions, Miss Mary Floyd, teacher; "Safe in Bondage," R. W. Spike, text.

2. Into All the World Together, Mrs. E. L. Hillman and Mrs. T. S. Newbold, N. C. Conference, teachers; "One World, One Mission," by Richey Hogg, text.

3. Alcohol and Christian Responsibility, Robert Regan, Washington, D. C., teacher; "Stumbling Block," by Douglas Jackson, text.

4. Basic Christian Beliefs, Dr. George Schreyer, Pfeiffer College, and Miss Stella Ward, Lambuth College, teachers. "Basic Christian Beliefs," by F. C. Grant, text.

#### Clinics for these officers:

Secretaries of missionary education and service, Christian social relations, spiritual life, promotion, literature and publications, missionary personnel; also president, vice-president and Wesleyan Service Guild coordinators.

*Bible Hour*—Rev. Orion Hutchinson, Jr., Thomasville.

### Woman of the Week

Mrs. E. D. Chandler of Asheville, the new treasurer of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference, was chosen the Woman of the Week by *The Asheville Citizen* for the issue of July 11th. This honor was conferred because of the outstanding community service given by Mrs. Chandler, not only to her church, but also to other community agencies. She was recently honored by the Asheville District WSCS when Mrs. T. C. Robertson, district president, presented to her an honorary life membership in the Woman's Society. Mrs. Chandler is treasurer of Brooks-Howell Home for Retired Workers in Asheville.

### Supply Askings for 1960-61

*First Quarter*—for the Foreign Department: Union Theological Seminary, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Cash for furnishings of the new building, especially beds, tables, chairs, mattresses, lamps, dressers, mirrors, bookcases, etc., for 20 rooms in the women's dormitory, and all the furniture for one single and two double apartments for women professors (missionaries and nationals).

For Home Department: There is still a need at the Cherokee Methodist Center for *new and good clean used clothing*, which may be sent at any time during the year. The need is great for children's and babies' clothing, especially for children's shoes. Used curtains, bedspreads, towels, and quilt pieces and piece goods may also be sent.

### Love Offering 1960

The love offering given at the annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference at Lake Junaluska in June reached an all-time high. It is \$6,463.12, about \$140 more than the 1959 total, says Mrs. E. D. Chandler, conference treasurer. This will be used as a gift to building fund of Brooks-Howell Home for retired Missionaries and Deaconesses in Asheville.

The love offering given by the members of the Wesleyan Service Guild at its annual meeting at Lake Junaluska amounted to \$2,575.00. This will be used for three projects—\$250 for the summer program of college students working in Rural Church projects, a gift to World Refugee Year, and a special fund to send a missionary nurse to Kapanga, Africa, the hospital where Miss Marlene Harmon was sent as a missionary.

### Greensboro District Reorganizes

The reorganization of the Woman's Society of the Greensboro District was made this month after the Western North Carolina Conference had voted to form two new districts in the Conference. Eighteen churches formerly in the Greensboro District were transferred to the new High Point District.

Mrs. Max Tucker of Pleasant Garden, formerly vice-president of the district, was chosen as the president of the Greensboro district. Mrs. George H. Roach was selected as vice-president.

Mrs. W. E. Overstreet is the new treasurer, replacing Mrs. E. D. Yost, resigned. Mrs. M. R. Banner, Jr., of Greensboro continues as recording secretary.

The new secretaries are Mrs. E. O. Feeler, Christian social relations; Mrs. C. L. Joyce of Stoneville, missionary personnel; Mrs. D. E. Leonard, student work; Mrs. O. H. Talbot, supply work; and Mrs. Raymond Endicott of Leaksville, youth work.

The sub-district chairmen, all new, include Mrs. Leroy Sweeney, Leaksville, for No. 1; Mrs. Charles Riley of Pleasant Garden, No. 2; and Mrs. S. F. Webster, Jr., of Madison, No. 3.

These officers were installed by Mrs. W. B. Hall of High Point, formerly president of the Greensboro District and now president of the High Point District. Mrs. N. D. McNairy, secretary of spiritual life, conducted the devotional service.



Very often the minimum of duty might be transformed into the maximum of beauty.



## Dr. Dahlberg Speaks to 35,000 Scout at Fifth National Jamboree

Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, president of the National Council of Churches and pastor of the Delmar Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri, was the speaker at the united Protestant worship service at the Fifth National Jamboree of the Boy Scouts of America at Colorado Springs, Colorado, on Sunday, July 24. The service was attended by 35,000 Boy Scouts and leaders.

Thirteen religious services of all faiths were conducted so that all of the 55,000 in attendance at the Jamboree had opportunity to participate in religious observances of their choice. Over one hundred clergymen of the various religious bodies served as chaplains, ministering daily to the spiritual needs of the campers.

Speaking on the theme, "High Altitude Religion," with Isaiah 40:9 as his text, Dr. Dahlberg said, "I like high altitudes because they are *clean*, they are *clear*, and they bring us *close to God*."

The speaker pointed to Pikes Peak which the worshipers could see in the distance and recalled that it was on this very mountain that Katherine Lee Bates stood when she was overwhelmed with a sense of the perfection of God's gifts to her country and was inspired to write our patriotic hymn, "America the Beautiful."

With 35,000 young men looking to the future in a space age, Dr. Dahlberg made a ringing call for Christian vocation as he fervently pleaded, "We need young men and women who ascend to the top of the mountain called Clear (referred to in John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*) where they can see far into the future and discern the outlines of a better world; a world of peace, a world of racial brotherhood, justice, and faith. We need teachers, scientists, statesmen, ministers, missionaries, journalists, and people in every profession who can see clearly, think clearly, and speak clearly, high above the smog of selfishness, hatred, prejudice, caution, and fear."

Dr. Dahlberg concluded with an earnest plea for the 35,000 boys and leaders to follow Christ: "Oh, Boy Scouts of America, I hope that you will always hear that Christ and obey him. Wherever you go with Christ, it will be high altitude religion. He went up into the mountain to conquer his temptations. He went up into a mountain to preach the Sermon on the Mount to his disciples. He went up to the Mount of Olives and the Garden of Gethsemane to pray for strength to meet the cross. He carried his cross up Mount Calvary, and on that green hill far away, died for our sins. He went up to the top of a high mountain to ascend into heaven after his resurrection. I repeat, wherever you go with Christ you will have the experience of high altitude religion—a clean heart, a clear vision, and a spirit close to the will of God. Never be afraid of that which is high—high thoughts, high ideals, high character, high purposes. Be afraid only of that which is low—low thoughts, low motives, low conduct. Live as sons of the Highest. Then your lives will be pleasing to God. Though you should live to be a hundred years old, far out in that century which

will begin with the morning of 2000 A.D., only forty years from now, you will still be able to sing:

"I want to scale the utmost height,  
And catch a gleam of glory bright;  
But still I'll pray till heaven I've found,  
'Lord, lead me on to higher ground.'  
Lord, lift me up and let me stand,  
By faith, on heaven's table land,  
A higher plane than I have found;  
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

## Seven Awarded Certificates At Bennett Last Week

*Greensboro, N. C.*—As a result of having successfully completed four summers of work, seven persons — three of them women — were awarded certificates when the Baltimore Area Pastors' School held graduation exercises at Bennett College last week.

Thirty-six persons were registered for this year's school which is conducted annually for those Methodist ministers who have not had the advantage of formal theological training in a seminary.

Dean Charles L. Carrington of Jamaica, N. Y., who delivered the graduation address, presented certificates to:

Elwood J. Jones, Asheboro, N. C.; William H. Davis, Annapolis, Md.; Philip A. Henry, Chestertown, Md.; Mrs. Martha S. Hollis, Chester, Pa.; Clifford E. Landrum, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Julia S. Thompson, Chattanooga, Tenn., and Mrs. Irene Simpson, of New Rochelle, N. Y.

The school, which offered courses in "Old Testament," "Practical Theology," "Comparative Religion," "Church History," "New Testament" and "Preaching" provides four weeks of in-service training each summer.

## Goshen-Keener Parsonage Dedicated

Dedication of the Goshen-Keener parsonage, Goldsboro District, was held on Sunday afternoon, June 12, 1960, at the parsonage. Included on the program were the Rev. H. M. McLamb, district superintendent; the Rev. W. S. Lambert, former pastor; the Rev. H. F. Pollock, former pastor; and the Rev. C. W. Wooten, present pastor.

The Rev. C. W. Wooten led the Call to Worship and made the declaration as to purpose for the gathering, the Rev. W. S. Lambert read the Scripture Lessons, the Rev. H. F. Pollock led in the opening prayer, and the Rev. H. M. McLamb brought the address and led in the Act of Dedication.

Immediately following the Service of Dedication, which began at 3:00 o'clock, the "Open House" program began and lasted until 5:00 o'clock. Those in the receiving line included the above ministers and their wives, with Mrs. E. C. McLamb, Sr., mother of the district superintendent. Those who worked on the reception committee throughout the parsonage included the following officers of both Goshen and Keener Churches with their wives, or husbands: chairmen of official boards, church lay leaders, church school superintendents, presidents of W.S.C.S., church organists,

and co-chairmen of the parsonage building committee. Mrs. James E. Floyd, of the Keener Church, served as director of the "Open House" program and various members of the W.S.C.S. placed floral arrangements throughout the house.

The brick veneer structure includes a large front porch, entrance hall, living room, dining room, kitchen, den, three bedrooms, pastor's study, utility room, two bathrooms, and carport.

The parsonage, which is located approximately halfway between the two churches, was built during the pastorate of the Rev. Mr. Lambert. The Rev. H. F. Pollock was the first to occupy it, and the final indebtedness was paid during the first year of the pastorate of the Rev. C. W. Wooten. The dedication was the last official act at this church of the Rev. Howard McLamb as superintendent of the Goldsboro District, and Keener Church is his home church.

## Four Generations Participate in Baptism

Four generations of Freemans stood at the altar for the baptism of Carl Edward Freeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Freeman of Weaverville, on Sunday, July 17, at the Weaverville Methodist Church.

The Rev. H. C. Freeman, retired Methodist minister and great-grandfather of the baby, was the officiating minister.

In addition to the baby's parents, there were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Freeman of Weaverville and Roy Clontz of Asheville, grandparents, and Mrs. H. C. Freeman, great-grandmother.

This is the tradition of Methodism, for families to stand at the altar of the church promising to instruct "in the principles of our holy faith and in the nature of Christian life."

The Rev. Paschal Waugh, pastor of the church, assisted with the service of baptism.

## Write Laymen's Day Material

Two well-known conference lay leaders have written program material which the General Board of Lay Activities, Chicago, will distribute as aids in observing Laymen's Day, October 16, according to Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, general secretary. They are: R. H. Berg of Melbourne, Fla.; vice-president of the board, and Dr. Fred K. Kirchner, a research chemist of Delmar, N. Y.

## Dr. Lamb to Conduct European-Holy Land Tour

A Heritage Tour to England, Europe, Oberammergau, and the Holy Land will be conducted the latter part of September and October of this year.

The tour includes the last production for this season of the famous Passion Play at Oberammergau, which will be the last opportunity to see this marvelous production before 1970. Places of historic interest to Methodism in England will be visited.

Any who are interested in making the tour may contact Dr. Wayne A. Lamb, 316 Citizens Bank Building, Paducah, Ky., for complete information.



# The Church Has Still Time in Africa

By BISHOP RALPH E. DODGE

*Lourenco Marques, Mozambique, East Africa*

In so short a paper it is impossible to do justice to a subject as large as Africa, a continent about three times the size of the United States, extending nearly 5,000 miles from the Mediterranean Sea to Cape Town, and 4,700 at the widest point from east to west. The population of Africa is approximately 220,000,000 of whom less than 6,000,000 are Caucasians, making a continent-wide ratio of 1 to 37.

Most of the tensions of the moment come from those areas with a concentration of Caucasians: Algeria in the north, where there are over a million French, Spaniards, and Italians; the Union of South Africa, with some 3,000,000 Caucasians almost equally divided between people of Dutch and Anglo-Saxon descent; and the highlands of East, Central, and southwest Africa, principally Kenya, Southern Rhodesia, and Angola.

Politically, the continent might be divided into two main sections: those countries which have gained independence and those which are still dominated by Europeans, with control either in Europe or having passed to the white minority on the African scene. Since the close of the last world war, in which African troops saw service on several fronts, there has been a growing self-consciousness. More recently, the Pan African Movement has fanned the fires of desire for self-expression so that no part of Africa has escaped. Those nations in control have not known how to respond to the signs of growing maturity. Policies have varied; in some areas controls have become more rigid, especially in those with a considerable European population; in others there has been a gradual acquiescence to the growing demands for self-determination.

## NATIONS BECOME INDEPENDENT

Ten years ago there were only four independent countries in Africa, located at the four points of the compass: Egypt, bathed by the Mediterranean; the Union of South Africa in the opposite extremity; Liberia in the west; Ethiopia in the east. At the end of this year, there will be at least 17 independent nations, with six of them getting their independence in 1960, and several others moving rapidly toward self-determination, with Africans already in control. Basically, the northern four-fifths of the continent is either already self-determining or soon will be independent, with the southern one-fifth still controlled by people of European background.

The struggle is most intense in the Union of South Africa with her policies of apartheid, her philosophy of superior and inferior people, her practice of rigid control. The tensions are only slightly less in the three political units which lie north of the Union and south of the soon-to-be independent Congo: the Federation of the Rhodesias and Nyasaland, Angola, and Mozambique.

Nor are all the problems to be solved with projected independence; for, with the removal of European control old tribal rivalries, animosities, and ambitions flare up in bloody skirmishes, as tribal groups jockey for position in the new governments and the possibilities for graft seem too tempting to resist.

It is difficult to anticipate what will be the final result; but at this moment, it seems almost inevitable that there is going to be considerable instability until the new governments get practical experience and more people are trained for administrative responsibility. It seems likely that democratic procedures may suffer in the process of acquiring this experience.

## DANGER FROM COMMUNISM?

That these new governments will become communistic seems rather remote at this time, with the possible exception of Guinea, although that danger is ever present. Probably the greater danger from communistic control lies in those areas still dominated by Caucasians. For, if Africans are not successful in breaking the pattern of "colonialism" by themselves, it is possible that they may reach out for help, making commitments that later may prove to be embarrassing. There are, however, two factors which mitigate against a close alliance with Russia: (1) most of the African people are deeply religious by tradition and interest, and (2) they know about the present enslavement of Eastern European peoples.

In areas such as the Union of South Africa, with its comparatively large percentage of Caucasians, there must be worked out some kind of multiple society based on partnership and equality. The alternatives are continued control by the Caucasians, which will be impossible, or the annihilation of either the Africans or Caucasians, which is untenable. Some of the Caucasian nationalist party leaders are beginning to realize the danger of the current explosive situation. The big question remains whether or not the present government will act quickly enough to avoid an explosion that may rock the world.

Accompanying self-determination has been a more intense desire for education. An African author compares the trek toward the school in Africa today with the rush for gold in California a hundred and ten years ago; everybody wants to get in on it. As a result, the educational facilities of churches and governments combined are tragically inadequate, more especially at the upper high school levels.

The still-limited educational facilities in Africa place a heavy responsibility upon the church at this time. African leaders there will be, and it is up to us to give them the kind of training that will prepare them for responsibilities which are already theirs.

## METHODISTS HAVE OPPORTUNITY

It is here that our Methodist Church, being a world church, has a unique opportunity. Something has already been done to help train leaders within the church and community on a level equal to that of those in responsible positions in other parts of the world, and those adequately trained are already finding their places in leadership positions in the new nations in Africa.

Less than four years after he was graduated from Paine College, Pierre Shamba of the Congo, whose wife and son were sponsored by Bishop Moore and Georgia Methodists, has been made the executive secretary of the strong Congo Protestant Council. Dr. Hastings Banda, recently released from prison in Southern Rhodesia, and a likely candidate for the premiership of Nyasaland, was sponsored in his educational program in the United States by the A.M.E. Church.

Emilio Miguel de Carvalho, getting his master's degree from Garrett, before returning to Angola, received five years of his education through the courtesy of the Methodist Church of Brazil. He will return to his home conference with a unique leadership potential through adequate training. For this day in Africa we need people of talent adequately trained for the tremendous task at hand.

Until adequate facilities for higher education can be provided in Africa, we as a world church, will be amiss if we do not utilize the facilities we already have to train more youth in the warmth of the Christian fellowship in our denominational or church-related schools in Latin America, Europe, Asia, and the United States.

Methodism is the largest denominational group of Protestant churches in Africa, the Methodist Church of South Africa being the second largest church within our denominational fellowship.

May we have vision to see the possibilities within our reach and the intelligence to work out some plan whereby the eager youth of Africa can get the preparation needed to serve their people in the years immediately ahead!

## South Central Churches to Double Mission Support

The South Central Jurisdictional Conference, meeting June 22-26 in San Antonio, Texas, challenged its 6,708 local churches to give almost twice as much during the 1960-64 quadrennium to Methodist work among Spanish-speaking and Indian Americans as they did during the 1956-60 quadrennium.

Acting on recommendations from the Committee on Missions, the Conference asked Methodists in the eight-state jurisdiction to give \$396,000 to Spanish-speaking work and \$746,500 to Indian work. All of the gifts will be sought through *Advance Specials*. The funds will be used for ministerial support, church buildings and training of ministers. During the 1956-60 quadrennium, South Central Jurisdiction churches gave a total of \$874,000 to Spanish-speaking and Indian work.





Among educators from church-related and privately sponsored colleges and universities who attended a national Methodist-sponsored institute on higher education in Nashville, Tenn., Monday through Wednesday, July 25-27 were the following: Left to right, first row, Thomas A. Collins, North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount; L. S. Weaver, Methodist College, Fayetteville; Cecil W. Robbins, Louisburg College at Louisburg; E. K. McLarty, Brevard College at Brevard; Allen P. Brantley, Raleigh, executive director of Christian higher education for the North Carolina Methodist Annual Conference; Dr. John O. Gross, Nashville, Tenn., head of the Division of Higher Education of the Methodist Board of Education, which sponsored the meeting.

Second row—Miss Lois Collins, North Carolina Wesleyan; Alva W. Stewart, Methodist College; Alan Wallace, Brevard College; Allen Kivett, Greensboro College; John E. Baker, Greensboro College.

Third row—Charles K. McAdams, Methodist College; John B. York, Louisburg College; Glenn Hardesty, Brevard College; Umphrey Lee, Louisburg College; Roland Horne, Louisburg College; William S. Ariail, Greensboro College.

## O. B. Fanning Goes to Florida Southern

O. B. Fanning, of Washington, D. C., has been appointed as director of the news bureau and information office of Florida Southern College, according to announcement made in Lakeland, Fla., by Dr. C. T. Thrift, Jr., president. Mr. Fanning will also be in charge of a new Methodist information office for the Florida and Cuba annual conferences of the Methodist church, Dr. Thrift said. He has been on the general staff of the Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information since 1950, serving six years as southern manager in Nashville, Tenn., and since 1956 as director of the Washington office. He will report to his new post Sept. 1.

## Staff Personnel Children's Agencies in 28 States to Meet

More than 100 officials and staff personnel of Methodist children's agencies in 28 states are due at Lake Junaluska August 8-12 for their ninth annual institute and workshop.

The group will include board members, administrators, houseparents and social workers representing the church's homes for children throughout the country, and staff members of the two sponsoring agen-

cies—the Methodist Board of Hospitals and Homes, Chicago, and the Woman's Division of Christian Service, Methodist Board of Missions, New York City.

Directing the program will be Miss Lena J. Martin of the Board of Hospitals and Homes and Miss Emma Burris of the Woman's Division.

Leaders will include Samuel P. Berman, executive director of Edgewood Children's Center, Webster Grove, Mo.; Victor H. Andersen, executive director of the Summit County (Ohio) Child Welfare Board, Akron; Martin Gula, group care consultant, U. S. Children's Bureau, Washington, D. C.; Miss Rebecca Smith, survey consultant, Child Welfare League of America, New York City; and staff of the two sponsoring boards.

## Junaluska Officers Re-elected

Lake Junaluska, N. C. — The Lake Junaluska Assembly Board of Trustees, meeting here July 18, elected officers and heard a report that the assembly's capital assets have increased more than a half-million dollars in the last four years.

Edwin L. Jones, Charlotte, was re-elected president of the board. Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, Charlotte, was re-elected as one of the vice-presidents, and W. Hugh Massie, Waynesville, N. C., was elected the other vice-president. The Rev. Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, Winston-Salem, N. C., was re-

-elected secretary, and the Rev. Dr. James W. Fowler, Jr., Lake Junaluska, was re-elected superintendent and treasurer.

All the officers were elected for four-year terms.

## Two North Carolinians Will Do Mission Work

Two young men from North Carolina are among the 46 young persons who will begin this fall three years of missionary service overseas under the direction of the Methodist Board of Missions.

Donald Wayne Turman, of Route 3, Mooresville, N. C., and William Ronald Schooler, 607 Lawson Street, Durham, N. C., are the young men selected for this service. Mr. Turman attended Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky., and was graduated in June with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. He is a member of the Triplett Methodist Church, near Mooresville. Mr. Schooler attended Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, and was graduated in June with a bachelor of arts degree in French. He is a member of the White Rock Baptist Church, Durham. In preparation for their work the young men, along with the other 44, spent six weeks this summer in intensive training in the missionary vocation at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn.

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To sin no more is the highest repentance.





# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## Little Sister Helps, Too

By Lucy Mallory

"Run along now, Dot; I don't need you to set the table." Helen's annoyed voice came from the kitchen, where she was putting the meat on to cook.

"But I want to help you get dinner for Aunt Lucia," a childish voice protested.

I heard the clink of silver and china in the dining room as the small hands went on with their work.

Helen's determined steps came in from the kitchen. "You aren't doing it right, Dot. See here! The knives and forks are all crooked, and you didn't put the napkins in the right places!"

I could hear Helen moving about the table, doing her little sister's work over again. The back door slammed, and Dot wandered out into the yard.

What a pity for the big sister to take away the little sister's chance to help!

Helen had stopped in to see me at the library on her way home from school. "Today is Mother's birthday, Aunt Lucia," she had whispered. (All the children of my friend, Flora Barron, called me Aunt Lucia.) "I'm going to have dinner ready for her this evening when she comes home from substituting at the Cole School. I want you to be there as part of my surprise."

Of course I had told Helen I would be happy to come. In my position as special guest I could not very well go out and suggest that she let her little sister help to prepare the birthday surprise. I could only call Dot around to the front porch and tell her about some attractive new children's books that had just come into the library.

Dot was sitting on the porch steps, looking a bit forlorn, when her mother came up the walk.

"Why, Lucia," she exclaimed, "this is a glad surprise! You must stay and have dinner with us. Look, Dot, I found some fine peaches and grapes at a fruit stand over by the schoolhouse. You can take them into the kitchen and wash them well. Then get Mother's big green bowl and see how nicely you can arrange them. We'll put them on the sideboard."

Dot went off happily, carrying the basket of fruit. Her mother seemed to understand that she wanted to have a part in the work of the home.

"My being here is Helen's idea, to celebrating your birthday," I said to Flora.



## GRANDMOTHERS, TEACH THEM THE WORD

*"When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother, Lois." — II Timothy 1:5.*

Timothy, Timothy, when you were three  
Did Grandmother Lois take you on her knee?  
Did Grandmother Lois look into your face,  
And was she the first one to speak of His grace?

And was she the first one to tell why He came,  
The first one to teach you to lisp out His name?  
The first one to teach you that those who receive  
Must carry the Gospel, that all may believe?

Grandmothers, Grandmothers, teach them the Word,  
That today's little Timothys might know the Lord!

—By HELEN FRAZEE BOWER  
In *The War Cry*



"She insisted that I stay out here with my knitting while she was busy in the kitchen."

"Oh, yes, she knew I would enjoy having you to dinner, and she likes to put into practice the cooking lessons she has had at school," Flora replied. "I doubt if she needs any help from me, but I'll go in and see how she's getting along."

A few minutes later Flora returned to the porch.

"Helen is having a fine time all by herself," she told me. "Dinner will be ready by the time Daddy and Jack get here. It's nice to come home after a busy day and find dinner almost ready. Helen likes to do things for me, but it's hard for her to realize that Dot is old enough to want to help, too."

I might have known that such a good mother as Flora would understand the big-sister-little-sister problem, and solve it wisely.

Both of the girls greeted us with smiling faces when we went in to dinner a few minutes later. And Dot—bless her heart!—was as happy about the dish of fruit she had arranged as Helen was over the very delicious dinner she had prepared.

## MR. HEDGEHOG'S CLEVER IDEA

Mr. and Mrs. Hedgehog lived in the woods. One day Mr. Hedgehog went to find some food. He looked a long time, but found nothing, and was afraid he would have to go back to his wife and little hedgehogs without any dinner for them. Suddenly he spied something on the ground.

"Ho, apples!" said he. "The very thing for the children! They shall soon have their dinner now."

But he found that he could not carry even one apple in his mouth, and one apple wouldn't be nearly enough anyway.

Then he had an idea. He just spread out his little spiky quills, and then rolled among the apples. They stuck fast to his quills, and off he ran as happy as could be, with the dinner sticking to his back. — **Clipped.**



## Chuckles

The stout lady on the scales in the clinic was being watched by two small boys. But the spring was out of order, and the pointer stopped at 75 pounds.

"Good night, Bill!" gasped one of the youngsters in amazement. "She must be hollow!" — **Exchange.**



## Bible Quiz

(One word in each group below is out of place, and has no connection with the story mentioned.)

1. Which word is *not* mentioned in the Christmas story? Shepherds—ark—star—angels—manger.
2. Which word is *not* in the Easter story? Gallows—tomb—garden—women—spices.
3. Which word is *not* in the story of Noah? Ark—animals—snow—dove—rain-bow.
4. Which word is *not* in the story of the Wise Men? Herod—star—camels—shepherds—frankincense.
5. Which word is *not* found in the 23rd Psalm? Shepherd—staff—tabernacle—rod—table—cup.



## Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. JACOB
2. MYRRH
3. HOLY GHOST
4. JOHN
5. FIRE



## Sunday School Lesson

FOR AUGUST 14

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH

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Greensboro College

### PERSONAL ENCOUNTER WITH GOD

Background Scripture: Isaiah 6

Lesson Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-10

In order to appreciate fully this account of the prophet Isaiah's great experience, and to avoid confusion in its interpretation, we must know that it was a vision. However, it was a vision that had practical results, for it completely changed Isaiah's life.

"In the year that King Uzziah died" gives us an exact date for the prophet's call. It was in 742 B.C., perhaps after several years of illness with leprosy, that this great monarch (known also as Azariah) died. There is some reason to believe that this king was a personal friend of Isaiah's, so that not only was the prophet disturbed by the uncertain future brought on by a change of rulers, but he may have felt a keen personal loss as well. In any case, it was when the earthly king had died that the heavenly King became more real to the prophet. Sometimes it seems that only when the foundations are shaking beneath our feet do we seek the assurances that come from beyond our limited human experiences. One may speak with contempt of this as "fox-hole religion," but nevertheless it seems that many of us can be reached in no other way. In any event, in the case of the prophet, this "shaking of the foundations" had a permanent effect upon his whole life.

The overwhelming sense of the holiness of God evoked from Isaiah a deep feeling of his own sin and that of the people as well: "I am a man of unclean lips, for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Hosts." It is important to notice here that, whereas the generally accepted view of God's holiness meant a belief in his remoteness and separation from man, for Isaiah it meant moral purity, goodness, righteousness. Since men tend to become like that which they worship, it is easy to see that it makes a great deal of difference what sort of God one believes in.

There is another side of this, too, which is worth noticing. Isaiah identified himself with his people. The true spiritual leader does not pride himself upon his moral superiority to those whom he serves. He can say "we" and "us" and "our" as well as "you." Father Damien, famous minister to the lepers, found he had little influence upon them until he himself became a leper. Then one Sunday he began his sermon "we lepers" and it was then that a new fellowship sprang up between him and those whom he was there to serve.

When Isaiah had seen the glory of the Lord he felt a sense of his own unworthiness and repented for himself and his people. He then experienced an assurance of forgiveness. It was only after this that he felt that he could offer himself for service. Over the door of a small church the writer saw the words "Enter to worship; leave to serve." The climax of a worship experience (if it is real) is always a dedication, or re-dedication. Instead of being

content with the emotions we have felt, we are impelled to do something about it immediately. There is no better illustration of this than the events recorded in Mark 9:2-9 which we have come to know as the story of the Transfiguration. Finding it so exciting to be with Jesus and the great ones of past history, the followers of Jesus wished to remain there indefinitely. But there was a call coming to them from the needy crowds in the valley below. This incident should serve as a standing rebuke to all of us who wish to make some warm religious feeling a substitute for action. As a matter of fact, a real experience of worship is not necessarily always a pleasant one. It is likely to have the quality of disturbance about it. It was so with Isaiah. He felt profoundly shaken - - and concerned. It has been truly said that "there will be no song on our lips if there be no anguish in our hearts."

The concluding verses (9-10) are difficult ones for us to understand. It sounds as if God is purposely preventing the people from responding favorably to the call of Isaiah. Hyatt (see International Lesson Annual) suggests two explanations. One is that this passage was a later writing, composed after bitter experiences of rejection and discouragement. Another view is that they are written in a sarcastic vein. But there is yet another possibility. By reading on through verse 13 we note the possibility that, even though the disobedience of the nation brings disaster (see verses 11 and 12), yet there is a remnant that will survive. In this remnant lies hope for the future.

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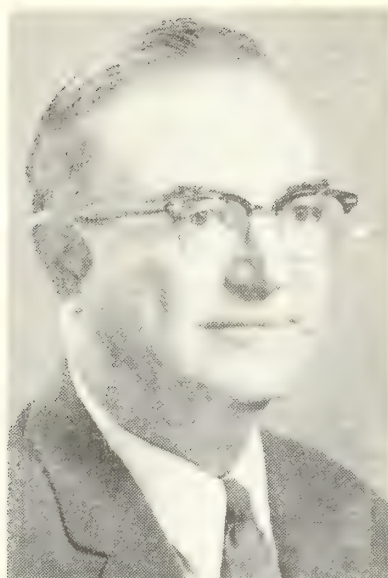
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## Rev. C. Freeman Heath New Director of Evangelism

At the recent session of the North Carolina Conference at Rocky Mount the Rev. C. Freeman Heath was appointed Conference Director of Evangelism. Mr. Heath had been elected to that position by the Board of Evangelism in its pre-conference meeting. He succeeds the Rev. H. K. King, who held that position for the past four years, and who retired at the recent annual conference.

Mr. Heath was born in Midway, Texas, and attended elementary and high school in Texas, and also Southern Methodist University at Dallas. He was graduated with the A.B. degree from Texas Christian University in 1922; attended Yale Divinity School, and received the B.D. degree from the College of the Bible in 1924. He was first engaged as director of Christian Education, and in 1928 he became a pastor and has served the following churches four years each: Chadbourne, Graham-West Burlington, Siler City, First Church Oxford, First Church Washington, N. C., and First Church Clinton. In 1953 he was appointed district superintendent of the Elizabeth City District and served six years. At the 1959 conference in Wilmington he was appointed pastor of Trinity church, Wilmington, where he enjoyed a very successful one-year pastorate before being elected to his present position. During his twenty-six years as pastor he has received on an average of more than sixty people into the Methodist church each year. He studied evangelism under Dr. H. B. Wright of Yale, and comes to his new work well prepared both by training and experience. He has served on the conference Board of Missions and as a trustee of the Retirement Home, and as a district director of evangelism.

Mr. Heath is married to the former Margaret Frank, daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Frank, who served for many years as missionaries in Japan. He has assumed his new duties and he and Mrs. Heath are at present living in Clinton.

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## Southeastern Jurisdictional College Of Bishops



Members of the Southeastern Jurisdictional College of Bishops of The Methodist Church: front row, left to right—Bishops Roy H. Short, Nashville Area; James W. Henley, Jacksonville Area; Walter C. Gum, Louisville Area; John Owen Smith, Atlanta Area; Paul Hardin, Jr., Columbia Area, and Paul N. Garber, Richmond Area; back row, left to right—Bishops Bachman G. Hodge, Birmingham Area; Nolan B. Harmon, Charlotte Area; Arthur J. Moore, retired; Clare Purcell, retired; Costen J. Harrell, retired, and Marvin A. Franklin, Jackson Area. Bishop William T. Watkins, retired, was absent for the picture.



# LETTERS

Dear Editor,

Your June 9 issue carried an item by Edwin L. Jones under the heading "On the Importance of Honesty in Advertising," and it dwelt hard on the fact that certainly the church itself should not be guilty of outright or even implied dishonesty in advertising its functions or meetings. In particular he called attention to an interracial meeting he only learned the truth about by going to a good deal of trouble. It seems the Methodist Student Movement of North Carolina is attempting to have an interracial meeting at Effland, N. C., and is appealing to students to attend but failing to tell these students (or their parents) that when these students arrive at what will be a social as well as business meeting that both Negroes and whites will be present, and that there will be a faculty partially made up of Negroes.

In business circles such failure to advise a customer or delegate to a convention in advance of the exact nature of the gathering, and in particular the mixed nature of the gathering, would be considered downright dishonest.

In your June 23 issue there was another article, this time by Edmund E. Chambers, criticizing Mr. Jones for suggesting that the church should not be a party to dishonesty in advertising such a gathering.

Just what is the Methodist Church (or its organizations) coming to when it permits and encourages dishonesty in such matters even though it preaches honesty otherwise? It seems that with some anything goes if by any means whites can be drawn into contact with blacks. Everyone knows this is not the feeling of Methodists generally but only a few who stoop to using the church and its name for their own purposes regardless.

Mr. Jones is a business man. I have known him for many years. He has the reputation of practicing honesty in both his church and business life. On the other hand the Methodist Student Movement of North Carolina brazenly does what business men would not stoop to do. And it would appear some church leaders are co-operating with them.

Is there any wonder that there is a growing lack of confidence in the church and its leadership?

EUGENE A. HOOD

Greensboro

P. S.—This is being written as a Methodist subscriber to your paper.

## Carolina Briefs

DR. J. LEM STOKES, president of Pfeiffer College, preached at First Methodist Church, High Point, last Sunday in the absence of the Rev. A. C. Wagoner, who was on vacation.

THE CONGREGATION of the Hickory Grove Methodist Church in Rockingham County has voted to build an educational building on the present site of the church. It will be the first unit of a three-unit program, and will include classrooms, nursery, kitchen, and fellowship hall. A campaign is to be launched to raise an additional \$28,000 to be added to present funds. The Rev. B. D. Brown is pastor of the Hickory Grove Church.

ABDMORE CHURCH, Winston-Salem, observed Youth Activities Week August 7-10. The overall theme was "Christ Above All."

WORK ON THE CONSTRUCTION of the new First Methodist Church, Mount Holly, has begun. When completed, the sanctuary and educational building will present a very attractive appearance and furnish adequate facilities for the congregation. The Rev. T. H. Swofford is the pastor.

THE METHODIST SERIES of the Protestant Hour may be heard over radio each Sunday. Dr. Waights G. Henry, Jr., of La-Grange College, Georgia, is the speaker. Time and stations may be determined by consulting the local radio schedule.

REV. VERNON TYSON, associate pastor of Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, was the featured leader in Youth Activities Week on the Reidsville circuit July 31-Aug. 3. The Rev. John Kincaid is pastor.

THE REV. JOSEPH R. BOGLE, pastor of First Church, Rutherfordton, recently visited his parents in Columbus, Kansas. Dr. Albea Godbold, district superintendent of the St. Louis district, preached at First Church Sunday morning, July 31. Dr. Godbold is well known in North Carolina, having attended Duke University, and having served in the pastorate in this state.

HOMEcoming SERVICES were held at Green Lake, Roberdell charge, August 7, at 11:00 a.m. Rev. D. D. Traynham, pastor, brought the message, and lunch was served following service. Green Lake has recently completed its new educational building, which is adequate to meet the needs with all facilities. Also a new piano was given to the church by Mr. Lynn Frazier.

REV. TED WILSON, pastor at Warsaw, not only preaches to his people but leads his young people in recreation. His Little League baseball team, which he coaches, won the District Four championship over Havelock 2-0, and went on to compete in the state finals at Lenoir last week.

MRS. C. B. WAY, widow of the late Rev. C. B. Way, who was formerly a member of the Western North Carolina Conference, died at Cone Memorial Hospital, Greensboro, Friday, July 29. Funeral services were conducted in the Stokesdale Methodist Church Sunday afternoon, July 31, by Revs. J. C. Groce and Brunson Wallace, and burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Greensboro.

REV. AND MRS. JESSE H. LANNING are living at the old home place, Route 1, Linwood, N. C. Mr. Lanning retired at the recent North Carolina Conference, after 43

years of devoted service. A very beautiful gesture was made recently by friends of the Lannings from the First Methodist Church, Clinton, where they served for four years. Mr. and Mrs. George Chenoweth, representing the congregation, carried to them a very generous "pounding" as an expression of continued love and appreciation from their many friends in Clinton. The Lannings are very appreciative of the kind remembrance from their friends across the years.

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# EDITORIALS



## THEME FOR THE WEEK

*"Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness; according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. — Psalm 51:1.*



## The Place of the Church Paper

It has been claimed by some that people are not interested in reading the denominational church paper. Reference has been made to copies found in trash cans at the post office. But to us that doesn't prove much. It is merely the opinion of one man, and that man may not be an ardent enthusiast of church literature. It is true, no doubt, that occasionally copies of the church periodical may be found cast aside, but that is also true of trade journals, fraternal and civic sheets, and daily newspapers. The subscribers may have already gleaned what information they desired and simply laid them aside, or they may have lost their interest in the message of the church paper. In case the latter is true, it doesn't disprove the value of the periodical, but only displays the shallowness of its owner.

If we are to grow and develop we must keep abreast with the trend of the times, whether in business, political, or religious circles. A good contractor reads his trade journal that he may profit by knowing what is taking place and learn how to cope with differing situations. The same is true in any other field. And so, if one is to be a good churchman it goes without saying he must read church literature and keep informed about church matters. We claim that "an informed Methodist is a better Methodist." And there is no better way to be informed about the movement of people and projects throughout the church than to be a subscriber to and regular reader of the church paper. No other publication can take the place of the official conference organ in this matter. We have some splendid periodicals on the national and church-wide level, carrying feature articles and giving general information about the whole church, but they cannot fill the place of the local conference or church-related paper. It deals with the grassroots and gives information that is not to be found anywhere else. For instance, the **North Carolina Christian Advocate**

is the official organ of North Carolina Methodism in these two conferences. It would not sound like good reasoning for one to choose some other periodical over the official publication and still expect to be an informed churchman. Next to the Bible in the home of any good churchman in any denomination should be the official organ of that denomination. In North Carolina Methodism it would be the **North Carolina Christian Advocate**. This paper should have at least fifty thousand subscribers. A careful check will reveal that the people who are best informed, most interested and most loyal are the regular readers of the church paper. It is not the most important printed matter they have, but it is well nigh indispensable to a full knowledge of the program and work of the church. It can be relied upon to carry interesting news items of persons and churches, to furnish information and inspiration to its readers, and to promote the program of the church within its territory. A campaign is soon to be launched to increase its circulation and we appeal to everyone to give it a chance to make full proof of its ministry by receiving it as a welcome weekly visitor in the home. It is your paper. Support it and use it.

## What Is The Status of Christianity?

We cannot agree with the statement of Mr. Seth Hinshaw, speaking to the Yearly Meeting of North Carolina Quakers at Guilford College August 2, that "Christianity is on the decrease." We certainly have no desire to get into an ecclesiastical argument, but we feel inclined to side with Saint Paul when he said to the Philippian people "Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife, and some of good will: the one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add to my bonds; but the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defense of the gospel." There have always been periods when Christians were discouraged, and fearful because of unwholesome conditions, but Christianity has always had its champions who have been "set for the defense of the gospel," because they believe with Isaiah that "my word shall not return unto me void; but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." It may be recalled that Voltaire predicted that within 25 years after his death the Bible would be out of print. We are told, however, that the very room in which he made the prediction became an office of the British Bible Society. Voltaire has been gone many years, but the Bible is still with us.

Reputable statistics tell us there are more members in the American churches today than ever before, and this represents a larger percentage of the population. While we know this does not give a proper evaluation of the real spiritual temperature of the nation, yet it implies an increased concern for Christianity. A noted college president some years ago, in welcoming a group of Christians to the campus for a religious symposium, said, "more people are interested in the subject of religion than in any other subject." Even in our current political campaign the religious issue is attracting quite a bit of attention. Business concerns are employing full-time chaplains. The nation as a whole is giving more money through the churches and other agencies than at any other time in its history. Missionaries on the field assure us that Christianity is more firmly entrenched in their areas. Some months ago a Gallup poll indicated that an all-time high in church attendance was reached in 1958, showing that during an average week of that year 49 percent of the population, or 50,500,000 adults attended church.

We feel sure the statement referred to above was made in good faith and without any desire to be critical or lend aid to the enemy, but to us the indications point to an increase, rather than a decrease, in the influence of Christianity throughout the world. This does not mean to say that all is well by any means, nor to imply that organized Christianity could not stand some house-cleaning. Our crime rate and world tensions certainly prove there is much to be done, but our progress will be determined, not by taking stock of our fears but by accepting the challenge before us. "Lead on, O King Eternal, the day of march has come."

## Youth Activities Week

Youth Activities Week has been observed, is being observed, or will be observed by many churches throughout the two conferences during these summer days. It is a token of progress for the churches to look well to the development of interest on the part of all young people, for upon their shoulders will rest the responsibility of carrying on the spiritual kingdom in the years ahead. People are sometimes inclined to see the faults of young people instead of looking for their virtues or helping them to develop their latent potentialities. We have as fine young people today as we ever had, and through such programs as youth activities week they can be developed spiritually and become able to take their place in our modern religious society.



## Many Improvements Planned

# Development Program is Announced by Methodist Home for Children

By Dallas Mallison

For the purpose of making it capable of adequately meeting present and foreseeable future needs in the North Carolina Conference, the Methodist Home for Children in Raleigh is embarking upon a sweeping multi-million-dollar, long-range improvement and development program, it is announced by the superintendent, the Rev. Robert L. Nicks.

The plans, recently approved by the Home's board of trustees and presented in detail at the 1960 annual session of the North Carolina Conference, call for the early construction of a chapel and five modern-type cottages, and within the next few years seven additional cottages and a student activities center, at a total estimated cost of over \$2,000,000, Nicks said.

The entire modernization and expansion program has been developed along the lines suggested by a special study committee of the Methodist General Board of Hospitals and Homes in Chicago, the superintendent revealed. In accordance with these suggestions the 60-year-old Methodist institution will remain on its present 70-acre campus, but the future plant will be centered, he said, on the eastern side or Glenwood Avenue side.

### Program Outlined

In announcing the details of the development program, the Rev. Mr. Nicks stated that the N. C. Conference will not be called on for any financing. Each cottage or unit is to be built on a pay-as-you-go basis. Any necessary fund-raising will be done by the Home itself, he declared.

When the 12 new cottages are completed they will take the place of the present 10 cottages, thus giving an entirely new plant so far as student housing is concerned, the superintendent said. The new plant will take care of a maximum of around 150 children.

Of the same general design, the cottages are to be one-story modern brick structures, with kitchen and dining room facilities. The latter will make it possible to prepare and serve breakfasts and other meals in the cottages if desired. Separate living quarters will be provided for both the house mother and the relief house mother. The estimated cost of each cottage will be around \$75,000.

The cottages are to be located on the inner side of the semi-circle drive, and to the left and at the rear of the superintendent's home. Each cottage is to have a maximum capacity of 14 children.

Construction of the first cottage is expected to start within the next 60 to 90 days, and the second soon afterwards. Three others are planned to follow soon, with the remaining seven later. The archi-

tect for the entire building program is Charles W. Davis of Raleigh.

Most or all of the expected cost of building the first cottage will be covered by the bequest of a former trustee, the late Rev. L. S. Massey. Money for the second cottage is in sight, with plans being shaped for the financing of the remaining units.

### Other Buildings

In addition to the 12 new cottages, a chapel and a student activities center are being planned. The chapel is included in the plans for the near future, while the student center building is being projected for the later phases of the program.

Preliminary plans for the chapel, now being drawn, call for a seating capacity of 300 persons. The building will be of colonial architecture. To be placed in the very heart of the new campus, the chapel will be the center of the religious program of the Home. It will have a choir area and pastor's study. A full-time minister or director of Christian education will be employed.

Most or a large part of the estimated \$125,000 cost of the chapel is in hand or in sight. Fifty thousand dollars of this

amount is to be furnished by the A. C. Monk family of Farmville.

The proposed student activities center will feature programs for recreation, arts and crafts. Adequate recreational and vocational facilities and supervision will be provided.

The Rev. Mr. Nicks said that the new plant is designed to meet the needs of a modern and changing North Carolina. The best in the theory and practices of social case work and group care undergird and shape the thinking and planning involved in the entire expansion program, he declared.

### Present Progress

During the past few years an extensive renovation and improvement program has been underway, with certain definite gains achieved, the superintendent revealed. Atwater and McGee Cottages have been thoroughly renovated. Two of the largest furnaces have been converted from coal to gas or oil. Those in the cottages have been changed over to automatic oil control units.

The main kitchen has been renovated, with much new equipment added. Cafeteria-style serving has been introduced in the dining room, with emphasis upon the family and cottage unit plan of eating.

One of the most significant improvements of the past few years has been the employment of a full-time professional case worker. This has made possible the developing of a modern social case work and group care program.

A new cottage-life program has been developed with the employment of a full-time cottage life supervisor. The goal in



Shown above is an air view of the Methodist Home for Children in Raleigh. The white squares indicate the location of the proposed new cottages. The chapel, facing the Administration Building, and the student activities center, are indicated by the white oblongs.



mind has been the creation of real family life situations wherever and as far as possible, while extending individual care and guidance.

#### Methodist Landmark

One of the landmarks of the state capital, and one of the best-known institutions of Eastern Carolina Methodism, the Home was chartered by the state in 1899. The first child was admitted in 1901, and since then thousands of Tar Heel children have passed through its doors. There are now 150 children between the ages of six and seventeen at the Home.

Located on a tree-studded 70-acre campus on Glenwood Avenue in northwest Raleigh, the total overall approximate appraised value of the Home, including buildings, equipment, land, and other items, is over \$4,500,000. The Home is managed by a board of trustees appointed by the N. C. Methodist Conference which is owner of the Home.

The present plant comprises ten cottages, an administration building (which includes an auditorium), central dining hall and kitchen, infirmary, gymnasium, laundry, superintendent's home, and two other private dwellings.

## College Village Church Organized in High Point

Sunday, July 10, was an historic occasion for more than eighty persons meeting in the Northeast Junior High School in High Point. A new Methodist church, named College Village by the congregation, was organized. The Rev. Ralph Taylor, district superintendent of the High Point District, presided, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Dan P. Stowe. Fifty-three were received by certificate of transfer and four persons were received by profession of faith.

Mr. Taylor conducted the church and quarterly conferences necessary to set up the new church organization. He received a report from the pastor and the nominating committee. Nominations presented and accepted constituted the elective stewards the chairmen and elected members of the five commissions, recording steward, com-

munion steward, church school superintendent, treasurer, and trustees.

All classes in the church school were in full operation on this organizational Sunday. Several committees, church school, membership, arrangements, and nominations, were set up as temporary groups to prepare for the organizational meeting.

Mr. Taylor delivered an inspiring address to the new congregation, challenging it to full dedication and service. He pointed to the potential of the new church in the area it is to serve.

College Village Church will be located on E. Lexington Avenue at E. College Drive, directly behind High Point College and near the new College Village Shopping Center. This particular area of High Point is developing rapidly.

#### CAROLINA BRIEFS

**M**ETHODIST SENIOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP of Gastonia, representing Bradley Memorial, Covenant, St. John, and Trinity Churches, are co-operating in a week of planned activities, centered around the theme "Christian Social Concern" for August 14-17. The program will consist of music, discussion, recreation and worship

each evening at 7:00 o'clock. The meetings will be held at Covenant Church. All young people between ages 15 and 23 are encouraged to attend.

**T**HE METHODIST MEN'S CLUB of Memorial Church, Charlotte, sponsored a church picnic at Bryant Park Monday, July 25.

## Hardee and Smith To Be Camp Meeting Preachers

Rev. Robert M. Hardee, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Troutman, and the Rev. Dewey Smith, pastor of Abernathy Memorial Church, Newton, will be the preachers for the annual Camp Meeting at Bald Creek camp ground beginning Sunday, August 21, and running through the week. The Bald Creek camp ground is located in Catawba County, and has a history which goes back to the days of Francis Asbury.

## All Congo Missionaries Safe; Most Evacuated

All Methodist missionaries except seven have been evacuated temporarily from the Congo Republic (formerly the Belgian Congo). All but six of those evacuated have been housed at Methodist mission stations in Southern Rhodesia, and most have gone to work with the regular station staffs. Six missionary evacuees have returned to the United States either because of regular furloughs or for personal reasons.

The seven missionaries still in the Congo are all in the Southern Congo Conference, at Elisabethville, Kolwezi, Mulungwishi and Jadotville. All are men whose wives and children were among the approximately 150 Methodist personnel evacuated. All missionaries are reported safe, and there has been no report of any act of hostility toward any Methodist missionary.

Bishop Newell S. Booth, episcopal leader of Congo Methodism, is in Southern Rhodesia and is working with Bishop Ralph E. Dodge of the Lourenco Marques episcopal area on plans for the Africa Central Conference in Nyadiri, Southern Rhodesia, starting August 21. He is in constant touch with missionaries remaining in the Congo and with African Christian leaders.

From letters to the Methodist Board of Missions and from interviews with the first missionary evacuees to return to the United States, four factors about the Methodist Church's situation in the strife-torn Congo have emerged:

1. Even though the missionaries are gone temporarily, the church will continue its ministry and service under strong African leadership.

2. African Methodists said they were willing to protect the missionaries in any way necessary, even at the cost of their own lives.

3. The African Christians want the missionaries to return as quickly as possible; indeed at some stations the Africans plead with the missionaries not to leave.

4. The missionaries want to return as soon as conditions permit.

An account of the evacuation of all Methodist missionaries from the seven stations in the Central Congo Conference was given by missionaries who arrived in the U. S. July 21 from the Congo.

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# How Is Your Church Attendance?

By JOHN LEWIS SANDLIN, *Director,*  
Church Attendance Evangelism  
General Board of Evangelism  
The Methodist Church

Several months ago a Gallup poll was made which indicated that an all-time high in church attendance was reached in 1958. It was estimated at that time that 49,000,000 adults attended church and synagogue services during a typical week of 1959. This meant that 47 per cent of the adult civilian population, not including those living in penal and other institutions, were in church at some time during the week.

The comparison went on to show that during an average week in 1958, 49 per cent of the population, 50,500,000 adults attended church.

The later survey was made in certain months, for example, March, July, and December, 1959. This particular survey was an attempt to measure the average number of adults attending worship during the particular sample weeks. For example, during the Holy Week of 1959 it was discovered that 61,200,000 adults went to church or synagogue. This meant that on Easter Sunday about 59 per cent of the population were in church, for many of them their annual church-going experience.

It is interesting that in 1940 slightly more than one-third of the adult population went to worship regularly either at a church or a synagogue. However, the number increased until by 1955 the number had risen to 49 per cent. And, of course, by 1958 the 50,500,000, highest number recorded, was reached.

So far as we know, the Gallup poll is the only check on church attendance that is made. On a national basis, the attendance upon worship is promoted by the worldwide Church Attendance Movement which is sponsored interdenominationally and by

the General Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church. In fact, this Church Attendance Movement has gone beyond the seas and its materials have been translated into many languages.

In order that we might have some idea of the progress of church attendance from 1940 through 1959, we are including this table of figures.

*United States Adults Attending  
Church Regularly*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Per Cent</i>	<i>Total</i>
1940	37	29,300,000
1950	39	37,400,000
1954	46	47,000,000
1955	49	49,600,000
1956	46	47,500,000
1957	47	48,500,000
1958	49	50,500,000
1959	47	49,000,000

It is interesting to observe here that more women are attending worship than men. The highest attendance was indicated in the mid-west section of the country with the east, south, and far west following in that order.

Those age groups which attended more regularly than other age groups were between 30 and 49.

Note: For further information concerning the Church Attendance Movement and what can be done to promote attendance in the local, district, or Conference program, write to Rev. John L. Sandlin, Director Church Attendance Evangelism, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

## Interesting Methodist Briefs

A leadership school for Christian education workers in the South Central Jurisdiction was held July 18-29 at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark. More than 40 authorities in their various fields served as leaders at the school, which was directed by the Rev. M. Earl Cunningham, Nashville, director of the department of leadership education on the staff of the Board of Education.

Mrs. Jessie Monroe Dickey, 91, widow of Bishop James Edward Dickey, died July 4 in Atlanta, Ga.

A three million-dollar home for 228 aging persons and a 96-patient health center will be built in Alexandria, Va., by the Virginia Conference. To be known as The Hermitage, the building is expected to be ready by 1962.

Nanga Mojung, the Methodist mission station deepest in the interior of the jungles of Sarawak (Borneo), has its first church building. More than 200 miles inland, the station represents Methodism's furthest penetration into the country of the Ibans (ex-headhunters now turning to Christianity in large numbers).

New presidents of the Southeastern Jurisdiction's ministerial conference are: the Rev. Earl DuBois, Mobile, Ala. (district superintendents' section) and the Rev. Lynn Lanier, Fort Payne, Ala. (pastors' section).

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It is no mere play upon words to say that the fact of the Cross is crucial.—*Canon Simpson.*

## More About Cuba

By GARFIELD EVANS

Although the political situation in Cuba is serious our church work has complete freedom and none of our institutions—schools and clinics—have been hindered. This year witnessed great increases in giving and in expansion of work.

The press as a whole has been quite fair recently in reference to the political and economical side of affairs in Cuba, although it has seldom given any of the backgrounds and the American blunders that have made us very vulnerable.

Some of our missionaries have retired from the field due in almost every case to health reasons. Giving for advance work amounted to \$19,000 for the fiscal year; this was over and above salaries and regular Conference expenses. This was considered a victory in that our total membership is only about 8,000 with an economic standard of living of about one-fourth of what it is in the United States.

Our Church takes no part in political affairs, but serves all groups equally alike. It was encouraging to observe that the premier's son recently joined a Protestant church and attends one of our schools.

advances in education (5,000 new schools opened this fiscal year), in the building of clinics and hospitals, and complete integrity in administration of public funds. Our trained evangelical workers are in demand everywhere because of a premium on church-trained young people.

Regardless of the future the Cuban people are our friends. The preaching of the gospel and training of youth for Christian leadership must not stop. We shall not fail the Christians in Cuba!

## New Methodist Church Organized at Raleigh

The new Cokesbury Methodist Church of Raleigh met for the first time on Sunday evening, July 24, in the home of Mr. J. W. Mobley, 701 King Richard Road. The pastor, Rev. Samuel Street Moore, conducted a brief worship service and administered the Holy Communion to the members present. A business session was then conducted in which officers were elected to serve until confirmation by the quarterly conference which will be called by the district superintendent, Rev. Graham S. Eubanks.

Those elected to serve were: Chairman of official board, J. H. Thompson; treasurer, Robert Hall; general secretary, Don Helsabeck; supt. of church school, Larry Maidens; chairman board of trustees, J. W. Parks; church lay leader, Fred W. Ray; chairman parsonage committee, J. W. Mobley.

At the recent session of the annual conference in Rocky Mount the Rev. S. S. Moore was appointed as pastor of the new congregation after serving a six-year pastorate in Morehead City. The new church bids fair to grow and fill a real need in the community. It is located on Poole Road in the eastern section of the capitol city.



## New "Classmate" to Appear in Gala Attire

Increasing emphasis on the youth program of The Methodist Church will be reflected in the October issue of *Classmate*, one of Methodism's oldest church school publications. With that issue, it will become a slick paper monthly magazine produced especially for high school youth. It will have strong emphasis on helping youth relate themselves as Christians in today's fast-moving world.

The new *Classmate* will be 32 pages plus cover and 7½ x 10 inches in size. It will be printed on high-grade glossy paper and will carry full-color covers on all issues. Two colors will be utilized on all other pages. Topnotch art and photographs are being secured in order to make the appearance of the revised publication as modern and as up-to-date as possible.

Editorially the revised *Classmate* will reflect the problems and needs of young Christians. It will be a church magazine of information, guidance, fun, and inspiration for the individual reader to live with month by month.

Its contents will aim toward looking at the world of youth in the perspective of the church's message and mission. It will seek to serve as a rallying point of loyalty to the church and as a resource for growth in faith. Particularly will it strive to point up the reader's sense of having a significant place in the church and its fellowship.

Kenneth A. Winston, who takes over as editor with the October issue, is a graduate of the William Allen White School of Journalism in the University of Kansas. He has worked on newspapers in Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma.

## National MYF Conference To Be Held Aug. 15-20

The National Conference of the Methodist Youth Fellowship will be held August 15-20 at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln, Neb. Theme will be "The Meaning of the Doctrine of the Church in Terms of Mission."

A feature of the sessions will be International Night on August 16 when nationals from many countries will present views on international affairs.

Other subjects on the program include the place of the church in society, youth's place in the church, the ecumenical movements, and the annual conference M.Y.F. program.

About 125 youth leaders and adult workers with youth will attend the conference, which is under the general direction of Dr. Joseph W. Bell, director of the youth department of the General Board of Education. It will be the first meeting of the organization since the separation of student and youth national groups under provisions of legislation adopted by the 1960 General Conference. Heretofore the two groups worked together at the national level in the former National Conference of Methodist Youth. The two now have their own organizations.

## Church-Donated Reliefs Shipments Show 54% Gain

Overseas shipments of clothing, blankets, medicines, food and other supplies contributed by American churchgoers for distribution through Church World Service, relief agency of major Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches, between January and June, 1960, have increased fifty-four per cent over shipments during the same period last year.

Announcement of the increase was made by Dr. R. Norris Wilson, executive director of Church World Service.

According to Dr. Wilson the jump in contributions is partially attributable to the generous response of Protestants to appeals for help for the victims of earthquake and flood in Chile's spring catastrophe.

During the six-month period more than three million forty-five hundred thousand pounds of clothing, shoes, and bedding were shipped by Church World Service to disaster areas in every part of the world, an increase of fifteen per cent over last year's shipments.

Seventy per cent more medical supplies were sent, amounting to 1,223,852 pounds.

Food collected in rural communities by the Church World Service-sponsored 1,954,112 pounds, a rise of 125% over Christian Rural Overseas Program reached January-June 1959 consignments.

## Some Impressions of South and East Africa

By H. G. ALLEN

At the request of the editor I am giving a few impressions of South and East Africa which Mrs. Allen and I visited on a recent trip.

About thirty years ago one of our mission study books was the "Enigma of Africa," or the puzzle or mystery of Africa. Now it is no longer a puzzle. All of it has been explored and studied.

When the white man (European) discovered South and East Africa about three hundred years ago he found vast resources of gold, diamonds, silver, uranium, emeralds, ivory, and agriculture. In South Africa first the Dutch and then the English came in and developed the country. They built modern cities, railroads, highways, industries and improved agricultural conditions. They used the natives as laborers, sometimes without adequate pay, and often pushed them back into reservations, just as the Americans did the Indians.

Today, thanks to Christian missions and the help of Europeans and native leaders, the African is being educated and wants his independence. This desire for a better way of life is Africa's greatest asset. I talked with church, agricultural, industrial, governmental, educational and other leaders, some of whom live in the bush country, and came to the following conclusions:

The native should have his independence but is not prepared to manage the affairs of government in most of the

## Harker's Island Church Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Harker's Island Methodist Church, built in 1910, after years of planning, will celebrate its 50th anniversary Sunday, August 14. Rev. Hilary Bryant will deliver the sermon. Picnic lunch will be spread at 12:30. A song service will follow at 2:00 p.m. At 7:30 Rev. Louis Dillman will preach. This news item came too late for full a coverage in this issue, but more details will be given later. All are invited to attend this historical event at Harker's Island.

## Brazil Bishops Are Re-elected

A cablegram to the Board of Missions in New York July 19 reports that all three of the bishops of the Methodist Church of Brazil have been re-elected to five-year terms. The re-elections came during the meeting of the church's General Conference July 10-20. The bishops are: Bishop Isaías F. Sucasas of the Sao Paulo Area; Bishop Joao A. do Amaral of Rio de Janeiro Area; and Bishop Jose P. Pinheiro of the Porto Alegre Area. Bishop Sucasas was first elected in 1946, and the others, in 1955. The Methodist Church of Brazil is an autonomous denomination. Bishop W. Angie Smith of Oklahoma City represented the Council of Bishops at the conference.

provinces. More natives need to be trained to assume responsibility in government, finance and other places of leadership. Character training is needed. Our mission schools have done a worthy work along this line. The struggle for independence will be long and hard but I think it will come to all of Africa, perhaps, within the next fifty years.

The Livingstone Museum, near Victoria Falls, is most interesting. I read in one of Livingstone's private letters these words: "Some white people came into this country and brought some calico and traded it for several slaves." We took a boat trip on the Zambesi River in Southern Rhodesia and saw the "bunkhouse" where Livingstone made his headquarters before he discovered Victoria Falls. Truly one of the great men of all time was David Livingstone.

I was impressed with the wild life of Africa. In Kruger National Park we saw hundreds of wild animals. The elephants and giraffes were much larger than any we had seen in the states. There were thousands of impalas, a kind of antelope or deer, which go in droves. All the animals move about the parks in groups. We saw hippos, zebras, crocodiles, zulu, vilderbeasts, antelopes and baboons. A woman in our party asked the driver: "Do you see any difference between that baboon and me?" The driver replied, "Yes, madam, you have on glasses."



## New Church Plant Opened at Maiden



The new education building and renovated sanctuary of First Methodist Church, Maiden, was formally opened Sunday, July 10, with services conducted by the pastor, the Reverend J. Alton Fitzgerald, and Dr. Elwood Carroll, superintendent of the Statesville District.

The expansion program has been under way for more than a year, and brings the estimated value of the church to \$182,600. The building features a fully air-conditioned sanctuary with a seating capacity of approximately 400, 21 classrooms, fellowship hall, kitchen, ladies' lounge, 7 rest rooms, pastor's study, church office, library, and work room.

Formal opening services continued each evening through Friday, July 22, at 7:30 o'clock with the following speakers: Monday, the Reverend G. G. Adams, pastor Trinity Methodist Church, Gastonia; Tuesday, the Reverend J. G. Winkler, pastor First Methodist Church, Hickory; Wednesday, the Reverend G. L. Wilkinson, pastor Polkville-Rehobeth Churches, Polkville; Thursday, the Reverend R. J. Cooke, pastor St. John's Methodist Church, Gastonia; Friday, the Reverend G. F. Houck, pastor Cramer Memorial Church, Cramerton. The special event was concluded with the observance of Holy Communion Sunday, July 17.

## Methodist College Adds to Staff

The appointment of two members of the non-teaching staff at Methodist College, Fayetteville, has been announced by Frank H. Eason, comptroller at the college. They are Mr. James H. Register, director of the Student Union, and Mrs. Myrtice M. Jones, manager of the cafeteria.

Mr. Register is from Clinton, N. C., and for the past 29 years has worked with the U. S. Post Office Department as a rural mail carrier. Prior to his present employment he served as office manager and bookkeeper for B. W. Carter, Clinton; field director for the American National Red Cross in Calcutta, India, with the Armed Forces 1942-44; and science teacher in the Clinton High School. He attended Davidson College and received the A.B. degree from Duke University.

Mr. Register is married to the former Myrtle Douglas. Mrs. Register is a public health nurse with the Duplin County Health Department.

As director of the Student Union, Mr. Register will be responsible for the operation of the student supply store and snack bar, the sale of textbooks, the college post office station, first aid, and will assist with the purchases for the cafeteria. He will also be responsible for keeping the calendar of scheduled activities in the Student Union Building.

Mrs. Jones, Stedman, N. C., who will become the first cafeteria manager at Methodist College, is a graduate of Campbell College with an additional year at Campbell in general business.

For the past six years she has been employed by the Cumberland County Board of Education as cafeteria manager of the Stedman High School. Prior to this she served for nine years as secretary to the business manager, three years as secretary of Veterans Affairs, and three years as assistant business manager at Campbell College.

As manager of the cafeteria, Mrs. Jones will be responsible for the planning, preparation and serving of all meals served in the cafeteria.

## Central Conference Meets in Germany

Methodists of Germany, East and West, gathered at Pforzheim, a city on the border of the fabled Black Forest, June 21-26, for their quadrennial Central Conference. The Germany Central Conference, which represents about 100,000 members, is the first of the nine Central Conferences to hold its 1960 session. Bishop Friedrich Wunderlich presided at most of the sessions. Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, Des Moines, Iowa, was the official representative of the Council of Bishops. He presided at one session and gave several addresses, all in German of "faultless pronunciation," wrote the Rev. Dr. Ernst Scholz of Berlin. Bishop Mangal Singh of Bombay, India, and Bishop Clement D. Rockey of the Karachi, Pakistan, Area, were also present.

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## New Parsonage for First Church, North Wilkesboro



Construction of a new parsonage by First Methodist Church, North Wilkesboro, began July 1. The building committee reports excellent progress and it should be completed well before Christmas. The committee is composed of Richard Johnston, chairman; Don Culler, and Dr. W. K. Newton.

The new parsonage is located on the Hayes-Darlington lots on "E" Street. The building site has a frontage on "E" Street of 200 feet and a depth of 150 feet. The floor plan, designed to meet all needs of

the present and future parsonage families, was drawn by Claus Moberg of Blowing Rock and Miami. The estimated cost, including land and furnishings, is expected to exceed \$50,000.

Members of the planning committee are as follows: Richard Johnston, chairman; C. J. Swofford, Don Culler, R. M. Brame, Jr., J. B. Carter, J. M. Crawford, Mrs. W. E. Gaddy, Mrs. William Marlow, Mrs. Mary Moore Hix, and the pastor, Rev. Roy E. Bell.

Pictured above is the architect's view of the parsonage.

# Methodism Answers The Kickapoos

By CHARLES PARKIN

More than 100 years ago, four Nez Perce Indians journeyed thousands of miles to St. Louis, a long, hazardous journey from the Pacific northwest, seeking a book they had heard about—the white man's "Book of Heaven." Two of the Indians died in St. Louis; the other two went back to their homes in sadness and despair, for there was no Bible in their language. There was deep pathos in their farewell words. "The way of life for them," they said, "would be forever dark."

Today the answer is different! Early in 1958 a group of Kickapoo Indians went from Horton, their reservation in Kansas, to the Methodist district superintendent, Dr. Clare J. Hayes, in Topeka. They asked for a Christian preacher to come among their people to show them the Christian way. They had heard of a Kiowa Indian, George Saumty, a Methodist local preacher, who had started Christian work and organized a Methodist church among the Indians at Wichita. The Kickapoos wanted to hear the gospel as well.

George Saumty, this Kiowa Methodist who had been a local preacher for 15 years, had been sent to Wichita in answer to a request sent to Bishop Angie Smith and the superintendent of the Oklahoma Indian Mission, Dr. D. D. Etchieson. Dr. Hayes, the Topeka superintendent, immediately conferred with Dr. S. Walton Cole, pastor at Manhattan, Kansas, a member of the

Division of National Missions and president of his conference board of missions.

An appeal was sent to the Division of National Missions and to the Oklahoma Indian Mission. George Saumty was sent to Horton to talk to the Kickapoos and to conduct a series of services. At the last service, 29 adults were baptized and a Methodist church was organized with 32 charter members.

Subsequently Mr. Saumty was appointed as the first pastor. Within less than a year, he was able to report to the annual session of the Indian Mission Conference that 90 persons had become Christians on profession of faith at Horton.

During 1959 the ministry of the Kickapoos was extended beyond the original outpost at Horton to embrace the growing Kickapoo community in the Kansas capital of Topeka. Mr. Saumty divided his labors between the two congregations. At the 1960 conference session, he was succeeded by another capable Indian pastor, the Rev. Sam Chupco. The Horton-Topeka charge has been made a part of a new, fast-growing district of the Indian Mission Conference, the Northwestern district.

Methodists outside the Indian Mission Conference are helping to extend the Methodist ministry among the Kickapoos through giving to Advance Specials. Specials of the Division of National Missions provide a total of \$4,200 to the work among the Kickapoos, including funds for

ministerial support, travel and rental of parsonage and church quarters.

The Kickapoos sent to the Methodist Church, saying, "Sirs, we would see Jesus. We need the message of the gospel, but we have no preacher and no church. Send someone to our people to preach the good news!" Our church could not and has not sent these Indian friends away without hope, as the Nez Perce Indians were sent away from St. Louis long ago.

## Alaska Methodist University Names New Faculty Members

Four additional appointments have been made to the faculty of the Alaska Methodist University in Anchorage, bringing the total faculty and administrative staff to 24 persons.

With the university scheduled to open in September, more than 100 students have completed enrollment and about 125 others have indicated a desire to enroll. Inquiries regarding enrollment have been received from many different states and from foreign countries.

In announcing the new faculty members, the Rev. Dr. Fred McGinnis, president, said: "These outstanding members of the faculty will strengthen substantially a quality educational program and help to balance the academic offerings of the university." The first appointments to the faculty were announced last March. The new members:

Associate professor of literature, William E. McMahon of Clarksville, Ark., professor of literature at the College of the Ozarks and a graduate of Hendrix College (A.B.) and the University of Chicago (M.A.).

Associate professor of geology, Ross G. Schaff of Boston, Mass., teacher at Boston University and a graduate of that school (A.B., M.A.).

Adjunct-associate professor of art, Melvin O. Kohler of Anchorage, professional interior designer and a graduate of the University of Washington (B.F.A.) and Columbia University (M.A.).

Adjunct-assistant professor of psychology, James C. Parsons of Anchorage, clinical psychology with the Alaska Department of Health and Welfare and a graduate of Pacific Union College (A.B.) and Columbia University (M.A.).

The Alaska Methodist University, which has been almost 10 years in process of establishment, will be the first church-related, four-year college in the forty-ninth state. It is a project of the Division of National Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions.

## Attention, Please

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# Woman's Activities



## WNC Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



### School of Missions and Christian Service

Methodist women will make a study of four special areas of concern at the School of Missions and Christian Service to begin at Pfeiffer College on Monday, August 15th, and continue through Friday, August 19th.

The special studies include home missions, foreign missions, basic Christian beliefs and the alcohol problem—all of vital interest to every member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Those who attend will have a "Bible Hour," when the Rev. Orion Hutchinson, Jr., of Thomasville will present special studies taken from the Scriptures.

The afternoon sessions will be devoted to clinics about the various lines of work and the evening programs will be inspirational services emphasizing the mission studies to be presented in the local societies during the coming year.

In between these events, the students will have an immense amount of fun and fellowship and visiting. All kinds of interesting events are being planned . . . Mrs. Gilmer Harris of Cherryville is chairman of the committee in charge.

### Wesleyan Service Guild Weekend

The Guilders are planning to have their mission study weekend beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 20th, and concluding at noon on Sunday.

They will offer three courses, "Basic Christian Beliefs," taught by the Rev. George Schreyer of Pfeiffer College, "Heritage and Horizons in Home Missions," led by Miss Mary Floyd of Pfeiffer College, and "Into All the World," taught by Mrs. E. L. Hillman, world traveller of Durham.

These teachers will help one decide how to have a study in the local Guild, how to secure leaders and get class participation.

### Miss Julia Titus On Leave

Miss Julia Titus, a member of the faculty of Allen High School in Asheville, is taking a year's sabbatical leave to teach in the Hartsell Secondary School at Old Umtali Mission in Southern Rhodesia.

Miss Titus writes, "These are interesting and thrilling days to have a part in the life of youth . . . I count myself doubly blessed to have the opportunity to work in both places."

### United Nations Seminars

The Woman's Division of Christian Service will sponsor a tour of United Nations and of the United States capitol on September

ber 25th-30th, and a second tour will be arranged for February 5th-10th, 1961.

The fall seminar will meet at the time that the United Nations General Assembly is in session. There will also be a day's tour of the city of New York including a visit to Radio City Music Hall and a trip to a theater. In Washington, the group will visit several national agencies, including the Housing Administration, the Woman's Bureau, and several sightseeing trips have been arranged.

This is a seminar for the women of the local society. Further information may be had by writing Mrs. C. A. Bender, Room 1480, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York. The fee for basic needs is about \$50.00; additional items will be paid on the tour.

### Committee on Program

This is the time of year when the program committee in all local societies has a planning session to map out the programs for the coming year.

The *Guide* gives very definite instructions: "The word *program* as it relates to the Woman's Society describes the entire scope of the purpose and work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service—its ideals, educational processes, service activities, giving, and missionary personnel. As it relates to the responsibility of this committee, *program* refers to education and education plans" of our society.

Mrs. Thomas E. Frutchey, vice-president of the W.S.C.S. of the W.N.C. Conference, thinks that program building is one of the most wonderful opportunities. She says, "When twenty-two busy, devoted, important people are writers of our program materials, you know we *really* have programs to be proud of presenting."

"If we are interested in challenging others to understand the needs of the world," she continues, "in helping them find information about our great organization, in trying to inspire women to a deeper consecration to the local church and its place in the community, in receiving new viewpoints and in changing attitudes and using our talents, *then* program building is vital and will have meaning."

"What a wonderful opportunity we have—we program builders!"

## NC Conference

By MARY GARDNER



### Mrs. Davis Elected to Board of Missions

Mrs. Hubert A. Davis, of Raleigh, was elected as a member of the Board of Mis-

sions of the Methodist Church at the recent Southeastern Jurisdictional meeting at Lake Junaluska. Mrs. Davis was one of 16 nominees from the Southeastern Jurisdiction's Woman's Society of Christian Service.

A native of Beaufort County, N. C., the new Board member was graduated from Blackstone College, Blackstone, Va., and has done special work at East Carolina College, Greenville, N. C., and Miss Hardbarger's Secretarial School, Raleigh, N. C. Before her marriage she taught school and was engaged in clerical work.

By rich experience of a dedicated and efficient service woman's work of her denomination, Lucille Tripp Davis is exceedingly well qualified and meritorious of the high honor and privilege which has come to her and to her conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. She has held various offices in her local WSCS, served for five years as secretary of the Raleigh District WSCS, and was treasurer of the N. C. Conference WSCS for seven years. Next February, Mrs. Davis will complete a four-year term as treasurer of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service.

One of Raleigh's more civic-minded women, Mrs. Davis has served her city in a number of capacities, among which are president of the Myrtle Underwood Elementary School and the Needham Broughton High School, as a member of the Board of Directors of Raleigh's YWCA, on the budget committee of the city's United Fund, and as treasurer of the Raleigh United Church Women.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis are parents of a son and daughter, Hubert A. Davis, Jr., of Raleigh, and Mrs. Dewey Burgess, of Winter Park, Fla.

On September 19-23 Mrs. Davis will be in Chicago, Ill., for the organizational meeting of the Board of Missions for the new quadrennium, 1960-1964. Sessions will be held at the Sherman Hotel.



### American Bible Society Appoints Puerto Rico Sec'y

The American Bible Society Board of Managers recently approved the appointment of the Reverend Gildo Sanchez as executive secretary of the Puerto Rico Agency, effective as of July 1.

Mr. Sanchez, 40, is married and has two children. He was graduated from the University of Puerto Rico, the Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico and the Union Theological Seminary of New York. An ordained minister of the Methodist Church in Puerto Rico, Mr. Sanchez has been a member of the Puerto Rico Annual Conference of the Methodist Church for 17 years.

Commenting on his new appointment, Mr. Sanchez said: "I think that especially in Puerto Rico with a constant increase in the rate of literacy, growth and development in economic and social life, and the present emphasis on industrial achievement, the goals, methods and techniques of Scripture distribution should be reviewed in the light of this new situation."



## Ed Smith and Family Safe in Rhodesia

Rev. and Mrs. Edward F. Smith with their three children escaped without incident from the Belgian Congo a few hours before the military revolt in the Katanga province. They had moved from their former post at Katubwe, near Luluabourg, to Elisabethville only a month before.

Along with all the other Methodist missionaries from the Congo, they are presently in Southern Rhodesia. Missionaries with medical reasons or those whose furloughs come within the current year are being repatriated immediately. The others are asked to wait until at least a month has passed in order to evaluate the situation in the Congo.

Bishop Newell Booth has made a round of the stations in Rhodesia where Congo Methodists are living and everywhere there is one sentiment—return to the Congo! However, this return is conditioned on the existence of conditions of living and work which will make it possible to move forward with the urgent tasks of the Christian church in this area. The mass of Congolese have not been involved in the recent events but the mutiny of the Force Publique, the Congolese Army, a well-armed and trained force, has created conditions of extreme difficulty in some regions. No Methodists have been harmed or molested. The evacuation of these missionaries was undertaken as a result of a directive of the U. S. diplomatic service in the Congo.

The Smiths hope to be able to take up their work in Elisabethville shortly, subject of course to the conditions already mentioned. For the moment, they may be addressed c/o Rev. C. M. Miller, 3, Dawson Street, Umtali, Southern Rhodesia. With the other missionaries from the Congo, they ask the prayers of fellow Christians everywhere for the church in Congo and for this troubled area generally.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Rev. Ed Smith is member of the North Carolina Conference, and they are supported by churches in the Burlington and Durham Districts.)

## Circuit of the Quadrennium

*Lake Junaluska, N. C.*—A Mississippi Methodist circuit of four churches was honored as the "Circuit of the Quadrennium" in the Methodist Southeastern Jurisdiction at the denomination's Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference here last week.

The Guntown-Salttillo Circuit of the North Mississippi Methodist Conference received an award of recognition for its great progress from 1956 to 1960.

The Rev. W. F. Appleby, Guntown, Miss., pastor of the circuit, received the award from the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council. It was presented by the Rev. Dr. James W. Sells, Atlanta, Ga., an executive secretary of the council.

Mr. Appleby was chosen last year as the rural minister of the year in Mississippi by *The Progressive Farmer* magazine and Emory University, Atlanta.

## President Backs Churches On Long-Range Chile Aid

*New York, N. Y.*—President Eisenhower, in a letter to Dr. R. Norris Wilson, executive director of Church World Service, in response to the CWS executive's report to him after a personal visit to Chile, has expressed himself as "very pleased" and "heartened" by plans of the American churches for long-range reconstruction assistance to the earthquake stricken South American country.

"I wholeheartedly agree with you," the President wrote, "that we must sympathetically aid Chile in the difficult problems of long-range reconstruction and . . . I have directed that the various government agencies do everything possible in this regard."

"I share your high regard for the Chilean people and their fortitude in facing these most difficult time."

Dr. Wilson's report to the President had said:

"My deepest prayer, as I left Chile, was that having come to her people in this provident way in the time of their deep trouble, we should across the years ahead as the long-range reconstruction proceeds, make every effort we can, both as a Government and as private agencies, to secure and increase their friendship to us and ours to them."

## List Regional Conferences On Social Concerns

A series of six summer and autumn leadership training conferences are scheduled for Methodist workers in the field of Christian social concerns. The meetings are being sponsored by three national agencies of the Methodist Church—Board of Temperance, Washington, D. C., and the Board of World Peace and the Board of Social and Economic Relations of Chicago. The three agencies are being united as the new Board of Christian Social Concerns with headquarters in Washington, D. C. later this year. Five regional conferences are as follows: South Central, August 1-4, Fayetteville, Ark.; Southeastern, September 13-15, Lake Junaluska, N. C.; Western, September 20-22, Hollywood, Calif.; North Central, September 27-29, Detroit; Northeastern, November 1-3, Buck Hill Falls, Pa. The sixth conference, national in scope, is a Youth School of Moral Concerns to be held August 22-28 at Oklahoma City University.

## Study Discloses Why Men Enter Ministry

One of the strongest factors in a student's choice of the ministry as a career is "the image of the ministry" that he receives from his home, church and background, according to a motivation study conducted at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. Prof. Marvin T. Judy of the university's Perkins School of Theology, with the aid of a Univac computer, made 2,809 correlations of 33 motivating factors with information about the students' background and data from personality inventories.

## Indiana TV Viewers Label Most Programs 'Not Good'

Leaders of Indiana's 1,300 Methodist churches have indicated in a professional survey that most television programming today is not a force for good in society. The results were reported by the Purdue University Opinion Panel, which conducted the survey for the Methodist Television, Radio and Film Commission of the Indiana Area. Nearly 1,600 pastors, lay leaders and local presidents of the Woman's Society of Christian Service were quizzed in the survey on both general and religious broadcasting. Almost 38 per cent said they definitely agree that most TV programs today are unwholesome influences, and another 26.5 per cent said they probably agree with the statement.

## Power Now Published Interdenominationally

*Power*, the devotional guide long familiar to Methodist youth, is now published interdenominationally by Christian Youth Publishers, Dayton, Ohio, a co-operative venture of several different denominations including the Methodist Church.

Edgar A. Gossard is editor with offices in Nashville, Tennessee.

Under the new publishing plan, each denomination will handle orders from its own constituency. Methodist circulation of *Power* will still be handled from Nashville by the youth department of the Methodist Board of Education.

*Power* was started in 1941 as a youth devotional manual for the Lenten season, a project of the National Conference of Methodist Youth. Two years later it began to be published on a quarterly basis through the year. Its circulation has grown until it has one of the largest circulations of its kind. It will now be a devotional resource for young people in many Protestant denominations.

## New Episcopal Area for Central Jurisdiction

The Central Jurisdiction held July 13-17 in Cleveland, Ohio, retired two bishops, elected three new ones, and established a new episcopal area. Retiring were Bishop Willis J. King of New Orleans, and Bishop J. W. E. Bowen, of Atlanta. Elected new bishops were Dr. Charles F. Golden, former director of the Board of Missions' Division of National Missions, Philadelphia, and assigned to the new area in Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. Noah W. Moore, Jr., pastor of Tindley Temple, Philadelphia, and assigned to the New Orleans area; and Dr. M. Lafayette Harris, long-time president of Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Ark., and assigned to the Atlantic Coast area, with office in Atlanta. Bishop Prince Albert Taylor, Jr., of Monrovia, Liberia, led the memorial service, paying tribute to the late Bishop Robert E. Jones, J. Ernest Wilkins, former president of the Judicial Council and Assistant Secretary of Labor, and other delegates who had died.





## Bishop Garber to Dedicate Original Building of Methodist Retirement Home

Bishop Paul N. Garber will conduct a service of dedication for the original building of the Methodist Retirement Home in Durham on Sunday afternoon, August 21, at 3 p.m. This building is being dedicated as the Gibbons Building in memory of two Methodist ministers, Reverend Henry Hardy Gibbons, and is in recognition of the financial support of the Home by the grandson and son of these men.

The superintendent, Reverend Joseph F. Coble, the Board of Trustees, the staff and members of the Home invite all friends of the Home to attend this service of dedication. An excellent opportunity to see the facilities of the Home is offered you by the Fifth Anniversary Open House, August 6 to 21.

The early history of the Home would not be complete without mention of the challenging leadership of Bishop Paul N. Garber, and the interest and support of the Home by Reverend W. V. McRae, Reverend Millard C. Dunn, Dr. H. I. Glass, Mr. J. P. Gibbons, Mr. G. C. Seymour, Mr. L. L. Wren, Mr. M. G. Mann, Mr. Gurney Hood, Mrs. D. S. Coltrane, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Fowler, Judge and Mrs. Marshall T. Spears, and a host of other interested clergy and lay people of the Conference.

The 1945 session of the Conference authorized the incorporation of the Methodist Retirement Home to serve retired ministers, their widows and lay people of the church.

The charter was granted January 26, 1946. The North Carolina Conference in 1947 accepted the tract of land on which the Home is now located as a gift from interested friends of Durham.

On October 30, 1953, during the session of the Annual Conference, a groundbreaking ceremony was held. The contract for the construction of the first unit was awarded in May 1954. The building was completed in August 1955 with a capacity of forty-four. The Home opened for membership in September 1955 and was soon filled to capacity.

Because of a continuously growing need, construction was begun in January of 1958 on an addition raising the capacity to 130. This building was occupied July 1959, and members have been admitted since that time at an average of one a week until at the present time, there are more than ninety members in the Home.

The Home is serving a two-fold purpose. It is meeting the needs of those who because of physical condition, lack of family, or finances can not maintain themselves in their own homes. At the same time, it is offering the finest opportunity for retirement found in eastern North Carolina. As a Retirement Home, nursing cases are not accepted, but once accepted, persons are kept for life. A well-rounded religious, social, occupational, and health program give security and happiness to the members.

The Home as a project of the North Carolina Conference is supported by that which the members pay toward their keep, by the budget of churches of the North Carolina Conference, and by special gifts and wills.

## Samuel R. Edwards Joins Methodist College Staff

On July 1, Samuel R. Edwards joined the staff of Methodist College, Fayetteville, N. C., as director of admissions and registrar. Since 1952 he has served as principal of the Fayetteville Senior High School, one of the leading high schools of North Carolina. A native of Pennsylvania, he holds the B.S. degree from Mansfield State Teachers College and the M.A. degree from Duke University. He is a World War II veteran, volunteering in 1942 and commissioned in 1944. Among other assignments he served as recreational officer on the naval base at Saipan.

He has served as recreational and athletic director in several North Carolina schools including Williamston and LaGrange. Edwards is married to the former Lillian Aldridge of LaGrange. They have one son, Reese, who graduated from Fayetteville Senior High School this year.

Edwards is superintendent of the Sunday school at Hay Street Methodist Church in Fayetteville, and is a lay speaker in the Fayetteville District.

He is a member of the State Advisory Committee on Teacher Education and a similar group on vocational education, and served as supervisor in the Fayetteville area for the national teacher examinations given on April 9.

In addition to his duties as director of admissions and registrar, Mr. Edwards will direct the physical education program at the college this year.

## Dr. John W. Shackford Wins Hymn Contest

North Carolinians will be interested to know that *World Outlook*, the national Methodist magazine of missions, has announced twelve winners in its Golden Anniversary missionary hymn contest, and that Dr. John W. Shackford of Waynesville won first place. The winners are listed in the magazine's August issue, and the first, second and third-place hymns are published.

The contest for new missionary hymns was one of three conducted by *World Outlook* during 1960, which marks its fiftieth anniversary.

The top three winners in the missionary hymn contest are:

First place (award of \$250), the Rev. John W. Shackford, Waynesville, N. C., for the hymn, "O Thou Eternal Source of Life;"

Second place (award of \$100), William Watkins Reid, Whitestone, Queens, N. Y., for the hymn, "Onward from Calvary the Gospel is Speeding;"

Third place (award of \$75), Mrs. Nadine D. (Victor) Garner, Burr Oak, Mich., for the hymn, "Shout Aloud the Glorious Gospel."

The contest drew more than 1500 entries from throughout the United States and from countries overseas.

Dr. John W. Shackford has had a long career as a Methodist minister. He has been a pastor, district superintendent and church executive. Before Methodist union in 1939, he held various important church offices in the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, including that of general secretary of the Sunday School Board. He is a poet and hymn writer. He is now retired.



In the accompanying picture are shown several people who were honored when Trinity Church, Gastonia, observed its forty-first anniversary and Homecoming Day on Sunday, July 17. They are first row, left to right: Mrs. J. B. Fitzgerald, Mrs. T. S. Sherrill (charter member), and Mrs. A. P. Richie (charter member). Second row, left to right: Rev. J. B. Fitzgerald, of Mocksville, who served as pastor of Trinity from 1935 to 1937 and who preached the anniversary sermon, and Rev. G. G. Adams, Jr., present pastor.



# The Great Physician's Interns

By ADA REDD BROWNING

The other day I took a look at young Christianity in action; and I mean young people, not young in faith. I had heard about "Interns in Christian Education," the title given the two young men students from the Department of Religion at High Point College, who have been put on the payroll at Centenary Methodist Church, in Winston-Salem, to which I belong. Being a member gave me a natural interest as to where my money was going! So, on Sunday afternoon I grabbed my pocket-book, jumped into the car and arrived in the Religious Education Department of the church just ahead of the youngsters who belong in the eighth and ninth grades in high school.

Luckily, I had a chance to talk with the interns before time for supper, which is always served first of all.

I found the interns already in their respective places, waiting for the specific age group with which they were working. Two fine-looking fellows, John Carpenter and Harold Wright.

John Carpenter, from Aberdeen, N. C., is a senior at High Point College, and he comes to Centenary Methodist Church as an intern with a vision and enthusiasm for his chosen field of work—Christian education. John believes with all his heart that counselling is an important part of the ministry. He is experienced as a director of youth activities, having served for the past two summers in this capacity at Rosemary Methodist Church in Roanoke Rapids, N. C. His hobbies, which are camping, dramatics, tennis and track, together with his burning desire to serve his Master by serving and counselling other young people, fit him perfectly as an intern in Christian education, in a large church, such as Centenary Methodist. However, after talking with 21-year-old John Carpenter, potential pastor, chaplain or director of religious education, one believes it will make very little difference to John Carpenter how big or little the church—if he serves, he is happy! As intern in Christian education on weekends, while he continues

with his education, and does other outside work to pay his way, John Carpenter is serving and learning much from the large group of teen-agers who are in the ninth grade at school. There are thirty of them on roll, he told me.

As the young people were beginning to arrive, I had to turn my attention to wide-awake, friendly Harold Wright, co-worker with John Carpenter in the role of intern in Christian education in Centenary Church.

Harold's home is in Lawndale, N. C., and instead of coming from a family of five boys, as John does, he has only one sister and no brothers at all. And, instead of making his decision to go into religious work when he was a senior in high school, as John did, Harold knew when he was a very little boy that he wanted to be a preacher. As he puts it, "I suppose it was a gradual process, but I was aware for the most of my life that I couldn't avoid this definite 'call' even though I tried to many times."

Harold Wright is 22 years old, and filled with love for people. His winsome smile and eager, frank approach is the perfect one to attract and hold the confidence of the fifty-two members of the eighth grade fellowship to which he is assigned. He, too, is a senior at High Point College, and expects to enter Duke Seminary next fall. He has served as president of the Methodist Student Fellowship at High Point College, is president of his social fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha, and for the past two summers was on the staff of Camp Winawake in New Hampshire.

Upon inquiry I learned that John and Harold usually arrive at Centenary early Saturday afternoon to begin their weekend activities. Sometimes they stay over Saturday night, but ordinarily they return to High Point, which is less than 20 miles away, but are back bright and early on Sunday morning ready to teach their classes in Sunday school. They spend all day on Sunday and early Sunday evening in meeting with and carrying out programs with the age group with which they work. And

every Sunday some young person invites the boys home for dinner.

One Sunday afternoon each month Harold and John meet with the seventh grade and senior high fellowship leaders, together with Centenary's minister of religious education, Rev. Richard Hanner, Jr., in a seminar. In addition to the seminar, their training includes a weekly conference with Mr. Hanner, and on Sunday night they have an evaluation period after the weekend activities are over.

These boys are paid for their services, and, aside from the fact they appreciate the opportunity of doing something constructive to help defray their college expenses, they say this is one of the finest ways of all to spark their enthusiasm, and gives them a real insight into what Christian education really means. When they spoke with me they were generous with their praise for Richard Hanner, and for the encouragement he has given them ever since he interviewed and employed them to start at Centenary Methodist Church in this new and exciting venture. Mr. Hanner has told me that, although the intern program is new in our church, it is not new in Methodism. A number of churches located near Methodist colleges and seminaries participate in a similar project. He feels that this is a wonderful plan to go into full-time church-related vocations to gain some practical experience with a local church, for which they keenly feel a need. At the same time, their services are of inestimable value to the church which gives them this opportunity. After a six-month trial the general consensus is that the program is highly successful. This extra assistance has made way for more lay activity, the voluntary leaders are not pressed, and with this added guidance they feel more secure and are stimulated by the presence of the interns.

As for Harold and John, they feel that they have profited greatly in being able to learn by doing, and to have the counsel of experienced staff members, as well as making important contacts which will be of value to them as they go on with their education for full-time religious work.

As I left the church that Sunday afternoon, I could hear the eager voices of the teen-agers as they greeted one another, and their counselors, as they gathered for a meal together, after which they would separate and go into their smaller units of study, which, as I understand it, is merely an extension of their morning study in Sunday school. And, even though the program using interns in Christian education has no official sanction from the Conference, many local churches use it. And there is a reason! The pupil participation is decidedly better. Attendance records climbed, and the atmosphere is clear!

As I drove away I remembered the haphazard way we used to go about training our young people for work in the kingdom, decided that internship in Christian education is better by far, and resolved to raise my church pledge next year!

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How many Christians, while they have looked at gain, have lost themselves!

—Bishop Hall.







## Let's Be a Four-Leaf Clover

Carolyn was a happy little girl as she went hand in hand with her Aunt Hester through the beautiful green meadow one lovely day. Suddenly she stopped and, dropping on her knees, began to search among thousands of clover leaves for a four-leaf clover.

"Auntie," she asked, "why don't we find four-leaf clovers oftener?"

Aunt Hester laughed good-naturedly.

"That," she answered, "is because there are not many in the world, compared with the number of three-leaf clovers."

"Seems to me," said Carolyn, "it would be just as easy to grow four leaves as three."

"It does seem so," replied Auntie, "but when you think about it—is it?"

"I once heard," she continued, "that it was because a little clover stem wanted so much to do something out of the ordinary that it grew the extra leaf. And because it did grow an extra leaf it has been famous ever since. Only occasionally does a three-leaf try hard enough to do such a thing."

"Well, if I were a little three-leaf clover," declared Carolyn, "I know I'd try my best to grow the extra leaf."

"Be careful," smiled Aunt Hester. "You know that growing an extra leaf would mean quite as much to a little clover stem as it would for a little girl to do extra things every time she was given a task."

"I don't understand, Auntie."

"Well, it's like this. If you as a little girl wanted to grow an extra leaf, you'd not only be careful to do what you were told to do, but you would also do some extra things every day."

"Oh, I see," answered Carolyn brightly. "I see - - and - - Auntie, I'm going to make a game of it. I'll play that I'm a little three-leaf clover that's trying real hard to grow an extra leaf."

That night Carolyn dried the dishes for Mother. Then, to Mother's surprise, she rinsed out the dishcloth and hung it up in its accustomed place.

A little later she brought her father's slippers for him to put on. Then, to his

amazement, she put in the closet the shoes he had taken off.

Next morning she swept the living room, and instead of running off to play as usual, she dusted the furniture.

"Whatever has happened to my little girl?" asked Mother sweetly when Carolyn came in to help prepare lunch.

"Then you have noticed that I was doing something extra, haven't you, Mother?" exclaimed Carolyn.

"I should say I have. But why?"

The little girl threw her arms around her mother's neck and said, "Because it's so much fun to be a four-leaf clover!"

—From S. C. Methodist Advocate.

## SMILES GO EVERYWHERE

*A smile is quite a funny thing—  
It wrinkles up your face,  
And when it's gone you never find  
Its secret hiding place.  
But far more wonderful it is  
To see what smiles can do:  
You smile at one, he smiles at you,  
And so, one smile makes two.  
He smiles at someone since you smiled,  
And then that one smiles back;  
And that one smiles, until in truth,  
You fail in keeping track.  
And since a smile can do great good  
By cheering hearts of care,  
Let's smile and smile, and not forget  
That smiles go everywhere.*

—By VAN BUREN COLLEY

## WHAT LOVE CAN DO

Robert had been visiting a family of cousins, and he was not anxious to leave the place where he had been so happy.

"I like to stay there," he told sister Alice. "They have such a beautiful home."

Alice was five years older than Robert, and she didn't always pay much attention to what he said. But this remark seemed so odd that she closed her book and stared at him.

"Did you say Aunt Emma had a beautiful home, Robert? What a funny idea! It's just a plain little cottage."

Robert looked puzzled and did not reply.

But his sister continued, "And their furniture is really old, and some of the carpets are terribly worn, and they haven't nice pictures like ours. What makes you think her house is so beautiful?"

Robert thought a minute before he answered. "Well, I guess it must be because everybody is so nice to everybody else."

At first his sister smiled, and then the color rose in her cheeks. She knew that her brother was right. A fine house and expensive furniture are not the things that are most important. Love, courtesy, and kindness can make the plainest home beautiful, and the lack of them will spoil a palace.—Selected.

## RIDDLES

- Q. Why is a lollypop like a horse?  
A. Because the more you lick it the faster it goes.
- Q. When is a cook angry?  
A. When she beats the eggs, scalds the milk, and whips the cream.
- Q. What animal took the least baggage into the Ark?  
A. The rooster — he took only his comb.

## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

If I cannot do things big, I can do little things in a big way. — Clipped.

## Bible Quiz

Who asked the following questions?

1. "What must I do to be saved?"
2. "Lovest thou me?"
3. "Am I my brother's keeper?"
4. "Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"
5. "What is truth?"

## Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Ark
2. Gallows
3. Snow
4. Shepherds
5. Tabernacle



## Sunday School Lesson

FOR AUGUST 21

By RAYMOND A. SMITH

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### THE RESULTS OF SELF- INDULGENCE

Background Scripture: Isaiah 5:1-24

Lesson Scripture: Isaiah 5:11-24

The Scripture for our study in this lesson is another selection from the prophet Isaiah. The entire 5th chapter should be read, especially the parable of the vineyard, Isaiah 5:1-7. The whole chapter adds up to the picture of a drunken and dissolute nation hastening on its merry way to destruction. In a sense it is a description of all those nations of past history who have gone down to ruin because their citizens had loved self-indulgence more than their country.

Singled out for special attention by the prophet is the wide prevalence of alcoholic indulgence among the people of Israel. Perhaps we might have expected the Chosen People to be free from this evil. But we know that it has attacked many of the world's most brilliant groups and individuals.

Isaiah implies the people do not realize where their indulgence is leading them: "Therefore my people are gone into exile for want of knowledge." While the exile had not yet come, it was as good as accomplished; for the prophet knew that continued indulgence would lead to destruction. No one is to be exempt from the rigors of that time for, says the prophet, both "the honored men" and "the multitude" will suffer alike. A graphic figure of speech is used to describe the extent of the suffering and death that is to come: "Therefore, Sheol has enlarged its appetite and opened its mouth beyond measure." This is like saying there are so many of the wicked going to destruction that the area of hell will have to be enlarged to accommodate all of them!

But while all this is going on, the laws of God are not being changed. We don't nullify the law of divine justice by breaking it. So the prophet says: "But the Lord of hosts is exalted in justice, and the Holy God shows himself holy in righteousness." However, there were those among the people of Jerusalem who didn't believe they would have to pay for their evil ways. Verse 19 may be a sort of defiant gesture on the part of the people, revealing their lack of belief in the power of God.

There is to be seen in verse 20 a striking example of those whose value system has become so perverted that "they call evil good and good evil; who count darkness light and light darkness." Jesus has something to say about such people when he commented: "If the light that is on you be darkness, how great is that darkness" (Matthew 6:23). There is hope for the man who will admit that he is wrong, but the man who insists that his evil deeds are really good—that is the man who is really in the dark! And there are more of such people than many of us are aware of. They are to be found not only among the lowest criminals that refuse to recognize the values that civilization has built up over

the centuries; they are to be found also among the brilliant, the sophisticated, the creators of art, literature and drama. The creed that no one thing is any worse, or any better, than anything else; that nothing matters very much; these are cancers that eat away at the vitals of our moral standards.

Sarcasm was the weapon that some of the prophets did not hesitate to use upon occasion. An example is to be found in verse 21 "heroes at drinking wine" and "valiant men in mixing strong drink." Since this is Temperance Sunday we might close our discussion with emphasis on this verse. We ought to be proud of our Methodist Church for its record through the years as an implacable foe of beverage alcohol. There was never a time when we have needed more to emphasize this. The number of alcoholics constantly increases. The bill for strong drink continues to rise. We are beginning to hear those within the membership of our church question our historic position and to suggest that it is time to "go soft" on the idea of total abstinence. But can our church afford to abandon the fight when millions outside the church are at last coming to see how this evil constitutes a peril to the continued existence of our nation as a world leader? Think on these things!

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The courses to be offered in the fall semester of this year are: English Composition, The Life and Teachings of Jesus, The Life and Letters of Paul, Christian Beliefs, and The Preparation and Delivery of Sermons.

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Anyone interested in this program should write for details to Rev. Wade Goldston, Louisburg College, Louisburg, North Carolina.

## Race Relations Day Offering \$396,543

Nashville, Tenn. — The 1960 Methodist Race Relations Day offering totaled \$396,543, nearly \$5,000 less than last year, it has been announced.

The offering received in Methodist churches across the country goes to the Negro colleges related to The Methodist Church.

Most of the amount was contributed on Race Relations Sunday, February 14, 1960, but contributions for the cause were received by the Methodist Board of Education for several months after the observance, said the Rev. Dr. James S. Thomas, Nashville, Board of Education staff member.

Dr. Thomas said he thought bad weather on February 14 in much of the nation was a factor in the decreased giving this year.

Dr. Thomas commended the presidents for their "courage and insight" in dealing with campus situations and attitudes brought about during the last year by changing race relations conditions in the south and in the world.

Twelve Negro colleges are related to The Methodist Church, all of them in the south.

## Negative and Positive Happiness

While visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Bissette at Spring Hope last week, Mrs. Bissette drove me out to her farm two or three miles in the country. She stopped the car beside a little house in which a man lives who is a mental imbecile. The man's name is Morgan. He came out, stood by the car, and talked with me while Mrs. Bissette performed her errand. I learned from him that he lived in the little house and took his meals with the family in charge of the home at any given time. Mrs. Bissette told me about him as we drove home. His mother gave birth to him without marriage and gave him to an uncle of Mrs. Bissette, but the boy was not happy with this uncle. He took his clothes one day and went to Mrs. Bissette's father's house and told the father, Mr. Sid Wood, that he wanted to live with him. Mr. Wood took him, cared for him tenderly and beautifully, and in his will made provision that he should have a home as long as he (the man in question) lived. Mr. Wood has been dead some 8 or 10 years and the Bissettes are seeing to it that the will is being carried out to the letter. In talking to Mr. Bissette about this man he observed that Lester Morgan was the happiest man that he knew. I said yes, but his happiness was altogether negative compared with that of Mr. Wood. The one received and drifted in life; the other planned, purposed, and executed in fellowship with the eternal God. Our Lord told his people that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Here is an outstanding example of both sides of our Lord's statement. What a wonderful privilege it is to be able to see and appreciate opportunities for service in the world about us, to seize those opportunities, and use them for God's glory in bringing blessing to the world about us! In the world to come, we are told that these "his servants shall serve Him" (Rev. 22-3).

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## Junaluska Beauty Queens 1960



The five young ladies pictured above were nominees for the coveted title "Queen of Junaluska" 1960. The election took place Saturday, August 6. Miss Betsy Searcy, 18, (extreme right) of Montgomery, Alabama, was elected, and was crowned Saturday, August 13. Betsy is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Hubert Searcy, and her father is president of Huntingdon College in Montgomery. Her mother was "Queen of Junaluska" in 1929. She has spent all of her 18 summers at Lake Junaluska, staying with her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Quillian. The other four contestants served as maids of honor at the coronation ceremony for Queen Betsy. They are, reading left to right: Miss Carolyn Varner, Knoxville, Tenn.; Miss Jane Frederick, Talladega, Ala.; Miss Nancy Weldon, Charlotte, N. C., and Miss Menny McArver, Charlotte, N. C.



# CAROLINA BRIEFS . . .

☛ **HOMECOMING DAY** will be held at Hopewell Methodist Church, Route 1, Peachland, N. C., the third Sunday in August. Rev. F. Wade Kiker, pastor of Central Methodist Church, Charlotte, will preach at 11 o'clock. Rev. J. B. Fitzgerald will preach at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Rev. Fitzgerald served this church which is on the Peachland charge in 1937. On Monday night, August 22, Rev. John Kendrick will preach in the first service of the revival. Services will continue each night at 7:45 through Friday, and Tuesday through Friday, services at 10:00 a.m. Rev. John Oakley is pastor.

☛ **A LAYMEN'S DAY** program was held at the First Methodist Church of Canton on Sunday, August 14, featuring O. L. Yates as the main speaker. Mr. Yates has served with honor in the State Legislature for several sessions, and is active in community affairs and in his local Methodist church of the Iron Duff community in which he resides. Presiding over the service was Archie Crisp, assisted by A. J. Reno, and Garfield Shoaf, all officials of the local church. John Boone, certified lay speaker of the church, gave the message at the evening hour.

☛ **WESLEY CHAPEL CHURCH**, Misenheimer, received on profession of faith July 31, Mr. Love Barringer, a gentleman 81 years of age, who had been baptized as a child, and who had been active in the church for years. Wesley Chapel held its annual homecoming service August 14. Rev. James McNeely, pastor of King Circuit in Stokes County, preached the sermon at 11:00 a.m. A picnic lunch was served at the noon hour, and a demonstration of a new organ was given at 1:30. Rev. Daniel Sain is pastor of Wesley Chapel.

☛ **ANNUAL HOMECOMING SERVICE** will be held at the 158-year-old historic Snow Creek Methodist Church near Statesville on Sunday, August 21, at 11:00 a.m. Dr. J. E. Carroll, superintendent of Statesville District, will deliver the sermon and a picnic dinner will be served on the old rock wall. In the afternoon a sacred musical program will be given, in charge of Miss Nellie Holland. The revival meeting will continue through the week, and everyone is invited to attend. Rev. R. A. Setzer is the pastor.

☛ **STONY HILL METHODIST CHURCH**, near Morrow Mountain in Stanly County, observed Homecoming Sunday, August 7. Rev. Mack M. Armstrong, a former pastor, was the speaker. Stony Hill Church is 134 years old and has quite a tradition book of it. On Sunday, August 7, Rev. Edgar H. Nease, Jr., pastor of First Methodist Church, Valdese, began revival services at Stony Hill, which continued through the week. Rev. G. Bruce Nelson is pastor.

☛ **MRS. B. G. STEWART**, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Williamston, was pleasantly surprised by a reception given by the ladies recently in

the Social Hall. Mrs. Stewart, who has served faithfully as president of the Society, is moving to Lewisville soon. She was pinned with a lovely rose upon her arrival, and was later presented a silver bowl as a farewell gift from the Society. Mrs. J. H. Thigpen, immediate past president, represented the 55 ladies present, and paid a beautiful tribute to Mrs. Stewart.

☛ **LOVE'S GROVE METHODIST CHURCH** of Stanfield celebrated its 100th anniversary on August 14 with morning and afternoon services, and picnic lunch. This was observed as homecoming day. Revival services were also begun with Rev. Carl A. Hair, pastor of Bakersville Methodist Church, doing the preaching. Love's Grove Church was organized in 1860 by the Rev. Hubert Peoples. The Rev. J. M. Rufty is the present pastor.

☛ **THE REV. HUGO MAYR**, a young Austrian Methodist minister, preached at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services at Trinity Church, Wilmington, August 14. Rev. W. R. Stevens, pastor of Trinity, had preached in Mr. Mayr's church in Vienna during the summer of 1959. Mr. Mayr has represented Austria Methodism in several international youth conferences in Switzerland, Germany, and Sweden.

☛ **THE CONGREGATION** of the Oak Grove Methodist Church in North Brevard has purchased a lot on which to erect a new church plant. Construction on the education unit is expected to be started within a few months, and the sanctuary will be erected later. The name will be changed to St. Timothy. The Rev. W. M. Armstrong is the present pastor.

☛ **SUNDAY, AUGUST 7**, was a memorable day for members of the Marvin Methodist Church, Winston-Salem. It marked the groundbreaking ceremonies for the new sanctuary. Following the 11:00 o'clock service a picnic dinner was enjoyed by the membership. Rev. H. A. Pruyn is the minister. The church was named for Bishop Enoch Marvin.

☛ **REV. B. L. DAVIDSON**, pastor of First Church, Morehead City, sent us a check last week for \$387 for 129 subscriptions to the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. Richfield charge, with a small membership, sent in 16 subscriptions. Others are sending in new subscriptions all along. May their tribes increase.

☛ **HOMECOMING** will be observed at the Hanes Methodist Church of Winston-Salem on September 1th. Mr. Kelley Jones, a former member who is studying for the ministry at Duke Divinity School, will be preaching at the worship hour. Dinner on the grounds will follow the morning service. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend.

☛ **THE PATTON METHODIST CHURCH** on Macon charge, Macon County, was dedicated Sunday, July 31. Among those taking

part were Rev. Garland Young, pastor; Rev. Frank C. Smathers, district superintendent of Waynesville District; Dr. L. B. Hayes, of Franklin, retired, and Mr. Erwin Patton.

☛ **FRIENDSHIP CHURCH**, Albemarle District, held revival services beginning August 7, and running for a week, with the Rev. Max Richardson, of Robbins, as the visiting minister. At the 1:00 a.m. service homecoming was held. Rev. John Hall, pastor, delivered the sermon, and lunch was served following the worship service.

☛ **JUDGE BRAXTON CRAVEN** of Morganton delivered the address at the meeting of the Men's Clubs of the churches of Transylvania County on August 8, at the Masonic Temple building. His subject was, "A Christian Laymen Looks at Our World—What Can the Church Do?"

☛ **OCCUPYING THE PULPIT** at Ayden Methodist Church during the absence of the pastor, Rev. L. A. Aitkin, while on vacation, were three capable and consecrated laymen of the church, Mr. Roy Turnage, Mr. Leroy Merritt, and Mr. Douglas Woodworth.

☛ **REV. J. H. ARMBRUST**, retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference now living at Myrtle Beach, S. C., was the preacher at the homecoming service at Salem Church, near Reidsville, recently. Mr. Armbrust served twice as minister at Main Street Church, Reidsville.

☛ **MRS. JIM ELLERBE** of Rockingham, has donated to the Fellowship Hall of First Methodist Church a Grand Piano in memory of her late husband, Dr. Jim Ellerbe. A memorial plaque will be placed on the piano by the Ledbetter Men's Bible Class.

☛ **REV. PRESTON HUGHES** of the Boone Methodist Church, and the Rev. Judson Hulsey of Titusville, N. J., exchanged pulpits and parsonages for two weeks. Each took his family and made it a vacation period.

☛ **THE SUNDAY SCHOOL** of Commonwealth Church, Charlotte, will hold its annual picnic August 27 at Cordelia Park. Swimming and other types of recreation will be enjoyed in the afternoon, and a picnic supper at 6:30.

☛ **ST. LUKE CHURCH**, Goldsboro, observed Youth-Parent Sunday August 14, in which the youth taught their own classes in church school, and were in charge of the opening devotions in the adult department.

☛ **REV. LEE R. SPENCER**, pastor of Hawthorne Lane Church, Charlotte, is assisting Rev. I. L. Sharpe in revival services at Salem Church in Stanly County. Mr. Spencer is a former pastor of Salem.

☛ **THE SOUTHERN PINES CHURCH** has just received a legacy of \$5,000, left it by Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Sheldon. The money is to be used to help retire the indebtedness against the new church.

☛ **REV. A. C. WAGONER**, pastor of First Church, High Point, preached at the 11:00 o'clock hour at Myers Park Church, Charlotte, August 7.



# EDITORIALS

## THEME FOR THE WEEK

*Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under the foot of men. — Matt. 5:13.*

## Laymen's Retreat at Duke

Many laymen of the North Carolina Conference look forward each year to the annual Laymen's Retreat held at Duke University. This has come to occupy a regular place in the schedule of a large number of consecrated men. The retreat this year begins on Saturday afternoon and closes with the luncheon Sunday noon, August 20-21. The very fine program usually arranged for this event is attractive and appeals to the men of the church. The excellent fellowship enjoyed by those who attend keeps them interested and makes them want to go again. Many local congregations vie with each other in a friendly way to see who have the largest number of men present on this occasion. Carpools are arranged so that the expense is held to a minimum and the men who attend usually feel the benefits received far outweigh the expense involved. Since this week-end is the time for this retreat to be held hundreds of men throughout the conference will be looking toward a pleasant and profitable visit to Duke, and their pastors will encourage them to attend, for they always come back filled with enthusiasm and ready to do a better job.

## Bishop Ralph Spaulding Cushman, a Noble Soul, Entered Into Rest

Bishop Ralph Spaulding Cushman, retired, of Raleigh, died Wednesday, August 10, in Herkimer, N. Y. He was on a vacation trip with his family on his way to their summer home in Romulus, N. Y., when he suffered a stroke Tuesday night, and the end came the next day. Traveling with him and surviving are his wife, a son, Dr. R. E. Cushman, dean of the Divinity School at Duke

University, and a daughter. He was 80 years old, and a native of Poultney, Vermont.

Bishop Cushman was ordained to the ministry in 1902, and served pastorates in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, and Georgia. He was elected to the episcopacy in 1932, and served well for 20 years, serving the Denver, Colo., Area from 1932 till 1939, and the St. Paul, Minn., Area from 1939 till 1952, when he retired and moved to Raleigh to make his home. He was very evangelistic in his preaching and writings, and was the author of a number of religious books, devotional material, and prayers, which are unsurpassed in their deep spiritual content. Last June while he was visiting the North Carolina Conference at Rocky Mount and was speaking to the conference, Bishop Paul N. Garber requested him to recite one of his poems which appears on the flyleaf of a devotional book he wrote. At the close of his message, he recited the following poem in a very touching and impressive manner:

*I met my Lord one morning  
When my day was at its best,  
And His Presence came like sunrise,  
Like a glory in my breast.*

*All day long the Presence lingered,  
All day long He stayed with me,  
And we sailed in perfect calmness  
Over many a troubled sea.*

*Other ships were blown and battered,  
Other ships were sore distressed,  
But the winds that seemed to drive them  
Brought to us a peace and rest.*

*Then I thought of other mornings  
With a keen remorse of mind  
When I, too, had loosed the moorings  
With the Presence left behind.*

*So, I think I know the secret,  
Learned from many a troubled way:  
You must seek Him in the morning  
If you want Him through the day.*

To know Bishop Cushman was to be attracted to him. His fine Christian spirit and winsome personality were irresistible. It was the good fortune of this editor to be thrown with him briefly in the early part of 1951 when we both left Raleigh one night on the Seaboard train for Miami, Florida, from which place we were to fly over to Cuba and participate in the "Cuba for Christ" campaign for a week. One cherishes such an experience, for he always feels he can be a better Christian after having fellowship with a great soul like Bishop Cushman. While he is gone physically, his influence will live on through his ministry of religious poetry and great evangelistic preaching.

## Fine Support For Children's Home

The Methodists of western North Carolina are to be commended for the fine manner in which they support the Children's Home in Winston-Salem. According to the report just released by Superintendent M. T. Lambeth they contributed during the past conference year the sum of \$271,795.64 on regular apportionment, \$18,439.23 in Fifth Sunday offerings, and \$32,193.56 in specials, for a grand total of \$322,428.43. These figures indicate a genuine concern for the children in the Home who look to the church for a chance in life. No wonder this institution rates so high among the child-welfare agencies throughout the whole country!

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## Prayers at Conventions

Bishop Gerald Kennedy of Los Angeles, president of the Council of Bishops, was asked to offer prayer at both the Democratic national convention in his home city and the more recent Republican convention in Chicago. The Rev. Dr. Edward G. Latch of the Metropolitan Memorial Methodist Church, Washington, D. C., gave the final benediction at the Republican convention. The Nixons attend his church although Mr. Nixon is a Quaker. Observers pointed out that the Methodist Church was the only denomination which was represented twice among devotional leaders in Chicago.

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Bethel Church, between New London and Badin, observed Homecoming August 14, at 11:00 a.m., and began a revival meeting at 7:30. Rev. Sam B. Moss of Charlotte preached the sermon at 11:00, and the Rev. O. R. Moss of Franklinville preached during the revival.

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Three Capable Leaders . . .

# N. C. Pastors Conference On Evangelism Set At Louisburg

By Dallas Mallison

With the triple theme of "Praying, Training and Preaching" guiding all, the 1960 Annual N. C. Conference Pastors' Conference of Evangelism will be held at Louisburg College August 30-Sept. 1. Some 250 or more pastors will hear and be led by one of the strongest groups of leaders ever assembled for this event.

Plans for the school were announced by the Rev. C. Freeman Heath acting in his new role as conference director of evangelism. The school is sponsored jointly by the Board of Evangelism and the Commission on Town and Country Work. Until this year this event has been known as the Annual School of Evangelism and Week of Preaching.

Dr. Mack B. Stokes, associate dean and Parker professor of systematic theology in the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, will be the preacher for the school. Dr. Thomas A. Carruth, formerly with the General Board of Evangelism and now with the E. Stanley Jones Spiritual Life Center, will be the prayer leader. The Rev. S. N. Varnell, now in his eighth year on a five-point charge at Piney Flats, Tenn., will lead the sessions on methods and skills in evangelism.

## Conference Officials

The officers for this year's conference are the Rev. T. J. Barrett, dean; Rev. C. Wade Goldston, registrar; Rev. W. N. McDonald, assistant registrar; Rev. W. A. Wentz, Jr., book salesman; Rev. L. C. Vereen, song leader; Rev. M. L. Husted and Rev. L. A. Reynolds, pianists; Rev. S. T. Kimbrough, Jr., soloist; and Dallas Mallison, press representative.

The Board of Managers for the Pastors' Conference are the Rev. Mr. Heath, the Rev. Mr. Goldston, Rev. Key W. Taylor, and the Rev. Leon Couch.

## Program Details

A look at the program shows what an exciting, rewarding, and inspiring event this conference will be, as is always the case. The conference has become one of the outstanding highlights of each year, and is eagerly looked forward to by hundreds of ministers.

"Through the years many of our pastors look forward to this great event for its rich fellowship, great inspiration and able leadership in the holy ministry to which we are committed," said Dr. H. K. King, who retired as conference evangelism director in June.

All of Tuesday morning, August 30, will be given over to registration. Lunch will come each day at 12:30, supper at 5:30, and breakfast at 7:30. Taps each night will be sounded at 9:45. At 2:15 on Tuesday afternoon, the first of six sessions will

begin. The six sessions will include two afternoon, two evening, and two morning meetings.

Dr. Stokes will preach the first afternoon, both evenings and both mornings—five times in all. Dr. Carruth will appear on every program except that for the first afternoon—a total of five times. The Rev. Mr. Varnell will take part in all morning and afternoon programs—four times in all. On Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock the Rev. Mr. Heath will speak on and discuss "Evangelistic Training."

## A Very Able Preacher

One of the ablest of Methodist ministers, Dr. Stokes has been a member of the faculty of the Candler School of Theology



at Emory University since 1941. He rose from assistant professor to associate professor to full professor of Christian Doctrine. In 1953 he became Parker professor of systematic theology, a position he still holds. In 1955 he became associate dean of the school.

Born in 1911 in Wonsan, Korea, he received his elementary and high school education in Korea. He has his A.B. from Asbury College, his B.D. from the Duke Divinity School, and his Ph.D. from the Boston University Graduate School. He was a delegate to the General Conference in both 1956 and 1960.

## A Gifted Rural Evangelist

Now serving his fifth five-point charge, the Rev. Mr. Varnell has done an outstanding work in rural evangelism in the Tennessee Conference. He was recommended as a minister who is well qualified to speak and lead discussions on evangelism in rural charges by Dr. Leslie J. Ross of the General Board of Evangelism.

"Brother Varnell has been most successful in his evangelism work, using all types

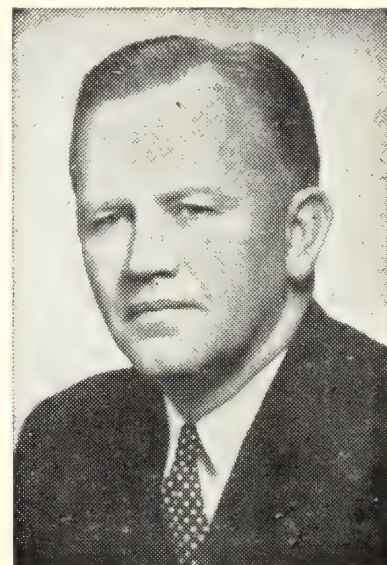


of evangelism," declared the Rev. Mr. Heath. "He has gained 80 additions this year alone."

Born in Cleveland, Tenn., in 1920, he is a graduate of Emory and Henry College and the Candler School of Theology. He is a former chairman and now vice-chairman of his conference's Commission on Town and Country Work. He was a delegate of the Tennessee Conference to the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference in 1956 and 1960, and to the General Conference in 1960.

## A Man of Prayer

Dr. Thomas A. Carruth was director of the Prayer Life Movement of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism for several years. During this time he was responsible for the development of the prayer life movement into a world-wide concern.



Dr. Carruth resigned his position with the General Board of Evangelism on March 31, 1960. He gave up this position to become director of the Spiritual Life Research Center of the E. Stanley Jones Institute of Communicative Arts at the Wesley Memorial Building in Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. Carruth comes to the Pastors' Conference on Evangelism well qualified to lead the "prayer life and prayer groups" at the conference, the Rev. Mr. Heath said.

Dr. Carruth spoke to the conference-wide evangelistic rally in Raleigh last October.



## Dr. B. Foster Stockwell Elected S. A. Bishop

The Rev. Foster B. Stockwell, Ph.D., D.D., who for 35 years was president of Union Theological Seminary, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, was elected a bishop of the Methodist Church by the Central Conference of Latin America, on Wednesday, August 3. The Conference met in Lima, Peru.

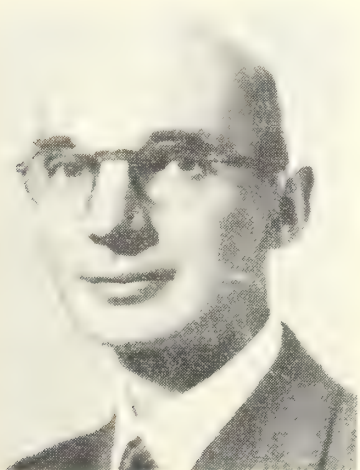
At this same Central Conference, Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri, of Buenos Aires, Argentina, the only other bishop within the Conference, was re-elected for a fourth term of four years. He had served as bishop since 1949. Both elections are four terms of four years each, under the rules of this Conference.

Dr. Stockwell was in New York City when elected in Lima. He was on a year's furlough, following his retirement from the Seminary presidency so that a national of Argentina could be named to the post. He was to teach at Union Theological Seminary this autumn. On August 5 he flew to Lima for consecration on August 7.

Since 1926, Dr. Stockwell has been a missionary to Argentina and until April, 1960, was president of the Union Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires. The Seminary trains most of the Methodist ministers in every South American country except Brazil and ministers of several other denominations. Many of the leading Protestant clergymen in South America today are graduates of Union Theological Seminary.

Dr. Stockwell was educated at the Alva (Oklahoma) State Normal School, Ohio Wesleyan University, and Boston University School of Theology. He received the Doctor of Philosophy degree from Boston University in 1933. In 1948 Ohio Wesleyan conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Before his appointment as a missionary of the Methodist Church, Dr. Stockwell was pastor of St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Boston and studied for a year in Europe, having won the Jacob Sleeper Fellowship conferred by Boston University. He was also for a period secretary to the late Dr. John R. Mott, then head of the International Y.M.C.A.



BISHOP B. FOSTER STOCKWELL

## NEW PATTON CHURCH IS DEDICATED



Dedication services for the Patton Methodist Church, pictured above, were held Sunday, July 31, at 11:00 a.m. The new church was completed last year and the first formal worship service was held Easter Sunday, 1959. Taking part in the dedication service were Rev. Frank Smathers, Rev. L. B. Hayes, Rev. J. C. Swain, a former pastor, and Rev. Garland Young, the present pastor. The musical program included Miss Nancy Cochran at the piano, Miss Helen Cochran, soloist, and a trio composed of Miss Martha Blaine, Miss June Wells, and Miss Linda Ledford.

Patton Methodist Church was founded in 1891. Among its leaders were Erwin Patton, Sr., Thad Patton, George Patton, M. L. Kelly, Ben Angel, Andrew Angel, and Charlie Angel and their families. The white frame structure erected at that time stood for 67 years until a severe wind storm damaged the building in 1958, and the building plans, already begun, were accelerated, and the present new building came into being as the fulfillment of a long-cherished dream. Patton Church is one of the four churches which form the Macon Circuit.

## Bishop Watkins Honored At Lake Junaluska

Tribute was paid to the ministry of retired Bishop William T. Watkins, Louisville, Ky., in ceremonies at the Methodist Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference at Lake Junaluska.

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, Jackson, Miss., long-time friend of the Louisville bishop, described Bishop Watkins' contribution to the church.

Bishop Watkins was elected to the episcopacy in 1938 while he was professor of church history at Emory University's Candler School of Theology in Atlanta.

"He proved himself to be an able administrator, a wise planner, an inspiring leader and a brother beloved," Bishop Franklin said.

Bishop Watkins retired due to ill health October 15, 1959, after leading the Louisville Area for 15 years. The area included the Kentucky, Louisville and Memphis Conferences.

"His interest in the church will not be diminished," Bishop Franklin commented, "but in retirement the church will continue to be blessed by his eloquent sermons and his prophetic writings."

Since he retired, Bishop Watkins has completed one book, which is now being published, and is writing another.



*Bishop Ralph S. Cushman, who passed away in Herkimer, N. Y., August 10, after suffering a stroke the previous day. See editorial on page three.*

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Some folks give according to their means, and some according to their meanness.

—George Eliot.



## Albemarle District Holds Picnic

I. L. SHARPE, District Reporter

Stony Hill Methodist Church, near Albemarle, located at the foot of Morrow Mountain, was the setting for a district-wide picnic Tuesday, August 2. This was for all the ministers, their wives and children. There was food, fellowship, and fun for all.

While the preachers met in the sanctuary of the beautiful church, the wives met in the spacious Fellowship Building nearby, where they chatted, organized and planned for the future. While the district superintendent, Jack Huneycutt, led the ministers in a business session, his wife led the wives of the ministers in their various discussions.

Prior to the dinner the wives met and organized for the year. The officers elected were: Mrs. Cecil Heckard, of Albemarle, president; Mrs. Harley Williams, Monroe, vice-president; Mrs. W. T. Ratchford, of Marshville, secretary and treasurer. Twenty-three wives were in attendance at the meeting.

At the business session for the ministers, Superintendent Huneycutt presented Rev. Cecil Heckard, pastor of Central Methodist Church, Albemarle, and also secretary of Evangelism of our Conference, to lead in a discussion on our program of evangelism. He stated that there were no goals set, but the Board of Evangelism was much concerned about this important phase of our work, and urged that every minister be on the alert for all opportunities of leading people to Christ and into the full fellowship of the church. "There were 250 churches in our Conference last year," Mr. Heckard said, "which had no additions to the membership of the church on profession of faith." He went on to say that nearly half of the churches in our Conference have no membership training classes, with children, youth or adults. In closing, Secretary Heckard said, more and more time should be devoted by the church in making our converts more Christian in all their relationships, attitudes, and loyalties.

Other portions of the business session were devoted to discussion on the recent increase in World Service, with the superintendent urging all churches to accept their apportionments for this "backbone" of the church cause. The payment on the new district parsonage was up for discussion. Reports showed that something like \$18,000.00 equity is due the new Albemarle District from the Salisbury and Charlotte Districts. It was recalled that the recent Annual Conference voted to pay the sum of \$3,000.00 per year for four years toward paying for this new district parsonage. With the equity due the Albemarle District and the amount voted by the Annual Conference, would still leave an indebtedness of nearly \$6,000.00 for the people of the new district to pay. It was brought out in the discussion that it was on this basis the equity from Charlotte and Salisbury and ample help from the Annual Conference, that the laymen of the Albemarle District area would favor the forming of a new district. And this is exactly

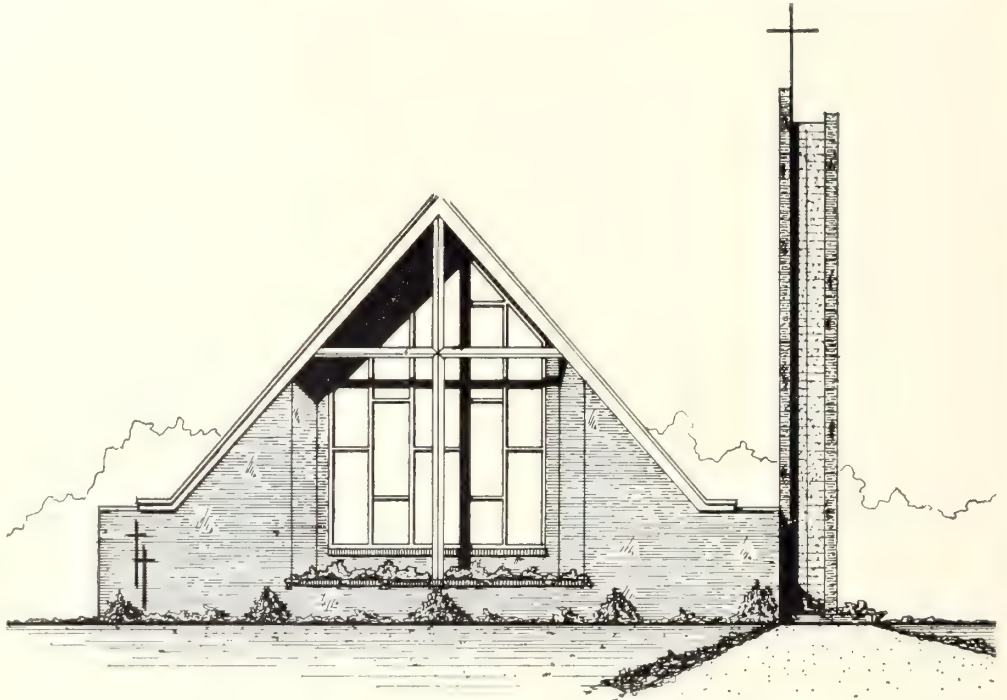
what the bishop promised them would be done. "No new district should have to assume a heavy indebtedness toward building a new parsonage—alone. It should be the responsibility of the *whole* Conference," was a concluding statement on this matter.

It was thought that the district conference would be held in the early part of December. A lengthy discussion was given to the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE cause. It was voted to divide the district into three sections, by counties, and that the associate lay leader of each county work with the church lay leader and the pastor of each church in seeing that the

ADVOCATE cause is rightly presented in every part of the district. It was felt that a well-informed layman in each church could present and follow up the ADVOCATE more effectively than the minister, that it is right and proper that this ADVOCATE promotion should be a layman's job, with the full backing, of course, by the minister.

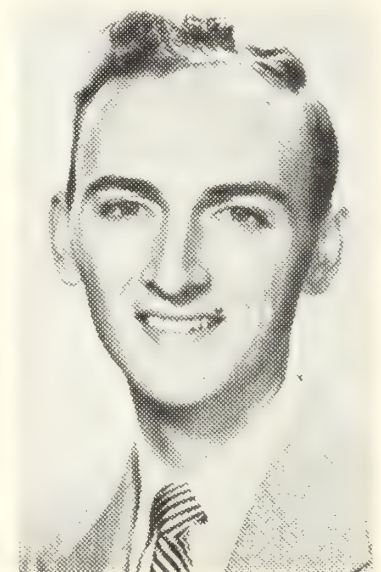
At noon all the ministers joined with their families around a well-loaded table of fine food, prepared by the mistresses of the parsonages. Dr. Jack Huneycutt, our very efficient superintendent, furnished an ample supply of ice-cold drinks. Rev. Bruce Nelson, pastor of the church, made everyone feel very welcome.

## NEW BUNKER HILL CHURCH OPENED FOR SERVICE



Bunker Hill Methodist Church, pictured above, was formally opened for service Sunday, July 31. Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, superintendent of the Winston-Salem District, preached at the 11:00 o'clock service. This church was in the Winston-Salem District until the last annual conference placed it in the newly-formed High Point District. Dr. Ralph H. Taylor, superintendent of the High Point District, could not be present because of previous engagements, but did preach at the new church August 7 and conducted the first quarterly conference of the new year. Others taking part in the service on opening day were Rev. Kenneth D. Crouse, who preached at 2:30 p.m., and Rev. C. W. Faulkner, who preached at 7:30. Both Mr. Crouse and Mr. Faulkner are former pastors. Rev. E. O. Temple, Jr., present pastor, said the purpose was to spend the entire day worshipping the Lord, renewing old acquaintances, making new ones, and just having good fellowship together. The sanctuary will seat 225 to 250, has choir room, pastor's study, choir loft, adequate worship center with divided chancel, two rest rooms, classroom, janitor's closet, corridor, and partial basement to accommodate furnace. The new Bunker

Hill Church is the fulfillment of the cherished dreams of a faithful congregation, and is a credit to the entire community.



REV. E. O. TEMPLE



## Advocate Staff Member Severely Injured

The NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE staff suffered an unfortunate and distressing blow the afternoon of July 31, when Mrs. Betty Dean, our efficient and devoted staff member who looks after the circulation changes, had a narrow escape from death while skiing on a nearby lake. Another boat ran over her, severely cutting her body and lower limbs. She has been confined to the Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital in Greensboro with special nurses around the clock. We are still distressed over this accident, but are happy to learn that she is making progress in her recovery. She will probably be out for several weeks or months.

## New Booklet on Stewardship By Dr. J. W. Sells

A new guide for Methodist laymen, *My Stewardship Workbook*, is just off the press and available through the Methodist Board of Lay Activities, 740 Rush St., Chicago 11, Ill.

The 36-page booklet was written by Dr. James W. Sells of Atlanta, Ga., executive secretary of the Methodist Church's Southeastern Jurisdictional Council, who is recognized as one of Methodism's leading experts on Christian Stewardship.

The booklet, subtitled *Have Dominion*, deals with the background and current programs of all phases of Christian Stewardship, and outlines suggested talks on the subject for the use of lay speakers. Also included are several blank pages for laymen to write their own notes.

The new workbook, first in a series of four being prepared by the Board of Lay Activities, was presented for the first time at Lake Junaluska, N. C., July 28-31, during the annual meeting of Methodist laymen of the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Copies are 50¢ each or 12 for \$5.00, it was announced by Dr. Edwin A. Briggs, staff member of the lay board.

## Jurisdictional Boards Include North Carolinians

A number of North Carolinians were elected to four-year terms on various boards and agencies by the Southeastern Jurisdiction at Lake Junaluska recently.

Dr. Wilson O. Weldon of Charlotte, and Mr. Walter F. Anderson of Raleigh, were chosen for the Board of Evangelism; Dr. C. D. Carclift of Durham, and the Rev. C. C. Herbert of High Point to the Board of Christian Social Concerns; Dr. Carl H. King of Salisbury, and Dr. Charles E. Jordan of Durham, to the Board of Education; Mr. J. Nelson Gibson, of Gibson, N. C., to the Board of Lay Activities; Mr. Gordon Wilson, of Statesville, to the Board of Missions; Dr. J. Clay Madison, of Greensboro, was elected to the executive committee of the district superintendents' section of the ministers conference; and Dr. E. H. Blackard, of Asheville, to the Radio, Television, and Film Commission. These will serve along with representatives from other conferences on these various boards and commissions for the next quadrennium.

## Board of Public Welfare Licenses 19 Organizations

During the month of July, licenses were granted by the State Board of Public Welfare to nineteen organizations to conduct fund-raising campaigns through public solicitations for the support of their programs, it was announced by Dr. Ellen Winston, Commissioner.

Eighteen of the licenses were granted to organizations which have held licenses for previous solicitation periods. These organizations are: American Foundation for Overseas Blind, American Hearing Society, American Social Health Association (formerly American Social Hygiene Association), Blue Ridge Assembly, Boys' Clubs of America, Cape Fear Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, Council on Social Work Education, Japan International University Foundation, League of Women Voters of North Carolina, National Association for Mental Health, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, National Probation and Parole Association, National Wildlife Federation, National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, North Carolina Association for Mental Health, North Carolina Foundation of Church-Related Colleges, Southern Humanities Conference, and United Seamen's Service.

International Ushers Association applied for and was granted license for the first time by the State Board of Public Welfare.

The total amount which these nineteen organizations will seek from the public during the year in North Carolina is approximately \$310,637.00.

## Raymond Bauer on Staff At N. C. Wesleyan

*Rocky Mount* — Officials of North Carolina Wesleyan College announced that Raymond Bauer has been employed as an assistant professor of physical education. He will also share in the development of the program of student affairs.

Born in Roosevelt, New York, he was graduated from Wake Forest College in 1950. He played four years of varsity baseball and was selected to the All-Southern Conference Baseball team in 1949 and 1950. Bauer won the Phil Harris Sportsmanship Award in 1950 and was selected "the Outstanding Athlete at Wake Forest" in 1950. He was president of his senior class, selected to "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges" for 1950 and a member of Omicron Delta Kappa.

"Moe" completed his Master of Education degree in 1956 at the University of North Carolina and is completing his dissertation for the Ph.D. degree at the University this summer.

In 1950 he married Mary Burkett of Hampton, Va. She is presently secretary to the business officer and treasurer of the Consolidated University of North Carolina.

The Bauers are active members of the Presbyterian Church. They will move to Rocky Mount late in August and will make their home at 749 Cedarbrook.

## Emory University Appoints Minister to Students

The Rev. Banks O. Godfrey, Jr., has been appointed Methodist Minister to students at Emory University. This position was previously served on a part-time basis by the Director of Religious Life, the Rev. Sam Laird.

Mr. Godfrey will be sponsored cooperatively by Glenn Memorial Church, Emory University and the Boards of Education of the North Georgia and South Georgia Conferences.

The Rev. Mr. Godfrey received his B.A. degree from Duke University in 1955 where he was chaplain of the YMCA and president of Pi Kappa Phi social fraternity. He was listed in *Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges*. His B.D. degree was conferred by Yale in 1959 and he studied during 1959-60 at the University of Basel in Switzerland.

The new minister is a member of Peachtree Road Methodist Church. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Banks O. Godfrey of 3884 Club Drive, N.E.

## For the Preaching Of These Days

By REV. L. B. HAYES

Now that the tumult and the shouting dies in Los Angeles and Chicago with political platforms very much alike, the choice will be between men. That, however, will not keep the man in the pulpit from being on the spot. We can and do become as partisan over men as over principles. And if the preacher talks freely or "extammeramously," as Dr. Gilbert Rowe would say, he will be accused of "preaching politics." While this plain talk is not out of line with the old prophets, it is a risky course.

After many years and with a few scars, won by indiscretion as much as by valor, it is the considered opinion of this retired man that the best way to do it is in our prayers rather than in our sermons, using especially our Book of Worship or Ritual. These prayers, when read with expression and feeling, will do much to increase true patriotism, reduce extreme partisanship, and keep the pastor clear of bias in his views.

Now it is especially appropriate to pray for our country and for "the President of the U. S. and all others in authority." The country continues to be in peril and our valiant President has endured more unjust abuse and persecution, mainly from foreign countries, than any good man of our times. And he withal conducts himself with restraint and without hatred. We can support him with our prayers and no man will blame us.

In England and her dominions they have a short ejaculation, "God save the King," and in our free land we sometimes change it to "God save the state." The latter form of prayer is more often heard in the courthouse than in the church, but it should not be. We can use our rich and worshipful ritual to build up more intelligent allegiance to God and country and add to the dignity and beauty of our devotions.



## A BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY CHURCH



Zion Church, Richfield charge, shown above, is one of the loveliest country churches to be found anywhere. Built at a cost of around \$50,000, the new church, which has just been opened for service, graces the splendid community in which it is located. It is beautiful, both outside and inside, and is fully furnished with new pews, organ, carpet, pulpit furniture, with social hall downstairs, also classrooms, kitchen, rest rooms, and church office. Zion is one of three churches forming the Richfield charge, all of which are very attractive places of worship, and whose membership is among "the cream of the crop," as is indicated by their attention and support of their churches. The pastor, Rev. George W. Clay, is doing a splendid work among

his people, and they are devoted to him and his wife. Incidentally, it was this editor's happy privilege to preach Sunday, August 7, at each of these churches. The service was held at Richfield at 9:45, at Matton's Grove at 11:00, and at Zion at 7:30. A goodly congregation was present at each service, and they were most attentive and appreciative. The editor and his wife joined Brother Clay and his good wife at the parsonage home in China Grove for a bountiful noonday meal, a pleasant afternoon, a delightful evening meal, and then returned to the church for the 7:30 worship service, and came back to Greensboro with sixteen brand new subscriptions to the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. Not a bad day, we felt!

## An Imaginary Letter From John Wesley

By GRADY L. CARROLL

John Wesley, founder of our church, was a man of many talents.

He was a scholar, organizer, writer, editor, educator and letter-writer. He had to be the latter in order to carry on the tremendous amount of work he did in his long ministry. Many of these letters, more than 2,600 were collected and published by the Epworth Press in London in 1931. This collection is estimated to be but a small portion of his total correspondence. The following devotion is in the nature of an imaginary letter from Wesley, who died in 1791, to 20th century American Christians. Wesley looks over a span of 170 years to the present day.

City Road, London  
January 5, 1790

Dear Brethren:

I would have you be mindful afresh of the freedom to worship that is yours. It has

not always been so grand a privilege for those who have wanted to worship the God whom we call our Easter. You will remember the persecutions of believers early in the Christian Era. Persecution and violent treatment of believers have assumed many forms through the centuries.

In my early days, as I attempted to preach in my own country, I was met with hostility and several forms of persecution and distractions. In my journals, for all to read, I have recorded some of these. I was personally subjected to much physical violence. Mobs have burst into places of worship on week-days and Sabbaths; stones and missiles have been hurled at worshippers; church bells have been rung; soldiers have beat drums; clubs have been used. Water has been sprayed into my congregations. These are but a few of the distractions, brethren. He who is of but memory will recall many more of these experiences that surely tried our patience. Most uncivil

has been the conduct of many of my countrymen, until they heard the gospel and had it touch their lives. On occasion I was prevented from speaking at all and have had even the church doors of my Established Church closed to me. St. Paul himself, who knew much of persecution, would have felt at home in my country in the 18th century.

Why do I write these things to you? For this reason. There is the tendency to forget the price that has been paid for many of our liberties and freedoms. These may be taken for granted too often by too many. The peaceful assemblage in which you may find yourself on the Sabbaths is indeed a goodly heritage, to be remembered and appreciated.

Be aware, my brethren, that the gospel that has been delivered once and for all to the saints, is for all men. I attest that this gospel is for all those with the shallowest philosophies of life. It is for those who think that mammon is the god to worship. It is for those who live in a fear-ridden world, for if God is for us, who can be against us? This gospel is for those whose life purposes have become obscure and less certain. This gospel is for those whose chief end in this life is comfort.

I have repeatedly preached to coal miners in Wales and England. I have spoken to mobs, to those who never worship in my beloved church. I have preached to the wealthy who came for worship. To the illiterate and unlearned I have preached, that all might know the life that is fuller, richer and more abundant.

See that your daily living is an open book for those about you to see and read. Take care that buying the world's favor is not your main object in this life. Be steadfast. Be strong in the Lord. Be the whole Christian that men may see the gospel at work in you.

Finally, brethren, I would have you be mindful of the need for Scriptural holiness in the land. He who has become a Christian and has ceased growing in spirit and intellect has become of little avail to the kingdom of God and His work in the world. The spirit indeed must grow. It must be stretched and challenged by new thoughts—new thoughts stirred up by reading and study of the Scriptures that have been delivered to your hands. There must be study, reading, contemplation and prayer. Methodists of my day have been poor, but I have believed that they need not be ignorant, especially as regards the Scriptures. See that you increase in wisdom. Let the word of God dwell in you richly, as St. Paul admonished Christians of his day.

I would have you be mindful of all of these things, brethren, for they are worthy of your serious thought. They point the way to greater appreciation of your faith and its need for your day. Spiritual values must undergird the twentieth century, that living may be meaningful and fruitful. Also, that it may be full of joy.

Your affectionate brother and servant,

—JOHN WESLEY.

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Our prayers must mean something to us, if they are to mean anything to God.

—Maltbie Babcock.



## Young Adults Participate in Educational Evangelism

How does a local church win the interest of its young adults?

Here is how one church worked at it in a unique program of contemporary evangelism through education, as reported in a recent issue of *The Texas Methodist*:

Grace Methodist Church in Dallas, faced with the problem of increasing the attendance of young adults residing in some 130 luxury apartment houses surrounding the church, introduced a program under the leadership of the Rev. Will A. Schaefer, a young graduate of Perkins School of Theology.

Mr. Schaefer's first step was to visit widely in the apartments to manifest a real interest in the young adults and their problems. The purpose of the visits, he said, was not confined to getting them to attend church only, but to serve them.

Soon informal discussion groups were formed in the apartments. Questions were posed that would not have been characteristic in the traditional Sunday school session. Later arrangements were made for a church worship service to fit in the young adults' routines. A 12:30 p.m. Sunday school session was designed for the apartment dwellers. Coffee and rolls were served immediately after the church worship service to provide both nourishment and opportunity for fellowship.

In the Sunday school class attention was given to current problems, with both students and teacher seeking to parallel some Christian solution. Mr. Schaefer reported that the "atmosphere is very permissive and the group is not expected to arrive at some preconceived answer. It moves on the assumption that Christ will make his will felt through the Holy Spirit in a group which is sincerely seeking Christian answers to life."

Asked for the secret of success, the director replied that the group "has not had a structure imposed upon it which would bring out the rebelliousness of young adults." He went on to say, "Young adults will respond to the church when they have the freedom to ask questions troubling them without being thought immoral for even thinking of the question by others in the church."

Young adults today, he stated, "are facing temptations and problems never dreamed of before. They need small groups in which they may express themselves freely without the fear of being misunderstood or judged . . . When the church goes out of its way to show that it is concerned with the needs of people, they will respond."

## Tribute to a Great Leader

*Lake Junaluska, N. C.* — Reviewing the world-wide career of "a rail foreman's son who rose to the bishopric of the Methodist Church," Bishop A. Frank Smith delivered the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference's tribute address to Bishop Arthur J. Moore upon his retirement here.

Recently retired from the episcopal seat at Houston-San Antonio, Bishop Smith

paid tribute to Bishop Moore for his "love and friendship of all men." The two bishops first became friends when Bishop Moore was pastor of San Antonio's Travis Park Methodist Church. The Texas and Georgia episcopal leaders are known throughout the Methodist Church for their close friendship. They have traveled together in about 40 nations.

Bishop Smith recently retired at the South Central, Texas, Jurisdictional Conference. Georgia's Bishop Moore spoke at that Jurisdictional Conference on behalf of Texas' retiring Methodist leader.

In response to the tribute speech at Lake Junaluska, Bishop Moore listed seven things that he remembers about the life he has lived thus far. He said, "I remember . . . (1) My Christian home, (2) The constraint Christ laid upon my life, (3) The incredible good news of the gospel I have been privileged to proclaim, (4) The friends God has given me, (5) How good the Methodist Church has been to me, (6) The certainties of my faith which time has not dimmed, and (7) the land where some day I shall live with Him."

As senior bishop of the Southeastern Jurisdictional College of Bishops, he also presided at the consecration of the four new bishops elected at the conference.

## Miss Krummel on Faculty At Wesleyan College

Officials of North Carolina Wesleyan College announce the appointment of Miss Eleanor Krummel as assistant professor of Romance Languages.

Although born in Delaware, Ohio, Miss Krummel considers herself a Tar Heel. She was reared in Durham where her father, Dr. Krummel, was a professor of German at Duke University for approximately thirty years.

Miss Krummel completed her undergraduate work at Duke University in Romance Languages, graduating with Phi Beta Kappa honors. She earned a B.S. in music from the Institute of Musical Arts of Julliard School of Music.

She has taught French, Spanish, Latin and German for almost fifteen years at Hood College, Campbell College, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, and most recently at Duke University.

The Krummels are active members of the Duke Memorial Methodist Church of Durham. Miss Krummel and her father, now retired, will move to Rocky Mount in late August.

## Memphis Conference Again Wins Laymen's Trophy

For the second successive year, the Memphis Conference delegation won the attendance trophy at the Methodist Southeastern Jurisdiction laymen's conference at Lake Junaluska, N. C., July 28-31.

R. H. Bond, Memphis Conference lay leader, was presented the trophy by Howard Berg, Melbourne, Fla., president of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Committee on Lay Activities.

Total attendance at the meeting was 702, and the Memphis Conference had 159 present. The winners traveled an aggregate of 79,777 miles to get to the conference.

## Annual Laymen's Retreat at Duke University August 20-21

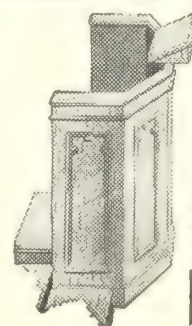
The annual Laymen's Retreat of the North Carolina Conference will be held August 20-21 at Duke University, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Saturday and closing at 12:30 p.m. Sunday with lunch in the Union cafeteria. The program has been arranged by Mr. Nelson Gibson, full-time conference lay leader. The schedule has been so arranged that every hour is provided for, including general sessions, discussion groups, Holy Communion, district meetings, and chapel services. Appearing on the program will be Bishop Paul N. Garber speaking Saturday evening and leading the communion service Sunday morning, assisted by the district superintendents. Dr. H. J. Herring, vice-president of Duke University, will welcome the group and speak Saturday afternoon. Mr. Paul Hardin III, son of Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., and professor in the Duke Law School, also newly associate district lay leader of the Durham District, will speak during the chapel service at 11:00 o'clock Sunday morning. Mr. Matt D. Howell, of Winston-Salem, a prominent Methodist layman, who is engaged in working with churches, will be a featured speaker Saturday evening in Page Auditorium.

The following will lead discussion groups on subjects indicated:

Every Member Canvass, Albert E. Goldfinch; Christian Witnessing in Business Life, Alonzo C. Edwards; Christian Witnessing in Social Life, Robert Rose; Growth in Personal Spiritual Life, Walter F. Anderson; Laymen's Part in Methodism, W. D. Payne; Christian Democracy in Methodist Organization, G. Paul Carr; Laymen's Opportunities with Youth, John Turner; Officers of Methodist Men, J. P. Woodard; Why and How to Organize Methodist Men, James F. Rogers; Lay Speaking, R. D. Shinkle; Lay Leader of the Local Church, Roy L. Turnage, Jr.

District meetings will be held by district superintendents, lay leaders, and men of the districts.

For additional information, contact your district and associate lay leader, or conference lay leader, J. Nelson Gibson, Jr., Gibson, N. C.



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# Woman's Activities



## NC Conference

By MARY GARDNER

## WSG Has 'Special Interests'

Although the Wesleyan Service Guild is an affiliate of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and helps to support all projects of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, it chooses from among the whole certain "special interests." For the new quadrennium, 1960-64, the Guild's special interests in the Department of Work in Home Fields are in the area of Town and Country Work. In the Department of Work in Foreign Fields, the WSG will be giving special attention to eight projects of children's work in the Belgian Congo, Southern Rhodesia, Japan, Korea, Latin America, and Southeast Asia.

The Yuma Methodist Mission, Yuma, Arizona, consists of a chapel, a combination parsonage and activities building used for 4-H clubs, craft classes, WSCS meetings. People can come there also to read, sew, wash and iron, take showers, and perhaps cook a meal before beginning their long trek home.

The rural worker at Cherokee Methodist Center, Cherokee, N. C., is a member of the Center's staff which serves 3,500 people of the Eastern band of the Cherokee Indians.

In Machias, Maine, the easternmost county in the United States, and the greatest hunting and fishing area, the Methodist rural worker is on the staff of the group ministry comprised of five ministers of twelve churches: 10 Methodist, one Congregationalist, and one Federated. The group is helpful to the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Methodist Youth Fellowship, and vacation church schools.

Scott's Runn Settlement, located in a small mining community four miles from Morgantown, W. Va. The people of the community are both Negro and white. The community worker there serves this area, plus a recently expanded area.

Limestone County, Grovebeck, Texas, is the locale of the Central Texas rural work. Signs of renewed interest in the local church program and in the development of fellowship and understanding among the churches has been most gratifying.

The needs of children in foreign lands are great and heart-rending. Two "special interests" of the WSG in Africa are the Minga Baby Fold in the Belgian Congo, and the Central Primary School, Matambara, Southern Rhodesia. The Baby Fold is a home for babies whose mothers are pa-

tients in the Colony for those who have leprosy. The school in Southern Rhodesia provides educational opportunities for children in surrounding villages. In Malacca, Malaya, and Hong Kong, China, work with refugee children is also a special interest of the Guilders.

## WNC Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

## Brooks - Howell Holds Groundbreaking Ceremony

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new \$600,000 unit of Brooks-Howell Home for Retired Deaconesses and Missionaries in Asheville, N. C., was held on Sunday, August 7th, at the Home at 4 p.m.

Miss Emma Burris of New York City, executive secretary of Social Welfare and Medical Work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, was one of the featured speakers.

Dr. E. H. Blackard, pastor of Central Methodist Church, was in charge of the service. Miss Mabel Metzger, director of the Home, gave a short history of the institution, and Mrs. Rupert Crowell, chairman of the Board, made a talk.

Mrs. E. D. Chandler of Asheville, chairman of the local building committee and treasurer of Brooks-Howell, gave a resume of plans. Mrs. Carl King of Statesville, president of the W.S.C.S. of the Western North Carolina Conference, also made a talk. The Rev. Jerry Murray of the Groce

Methodist Church led the dedicatory prayer.

After the program refreshments were served by the residents of the Home.

The new building will be a three-story brick building with 60 rooms for individual persons, a 20-bed infirmary, and a dining room that will seat 200 persons. It will face Spears Avenue, and one section will be directly in front of the present house, with the two wings extending on either side of the present house.

The first floor will have the executive offices, reception room, a patio, the dining room and a kitchen equipped with every modern convenience. On the second floor will be the rooms for individual residents, the infirmary, doctors' offices, refrigeration units, craft rooms and other facilities.

The building will be equipped with elevators, ramps, and every other convenience for the aging.

Brooks-Howell Home is one of five such homes owned by the Woman's Division of Christian Service, two in New Jersey and two in California. The property in Asheville was purchased in 1956 and included a five-acre tract of land and a large frame dwelling, formerly the home of the T. C. Smith family. It was redecorated for a group of women who came to Asheville as the first in the "Brooks-Howell Family."

Methodist women all over the United States have made contributions for the new building. The actual beginning of the projects represents the realization of a dream of long months of planning and hoping.

Louis H. Asbury and Associates of Charlotte are architects for the building.

Z. B. Robinson Construction Co. of Asheville was awarded the contract for the construction of the building.

## Quilt-Making Is An Art

Mrs. Nellie Conseen of the Cherokee Methodist Center at the Cherokee Indian Reservation has a hobby that gives her much satisfaction and creates beautiful articles that bring joy to others.

She makes home-made quilts in all kinds of attractive designs and colors. She does



MRS. NELLIE CONSEEN



not mind the time it takes to piece together the tiny bits of colored material, blending the colors to give a charming whole, and at the same time cutting the mits into a shape that will produce the desired design. She has all kinds of patterns—the flower garden, the double wedding ring, path of fairs, and many others.

Some of these quilts are placed on display at the Keener Craft Center near the Cherokee Methodist Church and some will be displayed at the Cherokee Indian Fair held late in September in the large recreation center near the school.

Miss Vera Falls, deaconess at the Methodist Center, has suggested that many Methodist women might have scraps of material left over from their own sewing and that these scraps would be most welcome at the Center, for they would provide the craftsmen more material with which to work. She says that all kinds and colors of material may be used—it is the variety of color that lends such beauty to the quilts.

Besides, the long winter days are not far away, and these are the days that an Indian woman loves to do her quilt-piecing. She sews the tiny scraps together into larger squares, then the squares into the quilt-sized piece. She fastens this in a quilt frame, with the lining and the cotton batting. The three layers are then quilted together in tiny stitches.

From the frame she takes the quilt, whips the edges together to make the perfect quilt of many colors—one that will keep some person warm on cold winter nights.

The pieces of new material may be sent to the Methodist Center, Cherokee, N. C.

### New Society in Greensboro District

A new Woman's Society of Christian Service was organized at the Price Methodist Church on the Rockingham Circuit in July.

Mrs. E. W. Griffin of Route 2, Ridgeway, Va., was chosen as president of the society. Other officers include Miss Betty Sharpe as secretary, Mrs. Charlie Sharpe, treasurer, both of Route 2, Ridgeway, Va., Mrs. R. M. Clark, secretary of spiritual life, and Miss Nancy Watkins, secretary of promotion, both of these of Stoneville.

Mrs. Orell Lineberger of Stoneville, secretary of promotion for the Greensboro District, had charge of the organizational meeting.

Mrs. Lineberger reports three district members of the Mt. Carmel Church on the Rockingham Circuit. These are Mrs. Nancy F. Neal of Stokesdale, Mrs. Raymond Calhoun of Walnut Cove, and Mrs. Clyde Hutchins of Belews Creek.

The next day was Sunday, so we all went to an Italian Methodist Church. It was very nice and all the people there were very cordial. Sunday afternoon most of us took a tour of Ancient Rome. We saw such sights as the Trevi Fountain, which was in the movie, *Three Coins In A Fountain*, St. Paul's Basilica Outside the Walls, (this is one of the four main churches in Rome); the Pyramide of Casius Caestius; Circus Maxiums; the Tiber Island; the Monument to Victor Emanuel II which is now the tomb of the Italian Unknown Soldier; Old Roman Forum; the Colosseum and many other sights too numerous to mention. After the tour and dinner we went to the opera "La Traviata," which is held in the ruins of the Baths of Caracalla. It was very good. This summer theater has the largest stage in the world.

Monday we all went to Vatican City. We saw St. Peter's Cathedral, the Sistine Chapel, and the Vatican museums. The city itself is a state just like France or Holland. It is not a part of Italy. It is beautiful and all Catholics can be proud to have it as their Mother City.

Tuesday we all did what we wanted. Some went shopping, some went on a tour of the Appian Way and the famous Catacombs, while others stayed in the hotel and wrote or read. This was a day for relaxing, and catching up on many little things. Tuesday night most of the group went to see the spectacular opera, "Aida." They had live horses and camels on the stage. It was a tremendous production. Wednesday we all got up early for we were to meet our American expressman at 7:30 to be taken to the train. We were all ready to leave and discovered that one of our girls was not there. It turned out that she had misunderstood and had walked on to the train station. After boarding the train we were waiting for the time to depart and an Italian Army band came by playing. We all joked and said they had come to see us off.

Well we are finally on our way to Zurich, Switzerland, and new adventure. We will leave you now until we meet in the beautiful mountain country of Switzerland.

Yours in Christian service,

—1960 YOUTH CARAVAN.

## N. C. Caravaners In Rome

July 29, 1960

(Rec'd Raleigh 8/2/60)

Dear Caravan Friends:

As you remember from our last letter we left Graz, Austria, on July 20, on our way to Venice, Italy. We had to change trains one time on the way, so Martin Brose went with us to Bruck, Austria, to see that we made the change all right.

Well, we made it all right, and after an all-day ride we arrived in Venice about 6:30 p.m. We were met and taken to our hotel. Our hotel is right in the middle of all activity and about a three-minute walk from the train station. We all got settled and changed and then had a most welcomed dinner. After dinner we walked down through the streets of Venice. Our first impression of the city was that it was like a three-ring circus. All along the streets were stalls and shops with the merchants out trying to get you to buy. After a short walk we all went back to the hotel and retired, to sleep, wash clothes, or write.

The next morning we were up bright and cheerful, ready to go shopping and sightseeing. We split up into smaller parties and started out. Most of us obtained a city map the night before and had chartered ourselves a walking tour of the city. We started and saw such famous sights as the Bridge of Sighs, the Bridge of Shops, the world-famous St. Mark's Basilica and square, and all the canal streets with their gondolas. On our tour we went in a lace factory and saw how all the lace is hand-made. We went in a glass factory and saw

the men hard at work blowing glass figures, vases, etc. These two factories were very interesting. We had walked most of the day so we came in, rested and changed for dinner. After dinner we went for a short walk and then came back and collapsed in our rooms.

On July 22, most of us just shopped. The day before we had been more interested in seeing the sights. After dinner the girls went for a gondola ride and persuaded the driver to let each of them try handling the boat. It was funny seeing each girl trying to guide the gondola down the canal. They almost had several collisions with other boats. To add a romantic touch to their ride they came back and got an accordion player. They played and sang for a long time. Finally they had to come in for we had to be up bright and early the next day for our trip to Rome.

On the morning of July 23, we boarded the train for Rome. We were sad to leave Venice, but were looking forward to seeing Rome, once the capitol of all the known world. We enjoyed our ride through the Italian countryside, with its rolling hills and every now and then on a distant hill the ruins of an old Roman fortress. We arrived in Rome about 6 p.m. and were taken to our hotel where we received that long-awaited mail and were settled in our rooms. Again as in Venice, our hotel was situated in the center of activity and very nice. We all dressed and then had dinner. After dinner we went out to see Rome at night. It is a beautiful city with its fountains and ruins of ancient Rome blended in with the new and modern.

### Winston H. Taylor New Information Director

Winston H. Taylor of San Francisco has been elected by the Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information as an associate secretary and the director of the Washington office.

The announcement is made by Bishop Eugene M. Frank of St. Louis, president of the Commission. The Commission's headquarters are in the new Interchurch Center in New York.

Mr. Taylor, 38, was named by the Commission to take over the position vacated by the resignation of O. B. Fanning. Mr. Fanning will direct public relations at Florida Southern College, Lakeland, and at the same time head a new public relations office for the Jacksonville episcopal Area of The Methodist Church.



## Interesting Methodist Briefs

The Rev. Dr. Robert Nelson, who recently resigned as dean of Vanderbilt University Divinity School in Nashville, has accepted a post as visiting professor of ecumenics at Princeton Theological Seminary.

New president of historic McKendree College, Lebanon, Ill., is Dr. Max P. Allen, director of instruction at Northern Michigan College and trustee of First Methodist Church, Marquette, Mich. He succeeds the Rev. Webb Garrison, who is now pastor of Roberts Park Church in Indianapolis, Ind.

Mrs. Jeanne Mason Smith of Little Rock has been named director of Methodist Information for the Arkansas Area.

The Rev. Peter Kwei Dagadu of Ghana, a leading African Christian and a Methodist member of the executive and central committees of the World Council of Churches, died July 8 at Accra. He was 52.

Claude Holmes of Quincy, Ill., secretary and treasurer of the Foundation for Evangelism, died July 28.

Oklahoma CROP workers top their goal of 40,000 bushels of wheat in the 1960 Oklahoma Wheat Campaign. This is the first state to complete its CROP campaign in 1960.

## Leaders Make Plans For 4-Year Program

Two small but significant groups met in Colorado Springs in late July to make plans for confronting the church's nearly 10 million members with the need for renewal and for securing their cooperation in the 1960-64 quadrennial program. Bishop Richard C. Raines of Indianapolis, Ind., presided at a meeting attended by twelve bishops and a number of board executives—all concerned with implementing the quadrennial program adopted by the 1960 General Conference. Another group met to make plans for a nation-wide District Superintendents Conference to be held in Chicago November 18-20. Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, Texas, presided at this meeting. Details of planning for the District Superintendents Conference have been committed to the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation.

## Bennett College Opens September 14

*Greensboro, N. C.* — Bennett College will officially open its doors for the 1960-61 academic year on September 14, Miss Mary L. Mayfield, registrar, announced this week.

Freshmen and new students are to report by 5 p.m. on September 15 for a period of orientation which will extend through September 22. Entrance examinations and registration for this group have been set for September 19.

Returning students will register September 20 and first semester classes will begin at 8 a.m. on September 21.

## Dr. C. Edwin Harwood At N. C. Wesleyan

*Rocky Mount* — Dr. C. Edwin Harwood will become an associate professor of English at North Carolina Wesleyan College, according to an announcement by President Thomas A. Collins. He will also serve as chairman of the Division of the Humanities.

Eminently qualified, he brings more than twenty years of English teaching experience at the University of Colorado, General Motors Institute of Flint, Michigan, Pasadena College, and most recently at California State Polytechnic College in Pomona, California.

Dr. Harwood completed his undergraduate work at Olivet College, his M.A. was awarded at the University of Michigan, and he earned his Ph.D. degree at the University of Colorado.

He was graduated from college Magna Cum Laude and as valedictorian. He was elected to Phi Delta Lambda, national honor society, and Kappa Phi Kappa. In addition to his work in English he has specialized in American Literature and has written numerous articles in this field.

Dr. Harwood is a member of the Renaissance Society, American Association of University Professors, and is listed in Who's Who in American Education.

## Rock Springs Camp Meeting

Rev. F. W. Kiker, pastor of Central Avenue Methodist Church, Charlotte, was the preacher for the Rock Springs camp meeting at Denver August 7-14. Mr. Kiker spoke each evening, and on Sunday morning the closing day, the Rev. Walter J. Miller, superintendent of the Charlotte District, brought the closing message. Rev. M. K. Heckard, pastor of the Rock Springs charge, served as host minister for the meeting. There are some 300 wooden tents on the camp ground, and they accommodate from two to eight persons each. It is estimated the crowd on the closing day reached between 10,000 and 12,000 persons. Rock Springs camp meeting is governed by a board of trustees, and is held under the sanction of the Methodist Church.

## So Methodists Say

"If we succumb to the temptation to emphasize the physical sciences by downgrading the humanities, we have already lost to the Russians by allowing them to set the goals and by accepting their standards in place of our own."

—BISHOP DONALD H. TIPPETT, in the episcopal message to the Western Jurisdictional Conference.

"No longer can there be a master race and a servant race. The colored people of the world are arising and they aren't going to sit in the back seats any more."

—THE REV. DR. WALLACE HAMILTON of St. Petersburg, Fla., speaking at a Southeastern Jurisdictional Ministers' Conference at Lake Junaluska, N. C.

## Littleton College Memorial Collection

The annual meeting and picnic of the Littleton College Memorial Association was held on Saturday, July 16, at the Central Pavilion at Pullen Park in Raleigh. Alumni and friends of the former Methodist college were present from four states.

Mrs. George David (Dora Hornaday) Stephenson of Richmond, Va., president of the Association, presided at both the morning and afternoon sessions. The main address for the occasion was presented by Dr. Ralph Hardee Rives of Enfield, son of a former Littleton College student. In his address, Dr. Rives urged the establishment of a Littleton College Memorial Collection to be presented to the library of North Carolina Wesleyan College at Rocky Mount. This new institution will serve students in the same general area which Littleton College served from 1887 until it was destroyed by fire in January, 1919.

The members of the association unanimously voted to establish a Memorial Collection of books at the new institution and also to assemble a wide assortment of memorabilia of the former private institution which will be presented both to the new college in Rocky Mount and to the Southern Historical Collection at the University of North Carolina. The Association, furthermore, voted to establish the Vera L. Herring Loan Fund at North Carolina Wesleyan College. This fund, to be administered by the officials of the college, will be made available to worthy students desiring an education at that institution. Miss Herring, who resides in Raleigh, and was present at the proceedings, served for a number of years as college treasurer at Littleton College. Since the establishment of the Littleton College Memorial Association in 1927, she has been the moving spirit in the work of that group. The Association established a \$3,000 scholarship to be used for the training of Christian workers in honor of Miss Herring at Scarritt College some years ago.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, copies of a memorial biography of the late Rev. James Manly Rhodes, president of Littleton College, written by Mrs. Emma Thornton Nowell of Macon, were distributed to those present. Mrs. P. H. (Emma Myrick) Rose of Henderson also presented complimentary copies of a feature newspaper article on Littleton College which appeared in the Rocky Mount *Sunday Telegram* earlier this year.

Anyone desiring to make a contribution of either money, books, or memorabilia (including old catalogues, yearbooks, articles, photographs) to the Littleton College Collection may do so by contacting Mrs. Charles (Frances Renfrow) Doak of Raleigh, Mrs. Lucille Aiken Breedlove of Durham, or Dr. Ralph Hardee Rives, Enfield. Former students of Littleton College and others interested in becoming affiliated with the Littleton College Memorial Association are invited to contact Mrs. George D. Stephenson, 3009 Montrose Avenue, Richmond, Va.

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Even a man loveth a cheerful giver.  
—Luther.



## Judicial Council Names Officers for 1960-64

The Rev. Dr. Lester A. Welliver, Williamsport, Pa., is the new president of the Judicial Council. Vice-president is Paul R. Ervin, Charlotte, N. C., attorney, and the secretary is the Rev. Dr. Wesley Pugh, Newcastle, Ind. Two new members were elected to the council at the General Conference: Theodore Berry, Cincinnati lawyer, and the Rev. Dr. W. Lemuel Clegg, Rev. Dr. Ralph M. Houston, Hempstead, Raleigh, N. C. The former secretary, the N. Y., has recently announced 12 decisions of the council on various matters referred to it.

## Commission Organizes For New Quadrennium

Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, Texas, who has headed the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation since its formation in 1952 was re-elected president as the group met July 26-27 in Colorado Springs, Colo. Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Columbus, Ohio, and Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of New York were named vice-presidents, and the Rev. Dr. Theodore C. Mayer of Warren, Ohio, was re-elected secretary. The Rev. Dr. E. Harold Mohn of Chicago, general secretary since the beginning of the commission and director of the four-year Advance for Christ and His Church before that, will serve until December 31, when he retires. Bishop Martin heads a nine-man committee charged with securing a successor for Dr. Mohn.

## Amendment is Presented to Platform Committee

On July 20 Dr. A. J. McFarland, field secretary of the Christian Amendment Movement, appeared before the Government and Finance Subcommittee of the Republican Platform Committee at its meeting in Chicago.

During the time allotted to him, Dr. McFarland spoke in answer to three questions suggested to him in previous correspondence with Mr. Charles H. Percy, chairman of the Platform Committee:

(1.) What will be America's greatest opportunities and most pressing needs in the next four years and beyond?

(2.) How does your organization intend to help America face these opportunities and needs?

(3.) How can the Republican Party help your organization make the greatest possible contribution to the well-being of America?

The proposed Christian Amendment, introduced in the 86th Congress by nine members of the House of Representatives, provides for the recognition in our Federal Constitution of "the authority and law of Jesus Christ, Saviour and Ruler of nations, through Whom are bestowed the blessings of Almighty God." One of these Congressmen, Hon. Eugene Siler of Kentucky, says: "In my way of thinking, this is the most important and far-reaching legislative programs now pending in our law-making body."

## Other Chicago Agencies Announce Moving Plans

The move of Methodist agencies from 740 Rush Street, Chicago, has been prompted by an expansion program of the Methodist Publishing House, announced last year. This plan included sale of the 740 Rush Street building and relocation of the publishing house's several Chicago departments. Tentative plans call for moving the Cokesbury book store from the Rush Street address to Chicago's Loop, according to William B. Sutton of Chicago, North Central regional manager of the publishing house. Editorial and advertising offices of *Together* magazine and *CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE* will be continued somewhere in Chicago, but the circulation and business departments of these magazines are being transferred in late August to Nashville, Tenn., where the publishing house has its general headquarters and maintains its primary printing facilities. A new 10-state North Central regional service center of the Methodist Publishing House will be erected in Park Ridge, a northwestern suburb of Chicago, in the near future. The firm's expanded business office and shipping facilities will then be shifted from the 740 Rush Street building to the new center. Two other boards now located in Chicago—the Board of World Peace and the Board of Social and Economic Relations—have been united by General Conference action with the Board of Temperance in Washington, D. C., each becoming divisions of a new Board of Christian Social Concerns, which will be based in the nation's capital. It is expected the actual transfer of these Chicago offices to Washington will not occur until next summer, but the new board will be formally organized September 29 in Washington.

## Bishops Named to Boards of Hospitals and Homes

Bishops Bachman G. Hodge and Fred G. Holloway have been named to membership on the Board of Hospitals and Homes. Bishop Hodge, of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, has his residence in Birmingham, Ala. Bishop Holloway, formerly president of Drew University, was newly-elected to the Episcopacy at the Northeastern Jurisdictional meeting in June. He has been assigned to the newly-created West Virginia Area, with residence in Charleston, W. Va.

Jurisdictional members, both lay and ministerial, will be announced after the completion of the various Jurisdictional meetings.

Organization of the Board for the 1960-1964 Quadrennial will take place on September 28, in Chicago.


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## "Soldiers Without Swords"

The work of the Salvation Army will be explored on the NBC Radio Network's "Faith in Action" in three broadcasts, "Soldiers Without Swords," on successive Sundays starting August 14 (8:15-8:30 a.m. EDT). Ben Grauer will be the interviewer.

Two young Corps officers, Capt. and Mrs. Robert Watson, will describe the Corps Center, basic unit of Salvation Army service, in "The Local Skirmish" Sunday, August 14. Lt. Col. Frank Guldenschuh, Men's Social Service Secretary in the Eastern Territory, will report on the work therapy programs at the 123 Social Service Centers throughout the country in "The National Struggle" Sunday, August 21. Commissioner Emma Davies, traveling commissioner representing the General of the Salvation Army in London, will talk about Salvation Army services in Ceylon, India and Africa, notably schools and hospitals, in "The Worldwide Battle" Sunday, August 28.

The series, an NBC Public Affairs presentation, will be produced in cooperation with the Salvation Army.

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# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## Love Always Wins

By M. A. Arthur

Jack and Larry heard the fire engines start down the street. Now they were coming back, and the two boys wanted to see the house that was burned.

"Did your mother say you could go?" Jack asked Larry.

"Mother is out," Larry said, "but she won't mind."

"My mother is out, too," said Jack, "but she won't mind, either."

They went excitedly along to where the fire was a short way off.

The fire was out when they got there, and there was a lot of burnt stuff in a heap on the street. Jack ran forward to get closer, and fell on a jagged piece of tin.

Larry helped him to his feet. There was a big rent in his pants, and his knee was cut and bleeding. "Oh, Larry!" he cried, "it hurts, and I can't walk!"

"I'll take care of you," said Larry. "We can get on the bus and go to the doctor. Mother says you must take care of cuts right away if they are from old tin."

Larry helped Jack over to where the bus ran close by. They climbed in when it stopped.

"Fares, please," the bus driver said.

"We don't have any money. Jack hurt his leg and we want to ride to the doctor."

The driver looked at the two boys. "You are not very big," he said, "but if you ride alone you can pay your fare."

"But we have to ride," Larry said. "Jack can't walk."

The driver was firm. "No fare, no ride. Get off!"

"I'll pay their fares, driver," said a man in the bus, and he dropped the coins into the box.

"Thank you, Mister," said Larry. "We would like to walk home, but Jack's knee hurts and I have to take him to the doctor."

"Do you know the doctor?" said the man.

"Oh, yes! He's the one Mother takes us to when we get hurt!"

"Who is 'we'?" asked the man, smiling.

"Me and my brother David," replied Larry.

The boys didn't have to go very far, and the man saw Larry help Jack off



## A CHILD SHALL LEAD

I stood before the wonder of a small  
Child's joy in simple things, and  
thought how much

We as grown-up people lose when all  
The world grows commonplace.  
The child will touch  
The petals of a flower, and seem to feel  
The hand of God caressing his again;  
While we will often crush beneath  
our heel

The precious gift of life—unheeding  
the pain

We cause our Father.  
Grant, O God, a heart  
That more responsive grows to Thy  
great love,

That I may never lose the gracious art  
Of knowing all I have comes from above.  
—TERRY.



the bus and up the steps to the doctor's house.

The doctor was surprised when the two small boys came in. "Are you alone?" he asked.

"Yes," Larry said. "Jack hurt his knee on an old piece of tin, and I brought him right over."

"Where is his mother?"

"She's out. If we wait 'til she comes home something might happen to the knee. It must be fixed right away."

The doctor looked at the torn, bleeding knee. "You are right, my boy," he said. "One never can tell what may happen if a cut from an old piece of tin is not taken care of. How did you happen to fall on it?"

"We ran to the fire a while ago," answered Larry. "It was all over when we got there, but there was a lot of burnt stuff left. Jack fell on some old tin the firemen tore off the roof."

"Suppose I had not been in the office, or that I refused to fix the knee?"

"But I knew you would. You are always so nice when I get hurt."

"Is this boy a friend of yours?" the doctor asked, as he put something soothing on Jack's knee.

"No," said Larry, "he lives in the next house and we sometimes play together—but we are enemies. His mother don't like my mother, because she won't go places at night when she comes home tired. My mother works in the day time."

"If he is your enemy, why do you take care of him when he gets hurt?"

"Cause he needed help. I'm supposed to love my enemies."

"Who told you that?"

"Mother did. She says the Bible says do good to those who hate you. I just had to take care of him!"

When the doctor finished there was a clean white bandage on Jack's knee.

The two boys thanked the doctor for being so kind, and as they went to the door he said to Larry, "Tell your mother I won't forget the lesson you gave me about loving your enemies."

And he smiled as Larry carefully guided Jack down the steps and started for home. — **The Free Will Baptist.**



## DETERMINATION

A small boy was learning to skate. His frequent falls attracted the attention of a bystander. "Sonny, you're getting all banged up," he said. "Why don't you stop for a while and just watch the others?"

With tears still rolling down his cheeks, he looked at the man and then at the skates, and answered, "Mister, I didn't get these skates to give up on; I got 'em to learn on." — **Exchange.**



## BIBLE QUIZ

1. Where in the Bible do you find the Ten Commandments?.....
2. Who was beheaded to please a dancing girl?.....
3. What is the greatest sermon ever preached, and who preached it?.....
4. When did a boy help Jesus perform a great miracle?.....
5. What girl loved her mother-in-law so much that she refused to leave her?....



## Answers to Last Week's Quiz

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|--------------------------|---------------|
| 1. The Philippian Jailer | Acts 16:25-30 |
| 2. Jesus                 | John 21:15    |
| 3. Cain                  | Genesis 4:9   |
| 4. The Rich Young Ruler  | Luke 18:18    |
| 5. Pilate                | John 18:37-38 |



## Sunday School Lesson

FOR AUGUST 28

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH

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### THE DANGER OF MILITARY ALLIANCES

*Background Scripture:* Isaiah 30-31; 20

*Lesson Scripture:* Isaiah 30:1-3, 15-18

With this lesson we begin another unit of four lessons in our general topic of this quarter, "Century of Great Prophets." The title of this unit is "God's Way in History." The Hebrews ultimately came to believe that God was not only the Lord of Nature, but also the Lord of History. For them, the rise and fall of nations was not due to the stupidity and weakness of some, as over against the cleverness and might of others; these things were due, rather, to the overarching purposes of God.

In our time the problems of international relations obtrude themselves upon our attention whether we are naturally interested in them or not. The fact that our personal destinies are tied up with the foreign policies of our country is something that we are never allowed to forget for one moment. At this date of writing the newspaper carries a front-page photograph showing the tense faces of the wives of American fliers whose plane was shot down by Russian airmen. What will be the fate of their loved ones? Will they be returned to them in safety, or will they be shot as spies?

It is hoped that, as a result of the study of the lessons of the past embodied in our next four lessons we shall be able to understand better what is going on in the world today, and what we as citizens, and as a nation, can do to help avoid the perils of impending destruction.

To get a better understanding of the issues involved in the suggested Bible material consult a map of the ancient Near East. You will notice that to the northeast of Palestine lay the powerful nation of Assyria. To the southwest was Egypt. Each of these two nations desired Israel as a buffer state between them—an ally upon whom they could count to slow down an attack by one upon the other. It appears from the writings of Isaiah that the Egyptian diplomats had easily succeeded in getting the willing Hebrews to cast in their lot with Egypt. But, according to the prophet, trust in such an alliance was folly and would bring only ruin to the nation.

"Woe to the rebellious children who . . . make an alliance, but not of my spirit . . . who set out to go down to Egypt . . . who take refuge in the protection of Pharaoh" is the message of Isaiah. Such a course of action, he says, will bring shame and humiliation upon the people. His position was destined to be vindicated by the harsh trend of events, for Israel indeed lost its identity as a free nation and reaped the bitter harvest of defeat and exile.

We have examined Isaiah's warning to his nation, his negative reaction to the policies of those in control of the nation's life. But what positive policies did he advocate? Was he like some who do nothing but criticize, never offering any positive suggestions? No, Isaiah had a program. It

could be summed up in the words: "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be your strength." To us who are accustomed to thinking of security in terms of overwhelming military might these words must indeed sound strange, if not utterly foolish. But it may help us to recall that some of the world's greatest soldiers have said in recent years that war really solves nothing. It is becoming harder and harder to tell who really wins a war. Now that we have our former enemies (Germany and Japan) on our side, are we more secure than we were before World War II? By "returning" Isaiah probably means repentance. By the word "rest" he is doubtless suggesting reliance upon God. "In quietness" suggests relief from feverish and historical anxiety—a condition which, in itself, may create the climate of strife and help to precipitate war.

Isaiah's final suggestion is that our strength will ultimately be found in our willingness to trust God. Trusting God and showing this trust by fair dealings with other nations will bring a kind of security that can never be found in weapons alone—no matter how powerful they may be—when these weapons are used as an excuse for following policies that are contrary to God's will.

### Christian Responsibility In 1960 Elections

An illuminating leaflet, *Christian Responsibility in the 1960 Elections*, recently published by the National Council of Churches, sets forth the concern of churchmen in the current political campaign. Coming as it does in the season of conventions and political activities, it is timely for all thoughtful citizens in assessing the American scene in an election year.

The leaflet may be ordered from the offices of the National Council at 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York. The cost is ten cents per copy or \$7.50 per hundred.

An Election Packet is another valuable resource for those vitally concerned in election issues. The packet has been developed by the Board of Christian Social Concerns and may be secured for one dollar by writing the board at 100 Maryland Avenue, N. E., Washington 2, D. C.

### Bishops in Southeast Stress Christian Education

The crucial importance of an effective religious education program for persons of all ages was stressed by bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction in the episcopal address at Lake Junaluska.

The value of church schools is not measured in statistics, the bishops said. The religious growth of the person toward Christlikeness, is the primary work of the church school. We must rely upon our church schools for the dissemination of knowledge of the Bible, and for the stimulation of all phases of our Christian program in the local church, in the community, and in world affairs."

The vital role of the church school in the work of evangelism in the local church was pointed out. "The church schools have

become the growing edge of denomination after denomination whose success in membership increase is outstanding. In Methodism much of the success of evangelism depends upon the church school. During the past ten years six out of every ten who united with the Methodist Church on profession of faith came through the church school."

Christian education, the bishops pointed out, must serve all classes and "we must be concerned for Christian training from the cradle to the grave." The fullest possible use must be made of educational facilities, with longer periods of learning opportunities on Sunday as well as week-day hours for additional religious instruction.

The bishops urged church schools to render larger service in the training of new members. More membership classes should be available and a continuing opportunity provided for study in the meaning of the Christian life and Methodist beliefs. Knowledge, they said, "is one of the basic factors which contribute to making an active church membership."

Making a strong plea for consistent use of Methodist church school literature, the bishops reported that the Southeastern Jurisdiction leads the entire church in the purchase of Methodist curriculum materials, with 88% of the church schools using Methodist literature while for the entire church the figure is 71%. "We should use our own Methodist church school literature with pride and without apology."

The bishops urged an enlargement of the program of Christian education by establishing new church schools in areas not now served by churches. "Methodist church schools can become expanding frontiers of church extension," the address pointed out.

### Bishop Garrison Heads Coordinating Council

Bishop Edwin R. Garrison of Aberdeen, S. D., head of the Dakota Area, was elected president of the Coordinating Council for 1960-64 at its organization meeting in Chicago July 20. He succeeds Bishop Charles W. Brashares of Chicago. Bishop Garrison had served four years as secretary of the council. Other officers chosen are: vice-president, Leon Hickman, Pittsburgh, and secretary, T. Russell Reitz, Manhattan, Kansas. Bishop Roy H. Short of Nashville heads the council's program committee.

### Alaska Methodism Shows Good Gains

Membership of the church in Alaska, now 3,136, has grown by 232 per cent over the last 10 years, and by 1970 a membership of 10,000 is forecast. That information on the growth of Alaska Methodism is contained in reports by two Methodist experts on Alaska—the Rev. Dr. Allen B. Rice of Philadelphia, executive secretary for home missions of the Division of National Missions, and the Rev. Fred McGinnis, former superintendent of the Alaska Mission, who is now president of Alaska Methodist University.



## Hamilton Speaks At Ministers' Conference

*Lake Junaluska* — "There no longer can be a master race and a servant race," a Florida clergyman said here in a frank discussion of race relations.

"The colored people of the world are arising and they aren't going to sit in the back seats any more," said the Rev. Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton, pastor of the Pasadena Community Methodist Church, St. Petersburg, Fla.

He was a platform speaker here at the Methodist summer assembly July 19-22 during the annual ministerial conference for Methodist pastors and district superintendents of the nine-state Southeastern Jurisdiction.

"Old systems all over the world are breaking up," Dr. Hamilton continued. "Three-fourths of mankind is on the march with great hope. The most foolish of all ideas is that we can close our eyes and all these problems will go away.

"The question for us is 'can the church catch up with Christ?'" he said.

"The church today is not leading the world, as it should, in initiating and shaping new ideas. Jesus was way ahead of his day. One of our troubles is that we cannot imagine God in a mechanized world. The time has come for us to think new thoughts, to be concerned with the 'why' of things as well as the 'how,' to dig new wells of faith and understanding and re-dig our old wells that are cluttered with ecclesiastical rubbish.

"We have permitted secularism to advance generation after generation until modern man is lonely, isolated and frightened without God. He thinks he has nobody to turn to except man. We have tried to push God to the farthest reaches of outer space. We are afraid to face up to an old-fashioned word called 'sin,' beg God's forgiveness, and accept his acceptance.

"The darkness and gloom, the sadness and anxiety throughout the world is a sure sign that God has not finished with man. Man does not hold the sovereignty of the future - that is in God's hands.

"The church was born in an age of anxiety, and it certainly has a good word for our own anxious times.

"Modern man is groping for answers. Our task, as ministers and church workers, is to get his message across, to proclaim it from the housetops, and to make it clear that God is not far away, but nearer to each of us than any human being."

## Homecoming To Be Held At Centenary

Homecoming service will be held at the old Centenary Church on the Rowland charge at 11:00 o'clock a.m. August 28. Rev. W. C. Wilson of Durham, former pastor, will preach the sermon. Lunch will be served on the church grounds following the morning worship, and an afternoon service will be held at 200 o'clock. The pastor of the Rowland charge, Rev. J. H. Parrish, and his wife are spending the month of August in Sacramento, California, visiting their son, Harold, and family.

## Christian Educators Confer At Institute in Nashville

One speaker at the Methodist-sponsored Institute of Higher Education in Nashville challenged the Russians with his own counter-propaganda plan on African higher education, and another proposed a Methodist university "second to none" in the world. A total of 257 educators from church-related and privately sponsored colleges and universities in 29 states attended the 15th institute July 25-27. President Harold C. Case of Boston University proposed that the approximately 2,000 accredited American colleges and universities each take, at the school's expense, two African students a year. This would match the Soviet announcement that Russia will establish a university to enroll 4,000 students from Africa, Latin America, and Asia, said Dr. Case. The Methodist university second to none was proposed by Dr. Felix C. Robb, dean of instruction at Peabody College, Nashville, and himself a Methodist. The institute was sponsored by the Division of Higher Education of the Board of Education, Scarritt College and other Methodist agencies.

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## Book Reviews

**Our Eternal Inheritance**, by David A. MacLennan. 15c per copy; 10 for \$1.00. \$7.00 per 100. Order from THE UPPER ROOM, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 5, Tenn.

Someone has spoken to me in the night . . . and told me I shall die, I know not where.

Saying:

"To lose the earth you know, for greater knowing; to lose the life you have, for greater life; to leave the friends you loved, for greater loving; to find a land more kind than home, more large than earth."

—Thomas Wolfe.

**Our Eternal Inheritance** is a 24-page booklet concerning the Christian view of death. Its author is the well-known minister of Brick Presbyterian Church, Rochester, New York.

This small book is built upon Paul's promise of hope: I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.—1 Thessalonians 4:13. It suggests that we come to terms with death by accepting it as a reality; that we put aside the basic anxiety of death and fill our lives with hope in Christ. "Trust Him . . . there as here, with those you love, with yourself," writes Dr. MacLennan.

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# CAROLINA BRIEFS . . .

☛ MRS. C. P. GOODE, widow of the late Rev. C. P. Goode, is a patient at Cone Memorial Hospital, Greensboro. Mrs. Goode entered the hospital July 13.

☛ DR. W. ARTHUR KALE, professor of Christian Education, Duke Divinity School, was the preacher at the 11:00 o'clock hour at St. Paul Church, Goldsboro, Sunday, August 14.

☛ HOMECOMING was observed at Muir's Chapel, Greensboro, last Sunday, August 21. After worship service a bountiful spread was enjoyed on the church lawn, and a period of fellowship followed.

☛ GARY VINCENT WILLIAMS, aged 10 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Williams of Macon, was baptized in the Macon Methodist Church July 5, by Rev. L. W. Ross.

☛ REV. AND MRS. A. A. KYLES, of Newlyn Street Church, Greensboro, are attending the camp meeting at Lake Junaluska. They will visit at Charlotte and Mooresville while on vacation before returning home.

☛ THE EDITOR OF THE ADVOCATE preached to a fine congregation at College Place Church, Greensboro, at the 11:00 o'clock service Sunday, August 14. The pastor, the Rev. Dwight B. Mullis, is on vacation.

☛ THE REV. ROY E. BELL, pastor of First Church, North Wilkesboro, preached at First Church, Charlotte, last Sunday, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. W. K. Goodson, who was on vacation.

☛ REV. EARLE R. HAIRE, who has been on an extended trip to Europe and Egypt for several weeks, returned to his home at Sedge Garden August 20, and occupied his pulpit on August 21st.

☛ KILGO METHODIST CHURCH, Charlotte, will observe its seventeenth anniversary and homecoming Sept. 11. A picnic lunch will be spread following the morning worship service, and all members and friends are invited to participate.

☛ THE CONGREGATION OF Race Street Church, Statesville, enjoyed a church-wide picnic at Skyview Lake near Harmony Sunday evening with around 200 attending. A vesper service, including choral speaking and music, was presented by the young people, and the entire congregation participated in hymn-singing.

☛ ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, the annual homecoming service will be held at Bethlehem Church, Union County. Rev. S. J. Starnes, editor of the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, will preach the sermon. This is Mr. Starnes' home church, where he joined when a boy of 14 years. Lunch will be spread on the lawn, and a period of fellowship will follow.

☛ BORN TO MR. AND MRS. GEORGE W. MACDOW of 170 Pierce Avenue, Hamburg,

New York, on July 23, a son, Stephen Mark. Mr. MacDow, formerly of Charlotte, was active as a church school worker and lay speaker. Mrs. MacDow is the former Geraldine Surratt, deaconess and rural worker in the Western North Carolina Conference.

☛ THE FORMAL OPENING SERVICE and Homecoming for Vickery-Burnett's Chapel Methodist Church, Route 7, Greensboro, was held at the 11:00 o'clock service Sunday, August 14. The Rev. Herman Beck, a former pastor, preached the homecoming sermon. A picnic lunch was served, and hymn-singing occupied the afternoon program. Rev. Wade G. Rogers is the pastor.

☛ HOMECOMING DAY will be observed at the Rosemary Methodist Church, Roanoke Rapids, Sunday, September 4. Rev. C. J. Andrews, a former pastor, will preach at the 11:00 o'clock service. A picnic dinner will be spread on the church lawn following the service. All former pastors, former members and friends are invited to attend. Revival services will begin at the 7:30 service and continue during the week with the Rev. W. A. Tew, pastor of Rosemary Methodist Church, preaching.

☛ MT. MORIAH CHURCH, Peachland charge, Albemarle District, will observe Homecoming on Sunday, August 28th. Rev. A. Glenn Lackey will preach the Homecoming sermon at 11:00 o'clock. Lunch will be served at 12:30. At 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon a special song service will be held. Special singers have been invited to this service. On Monday night, August 29th, and each night at 7:30 through September 2nd, the church will have revival services. Dr. Edgar H. Nease is to be the visiting evangelist. All members, former members and friends are invited to all services.

☛ REV. AND MRS. M. C. ELLERBE of Catawba celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary Sunday, August 14. Invitations were issued through the churches and more than a hundred guests called during the afternoon, among whom were Dr. J. Elwood Carroll, superintendent of Statesville District, and Rev. and Mrs. Joe Green of the Concord-Hopewell Charge. In the receiving line with her parents was Miss Judith Ann Ellerbe. The ladies of the church arranged for the occasion and directed the festivities. The parsonage was beautifully decorated, and it was a delightful celebration.

☛ DR. W. JACKSON HUNEYCUTT, Albemarle district superintendent, preached at the Homecoming service at Pine Grove Church, near Albemarle, at 11:00 a.m. August 14. A short memorial service was also held for two deceased members, Mr. Tom Kelly and Mr. T. P. Helms. At noon a picnic style luncheon was served on the church grounds. Beginning at 7:30, the Rev. Earl Cook of Kannapolis began a revival meeting to run through the week. The Rev. E. P. Greene is pastor.

☛ REV. AND MRS. H. G. ALLEN, of Statesville, left August 11, for a visit to Mr. Fred H. Allen, Oakland, California. From there they leave for a trip to Southeast Asia and around the world. They expect to return October 9th. Mr. Allen is a member of the Board of Publication of the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

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## Interesting Methodist Briefs

The fourth Methodist-related retirement home in Oregon will be constructed at Seaside at a cost of \$2,800,000, according to the Rev. Edward Terry, executive director of Oregon Senior Citizens of Seaside, Inc.

Robert C. Williams, staff member of the Board of Lay Activities, Chicago, has resigned to accept a position as church business administrator for the 4,000-member Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles. He begins his new work Sept. 15.

Dr. Albert E. Barnett, professor of New Testament at the Emory University Candler School of Theology, recently published *The Church: Its Origin and Task, A Study of Biblical Sources* at the invitation of the executive secretaries of the Methodist Student Movement. It is a study manual for the Department of College and University Religious Life of the Methodist Church.

The Rev. Dr. Ho Seng Ong, a Malayan Chinese leader who has been serving on the executive staff of the Board of Missions in New York, left recently for Malaya to be pastor of Wesley Church in Kuala Lumpur and superintendent of the Selangor District. He will also administer the work of more than 75 Methodist schools with an enrollment of about 50,000 pupils.

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# EDITORIALS



## THEME FOR THE WEEK

*This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.*

—John 15:12, 13, 14.



## Camp Meeting Time

Camp meeting time is again here, and in many sections of Methodism the traditional camp meeting revival either has been held, is in progress, or will soon begin. Methodism has been famous through the years for its camp meetings. And while these have not been emphasized in recent years as strongly as they once were, still a good many sections look forward with great expectation to these occasions when neighbors and friends from far and near come together for a week or ten days of singing, praying, and preaching, and for the fine fellowship it affords. To mention only a few that are prominent in the thinking of many North Carolinians, there is the Rock Springs camp at Denver, held this year August 7-14, with Rev. F. W. Kiker, pastor of Central Avenue, Charlotte, as the preacher. Rev. M. W. Heckard is the pastor at Rock Springs. Pleasant Grove camp meeting in Union County this year again has as the preacher Rev. Harold Robinson, pastor of First Church, Salisbury. Mr. Robinson has held a number of the meetings at Pleasant Grove, and is a favorite with those in attendance. That meeting was in progress last week, August 14-21. Also in progress last week was the Candler camp meeting at Lake Junaluska, Dr. Roy L. Smith, one of the most widely known and admired of all Methodist preachers, together with Dr. Edwin L. Kimbrough, superintendent of Birmingham District, Alabama, were the preachers. This camp usually draws large congregations from over the state and beyond. During this week, Aug. 21-28, the Bald Creek camp meeting is in progress. Alternating in the preaching responsibilities are Rev. Robert M. Hardee, pastor at Troutman, and Rev. Dewey Smith, of Abernathy Memorial Church, Newton. Beginning Friday, August 26, and running through

Monday, September 5, the great camp meeting at Ocean Grove, New Jersey, will be in progress. It always begins 10 days preceding Labor Day, and closes on Labor day. For many years Bishop Arthur J. Moore has been one of the favorite preachers, sharing the pulpit duties with many notables, both in this country and from abroad. These are only a few of the more prominent camps held each year and to which people are drawn by the thousands—some of them reaching up to 10,000 or 12,000. There is no way of determining the far-reaching influence of these annual religious festivals, but without doubt their spiritual force has been a major factor through the years in keeping alive and making strong the ideals upon which this nation was founded.

## "Back to School"

By the time this article is put in print and read many of the public schools of North Carolina will have opened or be on the verge of opening for the fall session, and the youngsters from the first grade through high school and into college age will again be making their way toward the open classroom for another nine months of educational training. Literally, hundreds of thousands of young people, multitudes of parents and teachers, and many millions of dollars will be involved in this operation. It will touch in one way or another every home and involve every citizen of the state, and is therefore of tremendous importance. As one of the candidates said in the race for governorship, we don't want our educational system to be second-rate, for it can and should rank at the top-level. Whether this standard is realized or not depends upon the interest and support of the entire citizenship. It is especially relevant in these times of specialization that every child should have special training in some particular field if he or she is to be able to maintain themselves and at the same time make a worthy contribution in service to humanity. Time was when a hit-or-miss slipshod attitude toward this matter might have prevailed, but not any more. Many young people will take their school work with dead seriousness, and will seek to make the best of their opportunities. Others will not be so concerned. A child's education is the business of parents as well as teachers. Unless there is co-operation and encouragement in the home the teachers' efforts may fall short of the mark. These are plastic days in the child's life. Much depends upon attitudes taken and habits formed, for these determine success or failure, not just for the present, but for all time to come. Parents and teachers must share alike in this responsibility.

## Rev. John H. Green Keeps Busy

The Rev. John H. Green, retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference, reports that he has been very active in revival work since retiring four years ago. He has held some fifty revivals. Since the last conference he has assisted in revivals on Newdale charge, Rev. J. R. Dawkins, pastor; Rev. Coy Crow at Old Richmond Peoples Church; and Riverview Camp Meeting, Fig. N. C. On August 14 he began a meeting at Grace Church, Asheville, Rev. A. B. Pearce, pastor; on Sept. 25 with Rev. W. C. Clark at Thomasville Bethel Church; and October 23 Rev. Stoneking, Mayesville, Ky., for two weeks. His address is RFD 3, Box 928, West Asheville, N. C.

## Homecoming at Moriah Methodist Church Aug. 28

Annual Homecoming at Moriah Methodist Church, Liberty Road, near Greensboro, will be observed Sunday, August 28. The celebration will include church school at 9:45 a.m., with the special homecoming worship service at 11:00 a.m., followed by the usual picnic dinner.

The 11:00 o'clock service will be conducted by the minister, Rev. Harold F. Schram, with Mr. Charles W. Phillips, director of Public Relations of Woman's College, U.N.C., as guest speaker. Special "old favorite hymns" will be offered by the choir under the direction of Mr. Noel Coltrane with Mrs. W. A. Sherrill, organist.

The homecoming event of Moriah has been an annual tradition for well over 100 years and possibly as far back as 1813 when the church was organized and then known as "the Moriah Meeting of the Methodist Church." In 1829 Moriah joined with several churches in North Carolina in organizing the Methodist Protestant Church. A movement is underway among the members for the observance of the 150th anniversary in 1963.

All former pastors, members, and all friends of Moriah are invited to this event of this year and to bring their traditional baskets and share in the fellowship of the services and in the picnic dinner spread in the shade of the trees on the church grounds.

## The Wayside Pulpit

By ED EARNHARDT

The Methodists and Baptists are against the Catholics and each other. The Methodists fear that close association with the Baptists might result in the accidental drowning of some of their children. The Baptists are allergic to the Methodist dust fall-out due to the faulty sprinkling system. The Baptists say the Methodist bishop is a part-time pope. The Methodists say that the smallest voter in the Baptist pasture can kick down the fence. They both say that the Catholic pope has no family and could move to Washington at a moment's notice. So we all vote our convictions and convict our voters.



# Fiftieth Anniversary For Harkers Island Church



On August 14, 1960, the Harkers Island Methodist Church celebrated its fiftieth anniversary with an all-day homecoming service at which time the Rev. Hillary Bryant preached. A picnic lunch was spread on the grounds at 12:30 o'clock. A song service started at 2:00 o'clock with special singing by the Prescott Quartet from Stonewall, the Straits Church choir (our sister church on the charge), and the Harkers Island Church choir. Evening services began at 7:45 o'clock with Rev. Jesse C. Statton of Kinston, speaker.

To summarize the history of the Methodist Church on Harkers Island, we will have to begin by remembering those first stalwart members who with the love of God in their hearts and with a determination to carry His word to all the people worked long and prayed hard to establish a church in which to worship. After several years of holding meetings in homes and in the school house, they built their church in 1910. Harkers Island was inaccessible by land and all materials had to be transported to the island by boat. After assembling the materials and preparing the grounds for building, the members hired Mr. Curtis Davis as "boss carpenter" for \$2.00 per day. Mr. Davis, age 85, still lives at his home in Marshallburg. In the months that followed, these people worked hard and gave of their material means until the church was ready for services. Although incomplete, it was their church and they loved it. The first appointed pastor of the church was Rev. N. B. Strickland and the first annual budget was \$105.00.

In September 1913 this church for which they had worked so long and so hard was destroyed by wind during a hurricane. Even though they were distressed by this tragedy, they never gave up. Within a few weeks they had cleared away the debris and had started rebuilding. In the early part of 1914 they were ready to hold services in the church building which stands today and which still serves the people of the island.

The church today has a membership of 111 with an annual budget of approximately \$4,500.00. Our pastor is the Rev. C. Ray West. The church has an active Methodist

Men's Club, Woman's Society of Christian Service, Methodist Youth Fellowship, Adult Choir, Young Girls' Choir, and is organizing a Young Boys' Choir.

The members of the Historical Committee of this Homecoming Celebration would like to thank Mr. Dan W. Yeomans, age 83, the only charter member of this church who is still living, and Mr. Allen Moore, one of the earlier members of the church, for the information which they gave to us concerning the church. "Capt. Dan," as Mr. Yeomans is known throughout the county, resides at his home on the shore of Harkers Island and when he talks of the hardships and difficulties through which the first church endured there can still be seen the love of God and His Church, with which the Methodist Church on Harkers Island was established.

## CHRIST AS YOUR ASSURANCE

By PATSY JOHNSON

*As you travel down life's pathway,  
Though the days are long and dim,  
Take Christ as your assurance;  
Put your faith and trust in Him.*

*When misguided by temptations,  
And you feel you'll surely fall,  
Just ask the Lord to help you;  
He will answer every call.*

*When the pathway starts to darken  
And you cannot find your way,  
You can feel His presence near you  
As He promised He would stay.*

*If you'll give your heart to Jesus,  
And will let Him be your Friend,  
He will make your life a blessing  
And cleanse your soul of sin.*

*Walking hand in hand with Jesus  
You cannot lose your way,  
For He is always there to guide you  
Until He comes again one day.*

## Dolls For Ganta Mission, Liberia

By C. FRANK PENNIGAR

While Miss Jewell Lineberger of Mount Pleasant Methodist Church was packing to go to the Ganta Mission she was given a little doll by Della Pennigar to be given to some little girl in Liberia. The doll reached its destination and Jewell reports the following: "The little doll that Della gave me has been given away. A small Madingo child came into the hospital with a liver disease, and she had such an enlarged liver that she looked as if she had swallowed a watermelon whole. She was all by herself, and we could not find out if she had a family or not. We later learned that she had been sent alone in the jungles to find the white medicine man. She was admitted to the hospital and when night came her little heart nearly broke, and she cried and cried. She talked a blue streak and laid

it off with her hands, but it was Greek to me. I ran over to my room and got the doll and gave it to her. She was so happy, she forgot crying and settled down for the night. Her mother came for her this afternoon. She put her clothes, eating utensils, etc., on her little head and clutching the little doll in her hand, headed hoomeward. Her name is Sigmabe La Belon, and she is nine years old. She will not likely live very long as the disease that she has is most always fatal. Children here never see such things as dolls and they are non-existent in the villages." The fact that this little doll has made someone happy has inspired the Juniors and Intermediates of Mount Pleasant and Rehobeth Methodist Churches of the Terrell Charge to dress and prepare to send seventy dolls to the Ganta Mission.





## World Methodists Plan For Oslo '61

Zurich, Switzerland—Bishop Fred Pierce Corson will be installed and deliver his inaugural address as president of the World Methodist Council on August 25, 1961.

Appropriately the auditorium will be Philadelphia Hall, but this building is not in the American city where this U. S. bishop has resided for the past 16 years.

This ceremony will take place in Oslo, Norway, at the conclusion of the tenth World Methodist Conference, August 17-25, 1961. Bishop Corson will succeed the Rev. Dr. Harold Roberts, principal of Richmond College, Surrey, England. At that time he will have completed the full five-year term of this highest office of world Methodism.

Following the British Methodist tradition of making official nominations a year in advance, Bishop Corson was chosen by the executive committee of the World Methodist Council in session here August 2-7.

The advance nominations for the 1961 elections included the two secretaries of the Council, both of whom have served since 1951 and both of whom are retiring.

The Rev. Dr. E. Benson Perkins of Birmingham, the secretary resident in Great Britain, is to be succeeded in the Oslo election by the Rev. Max Woodward, minister at Wesley Chapel, City Road, London.

The nominating committee of the North American Section has been authorized to defer the announcement of its candidate for the secretary resident in the U.S.A. When elected in August, 1961, this new official will succeed the Rev. Dr. Elmer T. Clark of Lake Junaluska, N. C. Nomination and election of the treasurers will take place at Oslo. Dr. Clark will continue in service to world Methodism as librarian and curator of the collection of books, manuscripts and other Methodistic at the Lake Junaluska headquarters.

Dr. Harry Denman of Nashville, Tenn. was elected by the Zurich meeting of the executive committee to succeed the late Rev. Dr. William E. Sangster of London in the chairmanship of the Committee on World Evangelism. He assumed office immediately.

"I hope to see the day when every Methodist church in the world will have a prayer partner," Dr. Denman said, in accepting the office. He reported numerous international missions during the past year wherein teams of visiting evangelists carried on campaigns in countries other than their own.

The U. S. source of information about the 1961 Oslo Conference is Dr. Elmer T. Clark, Secretary of the World Methodist Council resident in U.S.A. His address is Lake Junaluska, N. C.

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A self-portrait of the American executive—based on a survey of 6,500 top businessmen conducted by *Newsweek*—reveals that he is just about as interested in religion and culture as in business news. The survey also shows that 72 per cent of these leaders are members of civic organizations.

## Churches Challenged to Strengthen Church Schools

Because church school attendance in too many churches is not what it ought to be, the Southern California-Arizona annual conference recently gave serious consideration to means of meeting the challenge.

Dr. Grover C. Bagby, executive secretary, listed some of the reasons for declining attendance in many churches: population shifts, more employed women which decreases the number of available teachers, lack of pastoral attention and leadership, overcrowding in some churches, lack of training classes and guidance for workers, frustration factors in teaching in church schools where there are few requirements for attendance or learning, lack of support from congregations and parents, and lack of adequate teaching standards.

The Rev. Russell Robinson of Pomona, Calif., urged a new strategy involving week night and weekday religious education programs to combat the trend of families being away from home over the weekend.

Dr. Russell E. Clay, Los Angeles district superintendent and retiring president of the conference board of education, outlined steps to strengthen the program of Christian education in the local church. The church, he said, must:

1. Capture a concern for every child within each local church's geographical area.

## Eight N. C. Methodist Colleges Soon Begin Fall Term

Within a few days the eight Methodist institutions in North Carolina engaged in higher education will open their doors to students for the fall term. It is to the credit of the church that it is endeavoring to provide sufficient facilities to care for all its young people who desire to secure college training. North Carolina is blessed with educational institutions, both on the church and state levels, that rank second to none in the nation. Its people believe in education and support it. It is interesting to note that one of the candidates for the presidency of the United States received his training in a North Carolina university.

We give here, in alphabetical order, the names and opening dates of the eight colleges operating in North Carolina under the auspices of the Methodist Church.

Brevard College, Brevard, N. C. President, Dr. Emmett K. McLarty. Registration date, September 14; first classes, September 15. Enrollment, approximately 400.

Duke University, Durham, N. C. President, Dr. Deryl Hart. Registration date, September 19-20; classes begin September 22. Enrollment, 5,624.

Greensboro College, Greensboro, N. C. President, Dr. Harold Hutson. Registration date, September 12; classes begin September 15. Enrollment, 507.

2. Create more regularity in attendance.

3. Organize more Sunday schools in growing communities.

4. Awaken parents to their responsibility for the moral and spiritual training of their children and to the need of their going with them to Sunday school.

## American Bible Society Names New Secretaries

The American Bible Society announces the following appointments:

The Rev. Jacob W. Limkemann, Secretary of the American Bible Society's Central America Agency since 1952, has been appointed Study Secretary for Latin America in connection with the United Bible Societies' worldwide study of Bible use.

The Rev. Reginald H. Wheatley has been named executive secretary of the American Bible Society's Central America Agency, with headquarters in Guatemala City.

The Rev. James P. Smith has been appointed a regional distribution secretary in the American Bible Society's Western and Pacific office in Los Angeles.

Dr. Mark A. Talney has been appointed to serve as regional distribution secretary for the American Bible Society in the Pacific Northwest, with offices in Portland, Oregon. Dr. Talney has been executive secretary of the Oregon Council of Churches since 1952.

High Point College, High Point, N. C. President, Dr. Wendell M. Patton. Registration date, September 14; classes begin, September 16. Enrollment, 1,050.

Louisburg College, Louisburg, N. C. President, Dr. Cecil W. Robbins. Registration: upperclassmen, September 8; classes begin Sept. 10. Enrollment above 500.

Methodist College, Fayetteville, N. C. President, Dr. L. Stacy Weaver. Registration, September 16-17. Monday, September 19, will be formal opening day, with Bishop Paul N. Garber speaking. Luncheon for trustees, foundation members and invited guests.

North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, N. C. President, Rev. Thomas A. Collins. Registration and orientation, September 19; classes begin September 22; Sept. 25, open worship convocation at First Methodist Church, 4:00 p.m., Bishop Paul N. Garber, speaking.

Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, N. C. President, Dr. J. Lem Stokes, II. Freshmen report September 6, orientation begins September 7; upperclassmen register September 10. Enrollment beyond 800.

All of these colleges are co-educational and several are planning extensive enlargement programs during the coming year. Each of them is blessed with good equipment and excellent faculties.





## In Passing

### People Are the Same

Pennsylvania church people are little different from those in North Carolina . . . and it has been our experience to find that this holds good regarding people in other places also. They have the same brotherly attitude, the readiness to meet the new preacher more than half-way.

So we were not surprised to find that the people at Summerdale reminded us very much of the people in Marion, Fayetteville, and Greensboro, to name only a few of our favorite congregations down south. Hot weather, vacations and summer distractions have taken their toll of our congregations, so they say, but the aggregate number in attendance during a Sunday amounts up to a sizeable group.

Like many churches these days, Summerdale has given up the old idea that eleven o'clock on Sunday morning is the only time that the Lord visits the people. Instead, they have scheduled services at 8:30 in the morning and 7:30 at night, in addition to the sacred hour of 11:00. Now hardly anybody attends all three, or even two, services, and the former pastor was able to preach the same sermon to all three congregations. Unfortunately, I am so constituted that I just can't do that, and so I keep busy preparing sermons. After five years of writing editorials, it isn't easy, but it's great to be able to preach that much.

### "I Shall Not Be Moved"

My friend Starnes will, no doubt, be ready to agree with me in singing lustily the chorus of the old camp-meeting which concludes:

"Just like a tree that's planted by the water, I shall not be moved."

After packing for a month and unpacking for another, I am ready to stay a long time. I haven't yet found all my clothes, and there are 25 boxes stacked in the basement that haven't been opened, and can't be until the carpenters finish building a big closet down there. You see, I had forgotten that the folks up here really furnish a parsonage with everything that a preacher needs, and all that van-load which I brought up here must be stored somewhere.

There's one thing that parsonage committees down there might find interesting. The heating plant here is in the church next door, and the basement is free to be used as a rumpus room, laundry and darkroom. There is no coal dust or ashes to bother with. The modern oil-burner deliv-

ers heat when you want it and you don't have to do a thing but watch the thermostat. That can be very delightful on a winter day. Also the preacher pays \$180 a year for heat and that is that. (One year I paid \$450 for coal, about \$50 more for ash disposal.)

One of the most delightful of our experiences up here has been the friendliness of the children and young people. You see, this is a small community surrounded by a large city. Originally a summer resort for residents of Harrisonburg, it perched on a hill overlooking the city and kept out of the crowd. Everyone knew everyone else, and it is still that way, although the countryside around it is full of real estate developments and thousands of new residents. But the people here are one big family, and the children have all the characteristics of those in an old-time small town.

When the new preacher came, he was everybody's preacher (for this is the only church) and he promptly fell heir to jobs that the former pastor, an energetic and lovable young man) had taken on. So I found that I was patron of the Scouts, the Little League ball team, the fire department, and a few other things which I haven't yet discovered.

I was delighted, on my second evening, to find four young fellows on my doorstep ready to make sure that I attended the Scout meeting. And a few nights later I received a call from two young brothers and their sister, who welcomed me with all the courtesy of a committee - - and with much more enthusiasm.

Someone asked if I had retired. Not by a long shot. I'm as busy as a one-armed paperhanger with the hives. But it's wonderful to be back in the pastorate again.

### News from Back Home

Nothing better dramatizes the plight of the Methodist Conferences which have no news magazines than my experience of the last two weeks. During that time I have been waiting eagerly for news about the election of bishops for the Southeastern Jurisdiction. I had some friends "in the running," and I wanted to know how they fared. But there was no *ADVOCATE* to tell me what had happened. Only today (August 8) did I receive meager notice of the election and hardly anything about the actions of the conference, in the pages of *THE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE* (Chicago).

As to the story, I am still puzzled as to whether Bishop Harmon is presiding over the whole state or whether Bishop Garber still looks after the NC Conference. The story said that "the delegates split up the Charlotte Area which had previously embraced the South Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences. The South Carolina Conference will be administered out of Columbia and the North Carolina Conference out of Charlotte."

Evidently there is a mistake somewhere. If I had a copy of Editor Starnes' report on the meeting, I'd be all right, but my subscription must have expired! Do any of my former readers wish to enlighten me? If so, write me at *The Methodist Church, Summerdale, Pa.*

See you again—in passing.

—R.P.M.

## Book Reviews

**Life In The Son**, by Robert Shank. Westcott Publishers, Springfield, Missouri. Price \$4.95.

This handsome volume, bearing the apt subtitle: "A Study of the Doctrine of Perseverance," provides one of the most penetrating studies of that rather large body of Scripture truth bearing upon this important theme that it has been my privilege to read for many a long day. In nineteen carefully written chapters, every one a gem of scholarship and comprehension, the author forces us by the power of his logic and his exacting interpretation to re-evaluate many of the positions we have held for years. The Methodist preacher, teacher and student of the scriptures will find much here that will deepen the time-honored position of Methodism on the subject of spiritual security and related themes, while those whose heritage has been that of the so-called Reformed doctrine will find in it a provocative and often disturbing series of studies on scriptures recognized throughout the history of the church as of vital importance to every believer.

Upon my suggestion several copies of this book were displayed at the last session of our North Carolina Conference, and upon my personal recommendation to the preachers all the copies were sold. May I suggest the purchase of this book to all our preachers, who will find within it a vast storehouse of vital truth which should be shared with their people. —V. T. Crawford.

**Studies in the Sermon on The Mount**, by Dr. D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan. \$4.50.

Dr. Lloyd-Jones, who succeeded the late G. Campbell Morgan as minister of Westminster Chapel, London, is considered "the greatest expositor of the Word of God in any pulpit in the English world today," by one of the ablest Bible teachers in America. The publication of his first volume on the Sermon on the Mount by an American publisher is indeed an event of importance. This volume deals with Chapter 5 of the great Sermon. Anyone who likes a book that goes down to the very heart of the gospel, and out of an able and thoroughly trained mind and a deep and rich Christian experience, "brings forth things new and old," will find in the study of this volume spiritual insights that will enrich his spiritual life and testimony, as long as he lives. Thirty wonderful chapters closely packed with spiritual truth, and handsomely bound in beautiful blue, gold-imprinted cloth binding. —V. T. Crawford.

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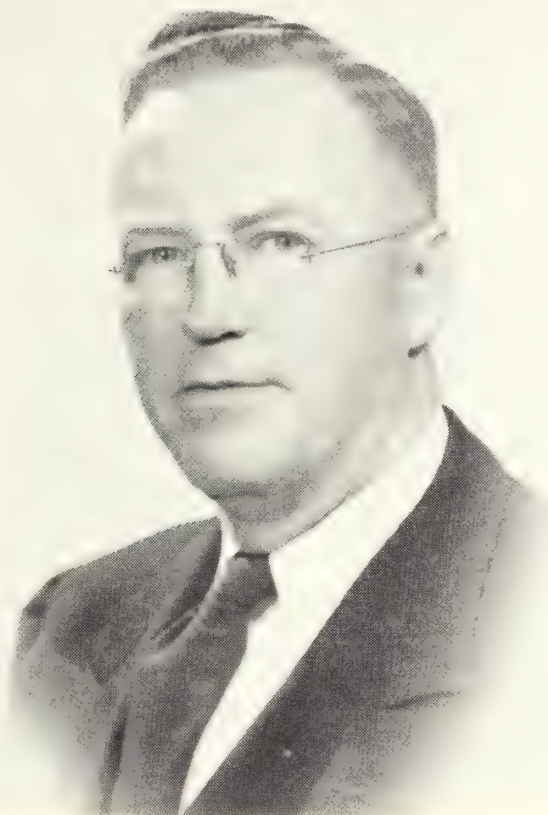
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# Rev. James Ernest Yountz Honored By 28 Memorial Gifts



Twenty-eight memorial gifts have been made in memory of the late Rev. J. E. Yountz, 54, superintendent of Marion District, who died of a heart attack on June 5, at Zion Methodist Church, near Morganton, where he had participated in groundbreaking ceremonies. He was stricken at the Zion Memorial Church just east of Morganton where he and other participants had gone inside to gather for supper following the groundbreaking, for which Mr. Yountz had made the principal address and shoveled the first spade of earth.

Rushed to Grace Hospital, he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Funeral services were conducted in the First Methodist Church of Marion at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 7, by Bishop Nolan B. Harmon of Charlotte and assisted by Rev. C. Jerome Huneycutt, pastor, the Rev. Fletcher Nelson and Rev. Walter B. West. The body was taken to Vogler Funeral Home at Winston-Salem where a short service was held on Wednesday morning. Dr. Allen P. Brantley of the North Carolina Conference, a long-time friend, and Dr. Mark Depp, pastor of Centenary, had charge of this service. Burial was in Forsyth Memorial Park in Winston-Salem.

Rev. Mr. Yountz had been district superintendent at Marion for two years, having gone there from Winston-Salem where he was pastor of Burkhead Methodist Church.

Born in High Point August 18, 1905, he was a son of C. H. Yountz, who survives, and the late Josephine Reid Yountz. He

moved to the Holly Grove section of Lexington and lived until he was nine years old, then moved to Southmont, N. C. He graduated from high school at the Southern Industrial Institute, Charlotte, N. C., and Duke University, Durham, N. C.

In the ministry for 30 years, he had been pastor of Big Spring, Charlotte; Trinity, Charlotte; Main Street Methodist, Albemarle; Central, Spencer; First Methodist, Waynesville; and Burkhead, Winston-Salem.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Johnnie Lookabill Yountz, five brothers, and three sisters.

The following memorials have been given in his name:

To the building fund, First Methodist Church, Marion: by Mr. Robin Hood, Mrs. U. E. Cross, Miss Martha Smith, Mr. and Mrs. George Conley, W.S.C.S., Marion.

To St. Luke's building fund, Morganton: by W.S.C.S., Spindale, Mrs. M. M. Tuttle, Mrs. G. C. Hallman, Miss Annie Laurie Blanton, Broad River Charge, Avondale Methodist Church, Henrietta Methodist Church, Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Bangle.

To Zion Memorial building fund, Morganton: by W.S.C.S., Main Street Church, Albemarle; Mrs. A. S. Bradford, Mrs. W. W. Greene, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Lookabill.

Picture, Sallman's Head of Christ, by Arney's Chapel; picture, Sallman's Head of Christ, by Fairview Church; memorial window, Conley Springs Church, by Church; to Conley Springs Church, by Abernethy

Memorial Church; to Conley Springs Church, by Bethel Church.

To Cliffside Church, library books and flowers, by church; to Pleasant Grove, library books, by church; to Davidson County Library, 1 book, by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stoner; memorial gift by Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Brantley; memorial gift by Mrs. W. E. Helsabeck; memorial gift by Fellowship Forum Class, Burkhead Church.

## Annual MYF Conference Held at Duke

The annual Methodist Youth Fellowship gathering of the North Carolina Conference was held last week at Duke University. The five-day session which began on Monday and ended Friday included worship services, discussion groups, religious movies, drama, and business sessions in a varied program. There were five hundred in attendance. At the business session on Thursday afternoon, officers were elected for the coming year. These included Bill Graham, Chapel Hill, president; Ronald Shearin, Warrenton, vice-president; Glenda Pittman, Halifax, secretary; Lee Overton, Durham, treasurer; and Anne Louise Day, Roxboro, publicity chairman. The new officers were installed the same day. On Friday, the closing day, an additional 2,000 MYFers joined the ACS delegates for a conference-wide youth rally and rededication service.

## Laymen Meet at Duke and Junaluska

Laymen of both the conferences in North Carolina held week-end retreats the past Saturday and Sunday. North Carolina Conference laymen met at Duke University. Mr. Nelson Gibson, lay leader of the conference, was in charge. Speakers included Bishop Garber, Mr. Matt D. Howell, Mr. Paul Hardin, III, of the Duke Law School, and others. Several outstanding laymen led discussion groups. The Board of Lay Activities held a meeting in connection with the retreat and discussed a number of important matters.

The laymen of the Western North Carolina Conference held their retreat at Lake Junaluska, beginning Saturday and closing Sunday. Among the speakers were Mr. Edwin L. Jones, Mr. R. H. "Red" Bond, Mr. Tom Little, Mr. Bob Smith and others. The meeting was held in Shackford Hall. These meetings usually furnish information and inspiration which prepares the laymen to go back to their churches better prepared to do the job and with enthusiasm to spur them on to greater effort. The laymen of the conferences benefit greatly from these lay retreats.

## Homecoming at Smyrna

Smyrna Methodist Church, near Monroe, will observe homecoming day on Sunday, August 28. Rev. W. J. Huneycutt, superintendent of the Albemarle District, will deliver the sermon and have a service of dedication for the furnishings that have been placed in the church during the past year. Rev. Edwin G. Needham is the pastor.



## Letter from Lorena Kelly Missionary to Africa

Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford of Asheboro, immediate past president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference, received the following letter from Miss Lorena Kelly, missionary to the Belgian Congo, postmarked July 24, 1960.

The complete letter is as follows:

"I'm sure you are well aware of what is now happening in the Congo. Just one week ago today we were whisked off our mission by plane toward Southern Rhodesia. The American Government sent an army and a navy plane up for us. One had to make two trips. The whole missions, about 100 missionaries and children, had gathered at Katako Kombe where we had planned to spend the week in the meeting of our annual conference. Conditions became so dangerous that instead of holding conference, we sought refuge in Southern Rhodesia. These planes brought us down to the Belgian air base at Kamina in the Congo. From there we continued the journey in the 'Globe-Master'—a box car type of plane which carries 200 people—(perhaps you saw the pictures of the Globe-Master in a recent issue of *National Geographic*). We finally got settled in Salisbury about 5 a.m. last Friday. People have been absolutely wonderful to us. They even had warm clothing for us when we arrived. The Methodist missionaries were quickly sent out to mission stations. Of course, it is a joy to be with such fine people and so comfortably situated.

"Five men missionaries stayed on the Mission. But after Bishop Booth got here this week, he radioed a message to them to come on out, so we are expecting them in a day or so.

"Just a few minutes ago the Belgian Consul gave a message on the radio in English and French. He was thanking the Rhodesians for the marvelous hospitality extended to the Congo refugees.

"I never expected to be a refugee, but now I am one. It makes us all very sad to have to leave. Atrocities were taking place throughout much of the Congo and they were getting close to us. We knew we could not wait until the gun was held in front of us and then escape. But it was difficult to leave our people. Our pastor (African) helped me in an effort to make a decision. He said, 'If you stay and are attacked, I would defend you and might be forced to kill a person, and I do not wish to commit murder.' Since it seemed white people were the target, and staying might endanger the lives of the Africans, I reached the conclusion that it was best to leave.

"All missionaries are safe. Some have gone to the States. Some of us are still here, hoping that we can soon return to the Congo. But the situation is far from settled, so we do not know what the future holds for the Congo. One thing we do know—our African Church is in the hands of faithful Christian leaders of great fortitude. Please pray for them.

Sincerely,

LORENA KELLY."

Remember:

PLEASE PRAY FOR THEM.

## We Need to be Concerned

By JOE SEYMOUR

Five hundred years ago Columbus hadn't even discovered America; four hundred years ago the European countries were discovering this new world. Three hundred years ago the early colonial settlements were being founded. Two hundred years ago the French and Indian War was being fought. One hundred years ago the national convention of the Republican Party met in Chicago and nominated Abraham Lincoln for the Presidency. He won the and shaves from 5¢ to 6 ¢and today we have in the United States 177,399,000 in population. People in the last fifty years have advanced as much as they have in 500 years. In the history of the world man has never prospectus so much as he has today. Man's brains have become the brains of his own survival. In this day and time we people are faced with the inevitable task of the everyday problems of tomorrow. The world depends upon a change of thinking. We parents can play a part in this thinking. I am thinking in terms of our young people today for they are tomorrow's future lawyers, doctors, nurses, ministers, congressmen. Yes, that little freckle-face boy might even be the President of the United States. This is the future, this is tomorrow's world; we can control tomorrow if we do something today. We parents are the responsible parties, we need to be concerned, we are the ones that are responsible for the everyday activities of our young people; we are responsible for the problems and the future of our young people. If there is any blame on our young people, we are the ones that are guilty. Oh yes, we say that we tried; we gave Johnny everything that he wanted, but he just wouldn't listen. Did you see that he was in Sunday school? Did you see that he was in church on Sunday, and were you there yourself? Did you see that he attended all the functions of the young people's activities in the church? Did you see that he had a chance to read the Bible and discuss Jesus at home? Yes, we parents need to be concerned about our young people; we need to know where they are, what company they are keeping, what their activities are. What other place compared to the church will you find a more resourceful life for your children? Parents, if you want the best for your child, lead him or her into the church. Be an example for your child; let him grow within the church, for this is basic.

I am fully convinced that the church is the place that our young people will find their way to a rich and resourceful life. Taking Christ as their leader, as the guide, for a better Christlike church, for a better community and a more spiritual America.

## Louisburg Students Get National Scholarships

Jane Ellen Trump of Crewe, Va., and Diane Whitt of Rosboro, sophomores, and Robert North Shuller of Grifton, a freshman at Louisburg College have been awarded National Methodist Scholarships

by the Board of Education of the Methodist Church.

These scholarships cover tuition and fees up to \$500 and are granted on the basis of superior academic standing, leadership ability, active churchmanship, character, personality and need..

About 500 such awards are given annually from funds received from local Methodist churches on the basis of a church-wide offering on Methodist Student Day, the second Sunday in June. This is a nationwide scholarship program administered by the Methodist Board of Education.

## Chicago Boards to Move To Evanston Building

Several boards and agencies of the church now located at 740 Rush Street, Chicago, will move to suburban Evanston, Ill., in a new Methodist headquarters building to be erected there. Announcement of the move was made August 2 by the Rev. Dr. Charles L. Calkins, general secretary of the General Board of Pensions, Chicago. From its funds available for investment purposes, the board will provide the necessary money for the cost of the new building. The final endorsement of the project was voted by the Evanston city council August 1. Approval of the church's Coordinating Council had been granted at an earlier meeting. Tentative plans call for completion of the new building and its occupancy in the late fall of 1961. It will be a three-level neo-Gothic building, having a total of more than 65,000 square feet of floor space. The following boards will share in a joint ownership plan with the Pension Board: Council on World Service and Finance, Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, Board of Hospitals and Homes, and the Board of Lay Activities. Occupying leased space in the building will be the printing sales office of the Methodist Publishing House and one of the national offices of the Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information.

## 'The Protestant Faith' Examines Classical Tradition

*The Protestant Faith* by George W. Forell, an interpretive and descriptive appraisal of classical Protestantism, was recently published by Prentice-Hall.

The author states that his writing of the book is an effort to express his gratitude to all Christian thinkers here and abroad whose ideas have made classical Protestantism a profound alternative for modern Americans.

Dr. Forell sees the Protestant Faith in its classical expression glorifying "the sovereign grace of God." It is this essential unity of belief, the author maintains, which binds together the many diverse denominations and gives them their modern-day relevance.

Besides a detailed examination of the writings and thought of Luther, Calvin, Wesley and other great theologians, the study includes an Appendix containing some of the major confessional documents of classical Protestantism.



# Becoming A Christian Witness

By HAROLD S. ROGERS

Some years ago I became acquainted with a successful insurance agent who had a rather unique formula for selling insurance. Every working day he made it a point to meet three persons whom he had never met before. Every working day he talked about insurance with three people whom he had previously met. Every working day he tried to close three deals, which meant writing a policy for three of the people he had already contacted and cultivated. He called it his "triple-three plan."

Let us see how this formula applies in witnessing to others for Christ, using the "triple-three plan" on a monthly basis rather than a daily basis. To do this would mean that the one making the Christian witness would try to meet three new persons each month. Every month he would, in the course of normal conversation, talk about Christ and the Christian faith to three people he had previously met. Every month he would try to influence three people to make a decision for Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

Naturally, the insurance salesman believed in his company with all his heart and soul. He had prepared himself well by learning everything possible about insurance, and he kept in contact with the home office for additional helps.

Today, as always, the message of Jesus Christ is kept alive in the world by people who believe in it with all their heart and soul, and who undergird it with their prayers, their gifts, and their daily witness. You, too, can become a part of this great adventure wherever you are. Here are six simple steps:

## 1. Prepare Yourself

Faith in Christ is simply trusting Him to keep His word. Did he not say, "I am come that you may have life and have it more abundantly?" Surely as a Christian you have experienced the abundant life, and it is too good to keep for one's self. Complete enjoyment of any experience comes only as we share it with another. Knowing that, Christ said, "You shall be my witnesses." The first step in preparation is to take Christ at His word. We start with faith. We have an experience.

## 2. Seek a Prayer Partner

There is a twofold purpose in asking another to join with you in this Christian adventure. In the first place it is Scriptural. "If two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by the Father in heaven." (Matt. 18:19). Second, this is the best way of recruiting another for this most important task.

## 3. Know Your Bible

The Christian witness should know his Bible, not for the sake of winning an argument, but to make its great truths a part of his daily living. It is the guidebook of life. It will comfort him in time of trouble, strengthen him when facing temptation, guide him when making decisions, bring rest when weary, increase his joy when successful, and give him the wisdom to witness.

## 4. Plan Your Contacts

Always speak to God about the man before you speak to the man about God. Become God's partner in His plan for you to witness. Ask Him to direct you to the ones to whom He would have you witness and to prepare the way for you. In this way you enable the Holy Spirit to work through you. He will guide and strengthen you as you make your daily contacts. Live always so that the one to whom you will witness can see in your life the marks of a Christian.

## 5. Present Your Witness

As you visit with your friend, watch for a natural time to guide the conversation away from the material or the trivial. This will be easier than you think. Perhaps at a point of his need you might say, "This morning when I was reading my Bible, I found a verse that intrigued me." Or you might say, "In situations such as this one you have just described, I find prayer a great source of strength." Then turn the conversation back to him. This could be a conversation starter. As he talks, listen carefully and prayerfully. In that way you will sense when the opportune time comes to put your witness into words.

## 6. Close Your Case

Perhaps you will never approach the matter of a decision for Christ twice in the same fashion. Again, be guided by the Holy Spirit. However, you might want to say, "Are you willing to start where you are, take God at His word, and let Him direct your life? I did a long time ago, and I have never regretted it. Of course, I make mistakes and have to look to God for help, but it's the only way for me."

If he says, "Yes," it would be a wonderful time to have a brief prayer with him and direct him to some helpful passages of Scripture.

If he is reluctant, don't become discouraged. Leave the way open for another time.

Too often we take a prospect list without preparation, without knowing anything about the prospect, dash to a given address, ring the door bell, and in a breathless fashion state our mission. Then we wonder why we fail.

Every day a number of salesmen come into our office, some of them in this careless fashion. Almost never do we buy. We don't know them or their product, and worst of all they have little or no knowledge of our needs.

On the other hand, a salesman who now gets a good slice of our business called for over two years without getting an order. Yet, he didn't become discouraged. He contacted and cultivated. He learned what we most needed and how he could best supply that need. Little by little he gained our confidence. We began to believe in him and his product. One day we gave him an order. It was delivered even better than he had promised. Today, whenever we need a particular piece of work, we call him. You see, he closed the deal.

Influencing a person to make a decision for Christ, like selling a product or a serv-

ice, is not always easy. It is not always a short-term proposition. But remember, it is for all eternity. Remember also, that we do not always have to get a commitment the first time we try; but, if we are true to Christ's great commission, we must try.

(If you would like to receive a free copy of the leaflet, "Here's Real Happiness For You," write to PERSONAL EVANGELISM, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 5, Tenn.)

## Churchmen Study Unity Systems

*St. Andrews, Scotland, Aug. 6*—Churchmen from around the Christian world are working here to unite the multitude of faiths that sprang out of the reformation that show Western Christendom 400 years ago.

And many of the churchmen believe it may take another 400 years to achieve the great task.

The reformation was the massive move of many peoples away from the long established Roman Catholic Church in the 16th century. But those who broke away themselves fragmented into many communities that are now the Protestant church.

In an old Scottish church tomorrow, the successors of the reformers—German Lutherans, American Congregationalists, Methodists, Baptists, Anglicans, Quakers from Pennsylvania—will worship together.

To some the form of worship may seem alien, for this is not their church.

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"But it symbolizes," said one of them, "that after all, we have achieved some kind of unity when we can pray together in one man's church."

Delegates from East and West Germany, the Soviet Union, India, Australia, Czechoslovakia, almost all Western Europe, the United States and South America—Protestant and Orthodox—are arriving for a new series of conferences of the World Council of Churches.

## Jewish Fund Helps Jordan And Gaza Refugees

*New York, N. Y., Aug. 4* — A gift of \$3,000 was received today by Church World Service, the relief and rehabilitation agency of the National Council of Churches, from the American Council for Judaism Philanthropic Fund.

In making the gift, Henry S. Moyer, president of the Fund, asked that the check be forwarded to the revolving loan fund for Palestine refugees administered by the Near East Christian Council in Beirut, earmarked for aid to refugees in Jordan and Gaza.

Accepting the check, the Rev. Dr. A. Russell Stevenson, director of Overseas Program, declared: "Church World Service is extremely grateful because this gift will not only provide a significant boost to this important loan program but enables us to join hands with members of the Jewish community in serving the needs of the Palestine refugees."





# Woman's Activities



## N. C. Conference Women Hold Annual Retreat at Duke

By MARY GARDNER

Under the general theme, "The Light in the Vine that Comes with God," Dr. Clarice Bowman, assistant professor, Department of Religion, High Point College, led a group of women of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service in a two-day Spiritual Life Retreat at Duke University, August 6-7. The Retreat was a forerunner of the Annual N. C. Conference WSCS School of Missions and Christian Service also in session at Duke August 8-12. (A story of the latter event will be published in the next issue of the *Advocate*).

The Retreat's first session, bearing the topic, "Spirit and Dust," dealt with the need for Christians' freeing of time and lives for devotions, that they may grow in being and seeing. "Too often we tend to put our trust in substitutes and that keeps us from having concern for the real and deeper things," Dr. Bowman said. "Perhaps we need the healing of going apart to search our needs. We need to get apart and let God come in. It is not for us to think ahead of what God's call will be, but to wait and listen and the call will come."

"Toward Greater Affirmation About God," the second session's topic, cited God's providence, righteousness, mercy, and the joy of faith. Answering her self-posed question, "If God is so great, how can we make contact?" Dr. Bowman asserted: "Our part is reverence. We do not initiate the contact, but be ready for the call from God. Our God is able to do what He says He will do. He is great, righteous, and will abundantly pardon."

Discussing the topic, "These Beckon Us On Our Way," at the Sunday morning session, Dr. Bowman named as four types of beliefs which she termed "the cafeteria of ideas:" non-communistic, atheism, secularism, liberalism, and fundamentalist. The world's heart hunger today, it seems, is for an understanding of Jesus Christ; to know what God is really like, Dr. Bowman said. "The great God who endows us with minds wants us to think holy thoughts. The source of Jesus' spirit is found in prayer."

Climaxing the Retreat at the Sunday afternoon session with the topic, "Called to Greater Adventure of Living and Serving," Dr. Bowman declared: "Worship is never something that we do. Worship and prayer are gifts from God." She gave us four steps of worship: (1) Recognition of the Spirit of God at work; coming into the sanctuary silently. Worship begins when the first person enters the sanctuary. (2) Praise to God—thanksgiving. (3) Confession—receiving forgiveness, renewal; (4) Our response—perhaps in the first prayer we pray." Our response is to put the spirit of

prayer in line with God's will. "Never underestimate the power of God, and never underestimate what God can do through a spirit-filled life," she concluded.

The group attended the eleven o'clock worship service in the Duke University Chapel on Sunday morning. The Sacrament of Holy Communion was administered, with the Reverend Dr. John J. Ruden, II, associate professor of Duke University Divinity School as the Celebrant, and the Rev. Lewis MacLachlan, minister, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Gravesend, Kent, England, as the guest preacher.

Periods of prayer, songs of praise and thanksgiving, and sharing were observed at each of the four Retreat sessions.

The entire Retreat was under the direction of Mrs. R. L. Jerome, conference secretary of Spiritual Life.

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By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

### Miss Ethel Bost Home on Furlough

Miss Ethel Bost, missionary teacher in Kwassui Junior College in Nagasaki, Japan, is home on furlough for a year and is at her home in Huntersville, N. C., "making acquaintance with my large and growing family—fourteen of whom I have never seen," she writes a friend.

Miss Bost plans to take the month of August as a vacation month and in September she plans to go to Nashville, Tenn., to study organ at Peabody College and Bible at Scarritt College. She had originally planned to study organ in New York City, but chose Nashville because of the nearness of Scarritt College and also because "life will be much less strenuous in Nashville."

She says that she will study for two quarters, then next spring she will be available for talks on mission work at the district meetings of the Woman's Society. She plans to return to Japan in August 1961 for one more term of service before retirement.

Miss Bost went to Japan in 1926. This is her fifth and "last" furlough home. The next time she makes the journey, it will be "for keeps."

### Public Relations Chairmen in W.N.C. Conference

During elections held in the districts earlier this summer, some new chairmen of

Public Relations were chosen. Then when changes were made in district officers as two new districts were organized, two additional PR people came into the group. Others remain the same as last year.

The complete list is as follows:

Albemarle District: Mrs. Paul Wrenn, Route 2, Matthews, N. C.

Asheville District: Mrs. Hal Wells, Leicester, N. C.

Charlotte District: Mrs. Max J. Fowler, 2714 Athens Place, Charlotte 5, N. C.

Gastonia District: Mrs. R. M. Maybin, Lawndale, N. C.

Greensboro District: Mrs. Cicero Groome, Groometown Road, Greensboro, N. C.

High Point District: Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford, Route R, Box 267, Asheboro, N. C.

Marion District: Mrs. W. E. Beaver, Nebraska Street, Spindale, N. C.

North Wilkesboro District: Mrs. L. G. Critcher, Moravian Falls, N. C.

Salisbury District: Mrs. R. R. Richardson, 411 Mitchell Ave., Salisbury, N. C.

Statesville District: Mrs. E. M. Dudley, Box 509, Lenoir, N. C.

Thomasville District: Mrs. Knox Teague, Route 3, Thomasville, N. C.

Waynesville District: Mrs. Francis McFarland, Lake Junaluska, N. C.

Winston-Salem District: Mrs. Leonard Nanzetta, 2756 Windsor Road, Winston-Salem, N. C.

### Wesleyan Service Guild of Albemarle District Organized

The new district officers of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the newly organized Albemarle District were named at a meeting held at the Methodist Church in Wingate on Sunday, July 31.

Mrs. M. H. White of Charlotte, conference secretary of the Guild, served as chairman of the meeting, explaining the work of the Guild and the duties of each officer.

Those chosen include Miss Tazel Tice of Wadesboro, district Guild secretary; five chairmen: Mrs. James Cornelius, Monroe, spiritual life; Mrs. C. A. Deal, Waxhaw, Christian social relations; Mrs. Elizabeth P. Wentz, Morven, missionary education; Mrs. J. E. Hogan, Wingate, supply work; and Mrs. H. C. Culp, Albemarle, literature and publications.

Mrs. White distributed copies of the official Guild paper, *Guild-O-Gram*, to each officer, saying that this would give them an outline of the work for the current month and also the goals for the coming year.

Mrs. Ralph Bisel, president of the W.S.C.S. of the Albemarle District, assisted with the program.

### Youth Work in Our Conferencne

By MRS. I. L. SHARPE

"Charity begins at home" is an old saying, but one that is still true. The idea is picked up, taught and encouraged by our church. Charity is love, and love never fails. "Love one another," "love your neighbor" — it is easy to love our friends and family, but who is this neighbor we must



love? Anyone who is in need is my neighbor, whether the need is physical, mental or spiritual. It may be a person next door who is ill and has no one to care for her, or Bob, who is not allowed to sit at a lunch bar because his skin is dark. It could be Stella, an eight-year-old Indian American, who has had only one month of schooling, or a young person from the 49th state, who has to travel many, many miles to reach a youth camp. It may be a Korean boy whose only home is the street, or a migrant worker who is herded into a truck like cattle to be transported to work. My neighbor might be a Japanese girl whose entire family was wiped out when the bomb fell on Hiroshima, or Joseph Mubonga, a native pastor in the Southern Congo region. These are our neighbors. We reach out to them with our love.

When we love, we share. Charity is sharing. Not only with our family and friends, but with our neighbors also. The Methodist Youth Fund is youth's opportunity for sharing with friends and neighbors around the world. Every M.Y.F. should be in on it.

At the White House Conference on Children and Youth, the Rev. Philip Potter, executive secretary of the Youth Department of the World Council of Churches, criticized the conference for concentrating on domestic goals with not a whisper about the world beyond the United States. He deplored as "one of the gravest ills of our society the tendency to spend so much energy seeking ways by which our youth can *have* more rather than *give* more. He proposed that American youth be encouraged to consider *giving* their services for the uplifting of other peoples through the sharing of their scientific, technological and administrative skills."

There is no need for any Methodist Youth Fellowship in our Conference to drift along without a dynamic program in the area of Christian Outreach. There is so much material to be shared and so much information to be imparted to our young people. The M.Y.F. handbook alone has thirty-eight suggestions for the area of Christian Outreach. The mission study courses for youth are interesting and informative. The M.Y.F. Fund bulletin and *World Outlook* are available. Person to person letters arrive about once a quarter with news fresh from the field. Foreign students are in most of our colleges and are happy to visit our churches. These are a few of the ideas that can enrich your program.

Local secretaries of Youth Work in the Woman's Society of Christian Service, this is part of *your* job.

When young people know, they care; when they care, they share. Charity may begin at home, but it need not end there. Out of love for their neighbors young people will share of their material means and of themselves to carry the light of the gospel of Christ to needy races in needy places.

(Mrs. Sharpe is secretary of Youth Work in the W.S.C.S. of the W.N.C. Conference)

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Who rises from prayer a better man, his prayer is answered.—*Meredith.*

## Board Executive Discusses Church-State Issue

A man's religious beliefs should not be a sole test for his qualifications for public office, the general secretary of the Board of Social and Economic Relations said at Fayetteville, Ark., August 2. Speaking at an organizational meeting of the South Central Jurisdiction's Board of Christian Social Concerns, the Rev. A. Dudley Ward of Chicago said, too, that Protestants were endangering the traditional separation between church and state by accepting government funds for their schools, hospitals, homes and universities. He said the question of separation of church and state was highlighted this year by the presidential candidacy of Senator John F. Kennedy, a Roman Catholic. He said Kennedy's religion could not be divorced from the campaign. The Rev. Dr. G. Lemuel Fenn of Albuquerque, N. M., was elected chairman of the eight-state jurisdictional board. The conference was attended by 200 persons.

## West Virginians to Greet New Bishop at Charleston

A special session of the West Virginia Annual Conference has been called for Sept. 1 in Charleston. The meeting will be an historic one for West Virginia Methodism as it will mark the first convocation of the new episcopal area recently created by the Northeastern Jurisdiction. Bishop Fred G. Holloway, former president of Drew University, will be formally introduced to some 1,200 clerical and lay delegates. Following an afternoon business session in the Charleston municipal auditorium, Bishop and Mrs. Holloway will be greeted by an expected 2,000 persons at a reception and dinner. The new bishop has opened his area office in Rooms 524-526 in the Kanawha Valley building in Charleston.

## Many Visitors to Upper Room Chapel

More than 15,000 people from 48 states and 35 foreign countries signed the guest register at the *Upper Room* Chapel during the months of April, May, and June. During that period 242 groups met in the chapel, 29 of them for communion services.

In addition to those who signed the guest register, there were, of course, many visitors who did not sign. During the spring and summer months people come to the chapel in bus loads. Youth groups from as far away as New Jersey on "go see" tours or education tours from churches or church-related groups, as well as groups from secular organizations.

The chapel is open daily, from early in the morning until 10:00 at night, with someone always on duty to give an interpretation of the symbolism of the great woodcarving and to give a description of the Pentecost window, the two most widely known features of the chapel. It will be remembered that the *Upper Room* memorializes two great New Testament events—the Last Supper and the Pentecost experience.

## Supply Pastors School Held at Emory

Rev. R. H. Lockridge, Jr., pastor of the Nebo-Murphy Charge on the Marion District, attended the Approved Supply Pastors' School at Candler School of Theology, Emory University. Among speakers were Dr. Alexander Haraszti, Hungarian doctor-preacher; Bishops Roy H. Short, Costen J. Harrell, Dr. James W. Sells, Dr. Norman Perrin, Dr. A. Wilburn Beasley, professor of homiletics at Emory; Dr. Frank Morehead, pastor of Peachtree Methodist Church, and Dr. James J. Sneed, of Haywood Methodist Church. More than 250 supply ministers were in attendance.

## An Unusual Sunday School Class



Pictured above is a Sunday school class of First Methodist Church, Morehead City, N. C. It is said to be the first class organized in the church. There are ten members of the class. It is known as the *Headen Wesley Class*, and its attendance is above average. The ages of the members range from 65 to 90 years. Four are in their eighties, nine are widows, and one has been a member of the class for 50 years. Mr. Steve Roberts is the teacher. Members shown here are, front row: Mrs. G. D. Canfield, Mrs. W. J. Hales, Mrs. Joe M. Murphy. Back row: Mrs. George Adams, Mrs. Howard Wade, Mrs. George H. Willis, Mrs. Percy Snoks, Mrs. Dora M. Woolridge. (Mrs. T. J. Willis, Jr., and Mrs. Filmore Willis were not present when picture was taken).



## Bishop Calls Americans To Repentance

*Lake Junaluska, N. C.* — In his first sermon as a bishop, Methodist Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., Columbia, S. C., said here Sunday, August 7, that he doesn't know of anybody in the world who needs to repent of sins more than Americans.

Bishop Hardin was elected a bishop July 15 at the denomination's Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference here.

"What a wonderful country we have," said Bishop Hardin, "and what have we done with it? We have used its resources in many instances to destroy personal character.

"We've used our wealth to indulge in unneeded luxuries," he said. "We have 'caviar tastes' while the rest of the world is in need.

"A civilization's cracking up, and we are selling freedom's birthright for a mess of pottage," he declared.

The bishop also said that Americans need to repent because they are "very largely throwing away the Bible and the Sabbath, making a mockery of Christian marriage, with the divorce rate increasing year after year," and drinking so much beverage alcohol.

He addressed about 2,000 persons at the morning worship service at this southeastern Methodist assembly.

He was pastor of First Methodist Church in Birmingham, Ala., before being elected bishop.

## Cokesbury at Stedman Begins Fall Work

Dr. and Mrs. Morris L. Husted of Stedman returned from their vacation Friday, August 12. Dr. Husted preached at the regular services of the Cokesbury Methodist Church Sunday morning and evening. During his absence the pulpit had been capably filled by Dr. A. P. Lakeberg of St. Petersburg, Fla., who, with Mrs. Lakeberg, occupied the parsonage throughout the vacation period.

Cokesbury Methodist Church will observe its annual homecoming on the second Sunday in October (the 9th). This is always a gala, yet inspirational, day in the church's program, and this year is no exception. All former pastors, members and friends of the church are cordially invited to attend the services which will be held at 11:00 a.m., followed by a picnic lunch on the church lawn and possibly a musical program and service in the early afternoon.

## Loves Around the World

Bishop Edgar A. Love, head of the Baltimore Area, and Mrs. Love left August 1 on the first leg of a two-month trip around the world. Bishop Love is the official representative of the Council of Bishops at the Southeastern Asia Central Conference in Singapore. In India, Switzerland, and Germany, the Loves will also visit Methodist work and be the guests of Methodist bishops there.

## Pastors' Conference on Evangelism at Louisburg

The Pastors' Conference on Evangelism for the North Carolina Conference will begin at Louisburg College Tuesday, August 30, and run through Thursday, September 1. The conference is sponsored jointly by the Board of Evangelism and the Town and Country Commission. The theme will be "Praying, Training, Preaching." Rev. Troy J. Barrett will serve as dean. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday and adjournment will follow the noon luncheon on Thursday. Rev. Morris L. Husted and Rev. A. L. Reynolds will serve as pianists, Rev. L. C. Vereen as director of music, and Rev. Steve Kimbrough as soloist. Dr. Mack B. Stokes of Emory University school of religion will be the preacher for the conference; Rev. S. N. Varnell will teach a class in Skills in Evangelism; Dr. Thomas A. Carruth will direct the discussion and lead the Prayer Life and Prayer Groups. Rooms and meals will be available at the college. Rev. C. Freeman Heath is executive director of the Board of Evangelism.

## Atlanta Pastor Named to First Church, Houston

Dr. Charles Livingston Allen, pastor of Grace Methodist Church in Atlanta, Ga., is the new pastor of First Methodist Church, Houston, Texas.

Dr. Allen fills the pulpit of the second largest church in Methodism, left vacant when Dr. W. Kenneth Pope was elected to the episcopacy in June.

Dr. Allen has been pastor of Grace Methodist Church, Atlanta, for the past 12 years. Grace is a downtown church whose membership lives in all sections of Metropolitan Atlanta. Under Dr. Allen's ministry, it has grown to be the largest Methodist church in Georgia. During his ministry it has grown from 1200 members to 4500 members.

Dr. Allen is the son of a Methodist minister, the late Rev. J. R. Allen, who served in Georgia. He is the nephew of Bishop Marvin A. Franklin of Jackson, Mississippi.

He is a graduate of Young Harris College, Wofford College and the School of Theology of Emory University. He holds the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Emory University and Piedmont College. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

## Emory Summer School Awards 174 Degrees

Dr. William H. Jones, director of Emory University's summer school, told Emory graduates Saturday morning if nuclear project "Sherwood" is successful each gallon of water can be made to release as much energy as burning 350 gallons of gasoline.

"We can think of our oceans as oceans of gasoline, but first multiplied by 350. Energy would then become one of the cheapest commodities on earth, producible at 1 per cent of its present cost from coal."

Referring to the rapid pace of development in modern science, he said, "It took

man 250 years to evolve from the long bow to the cross bow; it took him ten years to move from the A-bomb to the H-bomb."

Dr. Jones is a research chemist, laboratory technologist and atomic scientist. He has been active in atom bomb research, and was a laboratory director in one of the wartime uranium processing plants at Oak Ridge.

Degrees were awarded to 174 persons at the exercises by President S. Walter Martin. Among them were eight Ph.D. degrees. Four graduates received the first Ph.D. degrees given by Emory in sociology.

## They Follow Bishops

Several vacancies left by the elevation of men to the episcopacy in recent weeks have already been filled. Succeeding Bishop John Owen Smith at Bethel Church, Charleston, S. C., is the Rev. Dr. E. Wanamaker Hardin of Buford Street Church, Gaffney, S. C. The Rev. Dr. Walter Hazard, superintendent of the Philadelphia District, succeeds Bishop Noah W. Moore, Jr., in the pastorate of Tindley Temple, Philadelphia. New pastor at Polk Street Church, Amarillo, Texas, is the Rev. Dr. Jordan Grooms, pastor of First Church, Big Spring, Texas. He succeeds Bishop Eugene Slater. Taking the place of Bishop Aubrey G. Walton at First Church, Little Rock, Ark., is the Rev. Dr. Robert E. L. Bearden of Central Church, Fayetteville, Ark.

## Luther W. Wells Scholarship Fund

A scholarship fund has been set up at Randolph-Macon College to be known as "The Luther W. Wells Scholarship Fund." This fund was established by the Central Methodist Church, Richmond, Va., of which Mr. Wells is a member. It was a complete surprise to Mr. Wells when the official board announced the establishment of the fund at a recent meeting. Mr. Wells has been prominent in Methodist affairs in his local church, district, conference and jurisdiction. He served as lay leader of the Richmond District, and as lay leader of the Virginia Conference. He successfully \$600,000 was raised for Lake Junaluska directed a campaign in which more than Assembly. He also rendered fine service in the "Crusade for Christ" in the middle forties. He is well and favorably known to North Carolina Methodism, having spoken many times in this state at Methodist meetings. The fund was begun with \$1,000 from the Central Church, Richmond, and has grown to beyond \$2,100. There may be some of Mr. Wells' friends in North Carolina who would like to have a part in so honoring this good churchman and if so contact should be made with Mr. J. E. Redford, Jr., special treasurer Central Methodist Church, Porter and 13th Sts., Richmond, Va.

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Governor Ernest F. Hollings of South Carolina remarks: "The transcending malady of our times is the plague of compromise. Insidiously, it eats away at American principles and the free enterprise system in America."



# LETTERS

## Longer Vacation Bible Schools

There are many good reasons for holding two weeks of Vacation Bible School instead of the popular one-week program. Also, there are many reasons for using Methodist literature.

This year we decided to hold a two-week school at Halifax Methodist Church. Of course, the teachers had to work harder, but they gained many rich experiences. The students had to work longer, but they received many more benefits than before.

In addition to the spiritual experiences reaped by the students, teachers and the church, we had many temporal benefits to grow out of the school. Leading our craft work was Mrs. Peggy Phillips, an art major and an excellent leader in our church. As a result of her leadership, the junior and intermediate classes contributed the following to our church: three lovely book cases, matching framed pictures and beautiful curtains for three of our classrooms. The primary class made planters (filled with green plants) from popsicle sticks and offering plates for classroom use. The kindergarten class contributed wastebaskets and many decorative items to be used in the nursery. There was still time for the children to make novelties to take home with them. As an outgrowth of the school, Mrs. Phillips is now conducting art classes at the church each week for all ages.

From the youngest to the oldest, each member of our congregation has now had the opportunity to learn more of the operations of the church. The adults have learned much from the Every Member Canvass program. The children have learned of the work of the church by being exposed to the material published by the Board of Education for V.B.S. use. Now we are all better equipped to move forward with the church.

Our school was also inspired by the presence of H. J. Rector, a student sent to us by the Duke Endowment. Mr. Rector, whom we affectionately call Jerry, helped with the singing, crafts, and taught the MYF groups at night for two weeks.

The secret of the most successful Vacation Bible School ever held in our church was careful planning. Already we are working out our plans for next year. Our Commission on Education deserves all the credit for planning this program which the very able teachers so well executed.

We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to the Board of Education for the wonderful work it did in supplying us with the literature on *The Church*.

—EMMA SMITH

Halifax, N. C.

## Politics and Christianity

It is our belief that the things which we hesitate to mention to God are the things which we should hesitate to say about our fellowman, even though they be politicians of a brand other than ours.

Some politicians call each other some mighty ugly names, even so low down and ugly it is impossible to be. This has even

been done by no less than a former President. The "hit dog" usually hollers, but in this case the one "hit at" was not a "dog," and so didn't holler. Instead, as we remember it, he said only the kindest of words back at his assailant, or not anything. As we recall (we hope we're wrong), the writer's assailant never apologized, though most men are agreed that he used the ugliest name in "the book" — in fact, it is so ugly that it is seldom put in respectable books. Without saying anything ugly or untrue about presidential timber, we will say that since that episode many good people have had serious doubts that such assailant was any longer (i. e., if he never apologized) presidential timber for "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

Apology is a hard thing to make. Did you ever try it? Any old cuss can pass out ugly epithets and untruths, but it takes more courage, manhood, and Christianity than the average fellow has under his shirt to apologize. In fact, we have known of many old "cows" and "oxen" who have been "hooked" in "double harness" for more than forty years, and yet they claim nor done anything unworthy or wrong; they have never "kicked over the traces" enough to apologize for, and we might add that most of them claim to be human beings.

That could be about right if we attach any importance to the saying, "To err is human; to forgive is divine." Those who claim they make no mistakes, do no wrongs, no apologizing, and no forgiving, are not entitled to have the word 'Christ' hooked on to their 'anity,' for when Christ is dismembered from Christianity, we have only 'ianity,' which doesn't deserve to be spelled with any more than a little 'i.' Truth is, it's almost all 'i' 'anity,' and should in no way be connected with Him Who had no sins of His own, but Who carried upon His innocent shoulders the greatest load ever known to man or God, the sins of the whole world, and Whose chief mission was to forgive unworthy sinners who were willing to forsake their sins and be forgiven. In fact, the pardon was originally intended only for those who were willing to humbly ask forgiveness. God made and recognized man's free will agency, and nowhere in the great Book of Books does He promise pardon to those who do not wish it or who are unwilling to receive it. We are not saying that God's great package of love and forgiveness is too good for anyone, though it is made very plain that it all was provided for the *whosoever wills*, and although God knows that He has what we need and that which we need above everything is, let it is for *whosoever will*, and will not be forced upon the unwilling or indifferent.

—J. A. FLOYD

Fairmont, N. C.

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# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE YOU?

By Mamie Elkins

"Now children, I'm going to tell you about two girls I knew one time. Their names were Edith and Dorothy. They both were children of wealthy parents and had beautiful homes in a small town in a southern state.

Edith's father was a prosperous merchant, and Dorothy's father was the physician for the surrounding community. Edith's home was in the heart of the town, but Dorothy lived on a hill overlooking the valley. From her window she could trace the river in its course, see the water come plunging over the fall rock, where it turned the great wheels of the old mill where Uncle Joe," the miller, could be heard singing at his work. Many times the two girls played there and begged Uncle Joe for a story or song. Dorothy and Edith were no relation, but they always played together and were quite fond of each other. Edith was a blonde, with yellow curls and beautiful blue eyes. Dorothy was a little dark, her hair was brown and hard to curl, and her nose was big and ugly. But her eyes were always bright and sparkling.

Now I can hear some of you say, "Why, of course, I would like to be beautiful like Edith." But remember that Jesus can make the homeliest person beautiful, and sin can make the most beautiful person ugly.

Dorothy felt her need, not of a beautiful face, but a clean, beautiful heart in God's sight. One time there was a revival meeting in the little church, and in answer to her prayer Jesus gave her a new heart and made her very happy. She lived a Christian life among her playmates, and longed to see all of them come to know Jesus.

But Edith's beauty only made her proud and haughty, and many people disliked her.

One day the two girls went together for a horseback ride. Along the country road they met many tired farmers coming from the fields. Dorothy smiled and bowed to them, but Edith turned her head. One of them, an elderly man, Dorothy spoke to gently, and addressed him as "Uncle" in reverence for his age. But Edith sneered at him, and when the old man saw her unkind looks he was very deeply hurt.

Dorothy had gone with her father

## THE BOUQUET

*I wanted a bouquet big and bright,  
So I gathered one by one  
The tiny posies red and white,  
And found it to be fun.*

*I wanted some wonderful thing to do;  
So I did a good deed each day,  
'Til one by one the little deeds grew  
Into a life bouquet.*

—By FLORENCE HARRELL

many times to see his patients in the country. Some were very poor people, and it made Dorothy sad to see them suffer so much. She did many things to help them, and her very presence often brought a ray of sunshine into the home. Many of them named their baby girls "Dorothy," because she had been so kind to them.

After a while Dorothy's health became very poor. Her father took her many places, thinking it would help her, but she grew worse, until at last she could not leave her room. But she sat up in her bed and read her Bible and talked of heaven. She continued to grow weaker, and unable to read any more, but she asked her mother to read the Bible to her each day. Finally, one beautiful day she went home to be with Jesus.

Dorothy was greatly missed in that small community, where her kindness had won the hearts of everyone who knew her. Her face was not actually beautiful in the way that Edith's was, but when the beauty of her heart shone through her sparkling eyes, this was the beauty that they loved.

## THE CRICKET

The master of the insects, so the story runs, called them all together one day. "What can you do for man?" he asked the bee.

"I can gather honey for him."

"And you?" he said to the ant.

"I can set him an example of industry," was its reply.

"And you?" he asked of the lady-bug.

"I can eat the parasite that is killing his trees," answered the lady-bug proudly.

So it went on, each insect boasting of his usefulness, until it came to the crick-

et who, being shy, had waited until the very last, and had then advanced only by timid hops.

"What can you do for man?" asked the master of the insects.

"Alas," said the poor cricket, "I can only chirp for him; but I will chirp just as well as I can."

"That is more than any of the others can do," said the master of the insects. "They may serve him, but you shall cheer his heart. I therefore appoint you to be his consoler."

And that is why the cheerful chirp, chirp, chirp of the cricket is heard through the long, long nights, when most of the other insects are asleep.

—Selected.

## CHUCKLES

Little Betty had heard a talk by a returned missionary. "What did he tell you about the people in the foreign land?" asked her mother.

"Oh, he said they were often very hungry, and when they beat on their tum-tums, it could be heard for miles."

—Exchange.

It was Timothy's first day at school. He walked up to the teacher's desk and announced, "I ain't got no pencil!"

Shocked at his poor English, the teacher explained, "Oh, Timothy, I have no pencil."

A sympathetic look crossed the small boy's face, and he replied, "You ain't, either? Well, we're both in the same fix."

## BIBLE QUIZ

1. Who was called the "Shepherd King?"
2. Who baptized Jesus, and where?—
3. When you see a rainbow, what Bible story do you think of?—
4. What question in the Bible saved the Jews after the king had ordered them to be killed?—
5. What boy was brought up by a priest in the temple?—

## Answers to Last Week's Quiz

- 1 Exodus, 20th chapter
- 2 John the Baptist, Matthew 14:6-10
- 3 The Sermon on the Mount, by Jesus Matthew 5, 6, and 7
- 4 When he gave Jesus his lunch to help feed the 5000—John 6:1-12
- 5 Ruth — Book of Ruth 1:11-17



## Sunday School Lesson

FOR SEPTEMBER 4

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH

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### GOD'S HAND IN HISTORY

Background Scripture: Isaiah 10: 5-34;  
14:24-27

Lesson Scripture: Isaiah 10:5-7, 12-15;  
14:24-27

One of the main differences between the ancient Hebrews and their neighbors was this: the more religiously sensitive Hebrews saw the events of history as the judgments of God. The theme begun in last week's lesson continues in this. Last week we saw how the prophet Isaiah objected to the military alliance with Egypt. In this lesson we hear that same prophet directing his sermon to the Assyrians who were not free from the judgment of God, though they imagined themselves to be. The fact is that they had carried the idols of many conquered nations as souvenirs to their capital city, Ninevah. Doubtless they thought they would treat the Hebrews' God as they had treated the others, not realizing that the God of Israel was an Unseen Spirit, and not a wooden or stone image that could be carried around.

The scene depicted in our Lesson Scripture is one that would seem to be the height of foolishness if it had not happened that Isaiah was right. Here was an obscure preacher in a tiny country telling the mightiest nation on earth that his God was simply "using" that big nation to punish a disobedient people. Moreover, Isaiah was telling Assyria that, when she had punished Israel, God was then going to punish her for all her evil deeds against the nations which had been her unhappy victims. A prophet, in order to make such declarations, must have a tremendous faith; and that was what Isaiah had.

The prophet of course knew that the Assyrian king and his generals had no knowledge that they were being thus used. Verse 7 says: "But he (that is, the king of Assyria) does not so intend." That is to say, the very things which the Assyrians thought were demonstrating their invincible power were, in reality, bringing about their destruction. This was because they were working against God. Reinhold Niebuhr has reminded us that "the grace of God is the providential working in history by which God makes the wrath of men to praise him, and transmutes good out of evil . . . that means he persuades sinful men to consider the miseries and necessities of their fellowmen by throwing them into like miseries and necessities." In the context of our lesson it meant that the day would come when the Assyrians would suffer the same cruelties and indignities they were now inflicting upon those too weak to resist them. That day came when the mighty Babylonians reduced their national glory to shame.

Men, in their pride, have often thought the issues of life were entirely in their own hands. Men, in their freedom, have thought they could run the world as they wanted to run it. They forget the wisdom in the words: "The mills of God grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly fine." It was

an old Greek playwright who made the observation: "Against our will and in our own despite, we learn wisdom by the awful grace of God."

It remains for us in America to profit by the lessons of history, and to make the most of the time we have left to throw our strength and our resources into the scales on the side of right and truth. A few years ago a prominent American clergyman was about to get into the car to be driven to the airport by his wife. His two young sons were playing in the yard. The older of the two children shouted to his father: "Wait, daddy, I want to go." The father said: "Wash your hands, get your brother, and hurry; we don't have much time." When the minister arrived at his destination where he was to address several thousand young people assembled from all parts of the nation he used those words to his son for a sort of text. "Wash your hands, get your brother, and hurry; we don't have much time." Could this be God's word to America in the year of our Lord 1960?

### National Youth School of Moral Concerns

Oklahoma City, Okla. — About 100 Methodist high school youths from throughout the United States will attend the National School of Moral Concerns to be held on the campus of Oklahoma City University, August 22-28.

Sponsored by divisions of two general boards of the Methodist Church, the school will concentrate on two areas of moral concern, (1) alcoholic problems and (2) the role of sex in Christian living.

This is the first National Youth School in which the Methodist Church has combined alcohol education and the study of sex in the Christian life. Previously the school centered on only alcohol education.

According to Miss Emogene Dunlap, director of youth work for the Division of Temperance and General Welfare, the school aims at helping youth in five ways. These are:

- (1) To place in proper perspective the strong pressures to drink alcoholic beverages.
- (2) To find positive answers to drinking problems in America.
- (3) To explore the role of sex in Christian living.
- (4) To find answers to the questions of dating, petting, preparation for marriage, and sex roles in modern society.
- (5) To become equipped for leadership in the program of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

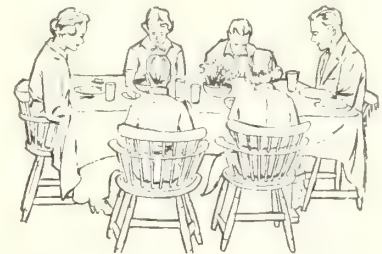
Speakers and leaders at the school will include the Rev. Tom Shipp, pastor of Lovely Lane Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas; Dr. Edwin Fair, psychiatrist, Ponca City, Okla.; the Rev. Jamison Jones, editor of *Motive*, magazine of the Methodist Student Movement; the Rev. Donald Kuhn, admissions counselor, Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill.; Dr. Lester L. Keyser, Director of Medical Services, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas; the Rev. Dale White, pastor, First Methodist Church, Stroughton, Mass.; and Miss Emogene Dunlap, director of youth work for the Division of Temperance and General Welfare and director of the school.

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# Solomon's Mines

By ROLAND COVINGTON

On the Capitol Square in Raleigh stands a monument erected in memory of one of North Carolina's illustrious sons. On this shaft are chiseled the words of Charles B. Aycock, former governor of North Carolina and enthusiastic champion of education for all youth. We read his words concerning education as follows: "Every child should have a chance to bring out the best that is within him."

That this message of attainment might be reached by all ages, let us consider the advice of the wisest man who ever lived, King Solomon of Israel. Solomon possessed mines of gold, silver, and other valuable minerals. He also had mines of wisdom out of which there comes to us the books of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes. That we may bring out of our lives the best that is within us we would do well to consider Solomon's recipe for successful living which the reader will find at the close of this article.

Of all the ideologies that the mind of man has ever presented none are of more importance than the one we will consider.

King Solomon enjoyed the distinction of being the richest, wisest, and most honored King of his day. The glory of his kingdom was unsurpassed. So far did his fame spread abroad that travelers came from afar to prove what they had heard of him. The Queen of Sheba herself, enjoying the riches and glory of this world, had heard of the fame of Solomon and with royal train directed her caravan across the trackless deserts of Arabia in order that she might visit the famed King of Israel, and prove what she had heard of him. As she traveled along the way her interest in her visit was no doubt heightened and she quickened her pace as she thought of the prominence of the king in the feminine world, remembering that he furnished spring hats and dresses for seven hundred wives. Who would not be curious to visit such a king who could win the hearts of so many wives and whose household was no doubt entirely free from monotony and idle moments? His super interest in the feminine world was not entirely to his discredit for we read in the good book: "It is not good for man to live alone." However, we venture to assert that he was overloaded with companionship.

The queen arrived, visited the king's palace, viewed his royal surroundings and noted the riches and glory of his reign. She was forced to exclaim, "The half has never been told me!" She propounded to him questions concerning God and he answered them all. So impressed was she over his exalted position that it was said there was no spirit in her. He gave her gifts of his riches and abundant wealth and she presented him with jewels, precious stones, and spices of the East. The queen returned to her native land overwhelmed with what she had seen.

So Solomon had everything that this world could give, yet his soul was not satisfied though his temporal being could ask

for nothing more. In the light of his abundant earthly possessions let us consider his reactions to life's needs as he gives to coming generations a recipe for successful living.

Did he commend to others the pursuit of worldly gain, the possession of riches as the supreme goodness to be attained? Hardly so. We are reminded that riches take wings and fly away.

Being the wisest of all men, did he contend that wisdom was the prize of all worthwhile search? By no means. We read, "The wisdom of man is foolishness, with God." Did he praise to coming generations the fame, honor and glory which he possessed? By no means. We read, after the poet, "The path of glory leads but to the grave."

Brutus proclaimed the passing of Caesar's glory when with dagger in hand he exclaimed, "Sic, gloria mundi transit!" After summing up life's value, what does Solomon offer as the supreme goodness, the highest attainment, the most worthy aspiration of fallen man?

Knowing from experience that he could not satisfy his soul with material things, he enters the spiritual realm and proclaims, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter, fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." He might also have said, "This is man's highest privilege."

## History of Religion in America Surveyed

*History of Religion in the United States* by Clifton E. Olmstead, a survey of American religious faiths and institutions from colonial times to the present, will be published by Prentice-Hall on August 15.

Dr. Olmstead has attempted to "set the story of American religion within the broad sweep of political, economic, social and intellectual history." The book places greater emphasis on theological trends than previous works in the general field, and religious thinkers who are discussed range in time and ideas from Jonathan Edwards to Mary Baker Eddy to Reinhold Niebuhr.

Dr. Olmstead traces the early beginnings of religion in America from the Spanish and French missionaries to the rise of colonial Anglicanism and the Puritan adventure in New England. He then treats the transplanting of Continental Protestantism, religion in the Revolutionary era, the churches and the slavery controversy, the arrival and growth of the Catholic and Jewish immigrant groups, and the emergence of religious cults after the Civil War.

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Dr. Olmstead received his Th.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary. He is executive officer of the Department of Religion, the George Washington University.

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# CAROLINA BRIEFS . . .

☞ TRINITY CHURCH, Wilmington, is engaged in selling \$25,000 worth of bonds to meet expenses incurred in its remodeling and redecorating program.

☞ HIGHLAND CHURCH, Hickory, is asking its entire membership to contribute a day's pay to the building fund on Labor Day, September 4.

☞ DR. WALTER J. MILLER, superintendent of the Charlotte District, has returned to his home and work following an automobile accident Aug. 10. Mrs. Miller remains a patient at Presbyterian Hospital.

☞ YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK began in the Wilmington subdistrict area Monday, August 22, with a banquet at Sunset Park Church, followed each evening through Friday with programs at Trinity.

☞ TWO NAMES should be added to the list of teachers at Brevard College, which opens September 15. Mrs. Rachel C. Daniels will teach mathematics, and Mr. Harvey H. Miller will teach music.

☞ MR. FRED WOOLARD, a layman of the Centenary Church, Greensboro, spoke last Sunday, Aug. 28, at the Palestine Church, Flat Rock Charge. Mr. Woolard is a certified lay speaker at Centenary.

☞ REV. W. A. JENKINS, retired, will preach at Draper Methodist Church at the 11:00 a.m. service on homecoming day, September 11. He is a former pastor of the Draper church. All are invited.

☞ THE REV. ROLLIN P. GIBBS is leading a financial campaign at Central Church, Mount Airy. The church is planning a building program, and is now engaged in working out details of architecture and plans.

☞ DR. PAUL WORLEY was the guest speaker at the Crabtree Methodist Church, near Clyde, last Sunday. Dr. Worley is professor of Practical Theology at Candler School of Theology, Emory University. Rev. B. M. Whiteside is pastor at Crabtree.

☞ REV. T. R. JENKINS, pastor of Haymount Church, Fayetteville, has begun the publication of a weekly bulletin called "Steeple Echoes" to be mailed to each family. It will serve as a kind of assistant pastor.

☞ ST. LUKE CHURCH, Goldsboro, will observe its 10th anniversary September 18. It will be made a homecoming service. The two former pastors, Rev. W. D. Caviness and Rev. R. H. Lewis, plan to be present and take part.

☞ CENTRAL CHURCH, Shelby, is resuming Sunday evening services September 4 with a study of the Twenty-third Psalm, after which the pastor, the Rev. Mitchell Faulkner, will bring a series of sermons on "The Fundamentals of Our Faith."

☞ REV. R. DELBERT BYRUM, minister of education at Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, attended the MYF Council

meeting at Camp Tekoa, near Hendersonville, last week. He served as advisor for the program area on Christian Faith.

☞ STOKESDALE METHODIST CHURCH will observe Homecoming Day September 18. There will be preaching at 11:00, dinner on the lawn at 12:30, and an afternoon service in memory of members who have died since last homecoming day.

☞ FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Rutherfordton, moved into its new educational building last Sunday, August 28. While it was not entirely completed, enough was in readiness to begin occupying it. It may take several weeks to put on all the finishing touches.

☞ REV. D. LEON STUBBS, pastor of Bessemer Church in Greensboro, his choir and organist visited and sang last Sunday in the Centenary Church, New Bern, and Cary. It was a privilege for the editor to preach for Mr. Stubbs at Bessemer on Sunday morning.

☞ MISS PATSY MAY, who served as assistant at Ann Street Church, Beaufort, during the summer, left recently for Columbia, Missouri, to attend a united campus association meeting of college students. She will return around the first of September and leave the 6th to return to school.

☞ THE CONGREGATION of Central Church, Asheville, was looking forward to worshiping in their sanctuary August 14, after being out for several weeks while extensive repairs were made. During the time they have held their services in the Imperial Theatre.

☞ REV. DERMONT J. REID, pastor of Davis Street Church, Burlington, and family are spending their vacation with the Rev. C. M. Fogleman and family at Wichita, Kansas, where Mr. Fogleman is pastor of the University Methodist Church. Mr. Reid preached there August 28.

☞ HER FRIENDS will be glad to know that Mrs. Betty Dean, a member of the Advocate staff, who was critically injured recently in a boating accident, is improving. She is still a patient at Cone Memorial Hospital, Greensboro, and will be for some time, but she can sit up some and can now have visitors.

☞ REV. J. H. WALDROP, JR., pastor of the Fremont Methodist Church, preached in his home church, Jarvis Memorial, Greenville, on Sunday, Aug. 21, at 11:00 a.m. His wife was guest soloist. The guest preacher for Aug. 28 was Rev. Ralph Fleming, another product of the church. Mr. Fleming is pastor at Newport.

☞ MR. JOHN MEARES, who has been chief of flight service, stationed at the Raleigh-Durham Airport, is being promoted in the service, and will move to Washington, D. C., September 6. For 23 years Mr. Meares has been at the Raleigh-Durham station,

and has been an active churchman, serving as instructor in training schools, and as lay speaker. He will be sorely missed.

☞ MR. JOHN MEARES of Raleigh, former director of adult work in the North Carolina Conference, was speaker at the Methodist Men's Club picnic of the Methodist church at Ramseur Saturday night, August 27. Incidentally, the Ramseur church is making the final payment of its educational building in September. The WSCS recently turned in \$1200 on the final payment.

☞ THE PISGAH METHODIST CHURCH, of Route 4, Lincolnton, N. C., Gastonia District, will observe Homecoming on September 4. The Rev. Clyde E. Murray, associate pastor of First Methodist Church, Gastonia, will be the guest speaker. The homecoming service at 11:00 a.m. will be the beginning service of a week of revival services and Reverend Murray will preach throughout the series. A welcome is extended to all former pastors and members. Rev. W. R. Bustle, pastor.

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Charles E. Webber of the Sun Oil Company says: "The double set of rules under which gas producers operate is a condition unparalleled in American business. We have all the hazards of free enterprise. Every day we compete with each other for additional business—or to hold on to what we already have. Yet, when it comes to selling the gas, the Federal Power Commission holds us under a utility status. We are required to live as utilities without the guarantees ordinarily granted to them. We are not even permitted to recoup the cost of gas replacement because of unrealistic price ceilings set by the FPC."

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# EDITORIALS



## THEME FOR THE WEEK

*"He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him."—1 John 2:10.*



## What About Sunday Evening?

Now that summer is passing and the fall season will soon be in full force, it is a good time for ministers and laymen to examine their church programs and see if they are measuring up to their full responsibilities. And one of the questions we need to face honestly and sincerely is "What About the Sunday Evening Service?" Many churches have abandoned Sunday night worship services, and yet many people have told this preacher they got more out of the Sunday night services than the morning service. Sometimes a minister will say, "my official board voted to discontinue the evening service." Well, whether we realize it or not, the **Discipline** makes that the responsibility of the pastor. He is not under the direction of his board at this point, just as he doesn't have to ask the board whether or not he can receive certain people into the church. In the Methodist church the pastor has some privileges inherent to his position, which makes him "the preacher in charge." He can't force members of his official board to attend the evening service any more than he cannot force them to attend the morning service, but he can conduct an evening service and invite them. And even if they do not attend, there are countless others who seek a place of worship in the evening, and sometimes have a hard time finding one. A noted preacher of a large downtown church in a southern city said when he went to that church and announced they would have evening services (which they were not accustomed to) one official asked him why he insisted on having an evening service. The preacher, pointing to a bullet hole in the front door of that big downtown church, said here is one reason: A young woman, away from home and family who was to become an unwed mother, came here in her despair, looking for help. The church was dark. She sat down on the steps brooding over her condition, pulled a pistol out of her purse and sent a bullet through her head and it lodged in the front door of the church. They began their evening service and it became so popular that

there were from 1,000 to 1,200 in attendance on Sunday evenings. The chances are the official board will go along with the minister if they believe he is in earnest, and the congregation will support him with their attendance if he will give them something of vital interest and helpfulness. Those churches that magnify a fine evening service are growing churches and find satisfaction in knowing they are ministering to the spiritual life of their people. Picture shows, athletic contests, television and radio concerns, and many business places operate on Sunday night; why should not the church give full proof of its ministry? Even if the Sunday evening attendance is not as large as the morning congregation, it is worth the effort for those who do come, and the chances are their number will increase. People can count on the secular institutions being open; can they count on the church?

## Important!

The editor is anxious to insert every worthy news item that comes in to the **Advocate**. However, we must work on a schedule and sometimes items come too late to be included in the current issue. Today, Wednesday, we received a notice about a service to be held this next Sunday. The paper was already on the press, and naturally we could not use it. Articles for publication should be in the hands of the editor not later than Friday (earlier if possible) of the preceding week. If the **Advocate** is to get out on time we must go to press on Monday. It takes two days to print, fold, and mail, so that it gets into the post office on Wednesday ready to be delivered on Friday or Saturday. Please bear this in mind and let us have your copy as early as possible. Thank you. And while we are on the subject, if you are not getting your paper on time, please check with your post office. The fault is not with this office.

## Let's Try It

Most of the differences between people come because of a lack of understanding. We are too quick to jump to conclusions. We hear, read, or see something we don't understand; immediately we make up our minds, and we don't want anybody to change them. We impugn the motives of those with whom we disagree without making an effort to understand them. We are too self-righteous. And as a result we experience a lot of unhappiness. Many of our ills are self-imposed. It would be good for Christians to read again the words of Jesus in Matthew's gospel when He was dealing with the question: "If thou

bring thy gifts to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift." It is refreshing and heartening to know that an application of the principles of the gospel and the cultivation of the spirit of love and brotherhood toward each other will go a long way toward ironing out the differences that may exist. Most of us are good at heart; we mean well, but we are just impatient. Usually if we can talk face-to-face we can see eye-to-eye.



## Western N. C. Conference Board of Evangelism

The Board of Evangelism of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference met at Lake Junaluska on August 17. The business of the Board was devoted mainly to planning an evangelistic mission to ministers which will be held January 30-31 at Dilworth Methodist Church, Charlotte. The evangelistic mission is designed for ministers only and will be devoted to messages and discussions of subjects having to do with the theology of evangelism, the message and the person of the evangelist, and implementation of evangelism through preaching, visits, and pastoral care.

Among other features of the conference program for which plans were made was the highlighting of evangelism in the local church. Each official board is being asked to devote a major part of one of its monthly meetings to a study of the objectives of evangelism and an examination of the evangelistic record of their local church in the light of these objectives. In addition to this study by the official board, each local church is being asked to set aside a Sunday at which time in one of the preaching services the objectives of evangelism will be stressed either through the sermon, printing in the bulletin, or oral announcement. The local church may use its own discretion in choosing the time that this is to be done, but it is hoped that it will be done sometime between September and December.

A committee was appointed to study and to discuss with the bishop and the cabinet the need of a full-time executive secretary of evangelism. The executive committee of the Board of Evangelism with Dr. Robert Tuttle to represent the cabinet, were named as this committee. The board designated Rev. John Hamilton liaison member from the Board of Evangelism to the Board of Education. Rev. M. G. Ervin was designated as a member of the Commission on Town and Country Work for the Board of Evangelism. Mr. T. W. Allred of Charlotte was chosen to represent the Board of Evangelism on the Board of Lay Activities.

Officers of the Board of Evangelism are Dr. E. H. Blackard, chairman; Rev. Cecil L. Heckard, conference secretary of evangelism; Rev. John R. Hamilton, vice-chairman of the Board, and Rev. Mitchell Faulkner, secretary to the Board.



# Labor Sunday Message, 1960

(Issued by the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America)

On this Labor Sunday the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America conveys its greetings to all men and women who work, and especially those in the labor movement.

Many urgent tasks now await constructive action by both Labor and the Christian Church. We are mindful of the fact that there are millions of loyal Christians in our churches who are devoted union members. We need to recognize our common tasks, as well as the unique responsibilities of both the Church and Labor, in order that together we may increase our service to God and to mankind.

## Our Tasks in Common

Among the tasks we face in common is the achievement of racial fraternity with equal opportunity for each person to attain the fullest possible growth and use of his potential talents. The Church and Labor are called to realize equality and brotherhood among people both as they work and as they worship.

We face together the perplexity and challenge of a continuously changing economic order which not only presents new opportunities but creates new insecurities. The causes of these insecurities are largely economic and social; but they affect the minds and spirits of people and their solution must be found in part at least in a renewal and deepening of our spiritual lives. We join in seeking the growth of religious as well as other resources which will help us to meet this continuing issue in a fresh and vital way.

We share together a concern for civil liberties and the freedom of our institutions. The changing structure of power always contains threats to freedom, for power has a way of becoming absolute. The churches must seek to guard against undue concentration of power anywhere in society; we look to the labor movement for the exercise of restraint in the use of its own power, and vigilance in preventing the abuse of power by others. Together with other responsible groups we can act creatively to the end that society as a whole may be spared those evils which develop when irresponsible power has corrupted either an individual or an institution.

Our nation approaches the hour of a great national election. We share with Labor as well as all other constructive elements in our society a deep concern for the political health of our country. Together we believe that candidates and political leaders, federal, state, and local, should engage in high level discussions of those issues which are vital to our national community life, and to our role as a friend of nations and a seeker for peace. We urge the voters to resist any appeal to narrow

religious, racial, or special economic group interests.

## Recent Achievements

We commend the leaders and members of organized labor responsible for certain specific and recent achievements in making far-reaching changes in racial and national patterns of employment, entering into agreements that provide creative adjustments to the mounting problems of automation, showing particular concern for the problems of workers in the lower wage brackets, and raising the general productivity of our economic order.

These signs of ethical vitality give us hope and cause for thanksgiving. With consecrated Christians accepting responsibility in the labor unions and in the churches we believe we can work together to serve God's will on earth. At the same time we are conscious that God places us all under continual judgment and that His call to seek righteousness and love ever exceeds our reach. Neither in the labor movement nor in the church of God can we ever be satisfied with self congratulation. Always we are challenged to hear and respond to God's high calling for the morrow.

## LABOR DAY

The medieval monks used the Latin phrase *Labor est Ora*—to work is to pray. With that attitude, no one will resent his work but rather see it as an avenue of blessing for himself and for others.

So whether you use a trowel as a plasterer, a brush as a painter, a wrench as a mechanic, a broom as a homemaker, a pen as a writer, a scalpel as a surgeon, or a slide rule as an engineer, you are simply standing alongside Jesus who, familiar with the tools of the carpenter shop, said, "I must work the works of him who sent me while it is yet day, for the night cometh when no man can work."

Let me but do my work from day to day,  
In field or forest, at desk or loom,  
In roaring market place or tranquil room;  
Let me but find it in my heart to say,  
When vagrant wishes beckon me astray,  
"This is my work; my blessing, not my doom;  
Of all who live, I am the one by whom  
This work can best be done in the right way."

Then shall I see it not too great, nor small,  
To suit my spirit and to prove my powers;  
Then shall I cheerful greet the laboring house,  
And cheerful turn, when the long shadows fall

At eventide, to play and love and rest,  
Because I know for me, my work is best.

—HENRY VAN DYKE

## Committee Hears Reports of Larger Understanding

Zurich, Switzerland — Accomplishments of the past year which have brought the Methodists of the several continents into closer fellowship and understanding were reviewed here recently.

Spokesmen were the two secretaries of the World Methodist Council. Its executive committee met in this city of Zwingli as the guest of Bishop Ferdinand Sigg and Swiss Methodists.

The presence in Zurich of forty international Methodist leaders, including twelve bishops, was recognized by large congregations in the city's six Methodist churches where guest preachers were in the pulpits on the closing Sunday. A huge rally of Zurich Methodists closed the session.

The executive committee, which carries on the program between the quinquennial meetings of the full Council, met under the presidency of the Rev. Dr. Harold Roberts of Surrey, England. Dr. Roberts is principal of Richmond College and is chairman of the theological faculties of London University.

Acting as executives of the Methodist World Council are the two secretaries, the Rev. Dr. Elmer T. Clark of Lake Junaluska, N. C., representing American bodies, and the Rev. Dr. E. Benson Perkins of Birmingham, England, representing more particularly British and European Methodist interests.

A world convocation on evangelism has been suggested by the Council's committee on evangelism. Dr. Harry Denman, new chairman, has proposed 1963, the 225th anniversary of Wesley's Aldersgate experience, as the date.

## Methodist World Committee Considers Africa Problems

Zurich, Switzerland — Praise and encouragement to the head of the Methodist Church of South Africa for his fearless, Christian opposition to *apartheid* were voiced here this week.

The resolution was passed at the executive committee meeting of the World Methodist Council here upon a presentation by the Rev. Dr. E. Benson Perkins who recently visited South Africa.

Dr. Perkins is one of two secretaries of the Council and lives in Birmingham, England.

While considerable newspaper coverage has been given to the courageous attitudes of leaders of other churches, Dr. Perkins assured this international committee that the president of the conference of the independent Methodist Church of South Africa, the Rev. Leslie Hewson of Cape Town, had been no less vocal than others in his protests.

Dr. Perkins described the Methodist Church as the second largest in South Africa. It is multi-racial and enrolls more Africans than any other.

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There is no finish line anywhere in the race for liberty. It is a race our ancestors started, and our heirs will be running long after.—LOWELL MASON.



# Proposed N. C. Conference Headquarters Building

By GRAHAM S. EUBANK

One of the most important proposals presented to the North Carolina Annual Conference in several years is the building of a conference headquarters building on property donated by the Methodist Home for Children for the specific purpose of erecting a conference headquarters building.

This has developed into a controversial issue. At the recent session of the North Carolina Annual Conference the decision to begin the building as proposed by the committee was postponed until a special session of the Annual Conference to be held at Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church in Greenville on September 9, 1960, could examine the proposal in more detail. A special committee was designated to consider the proposed plan and make recommendations to the special session of the Annual Conference. The committee has met and by a large vote is recommending to the Annual Conference that the plan proposed by the building committee be approved.

This plan involves the construction of a building of an area 44,616 square feet with a net interior of 31,900 square feet. This excludes halls, closets, and service areas. Total space allotted for use by the Annual Conference agencies is 9,371 square feet. The estimated cost of this building by the committee is \$600,000. The plan is to lease or rent 22,529 square feet, this being the commercial area of the building. The conference agencies will be expected to pay a total of \$16,000 rent annually on space occupied by these agencies. This places the church in questionable competition with private enterprise involving the employment of a realty agent to handle the commercial part of the building. Also this subjects this area of the building to county and city taxes and state and federal income tax. Another question which is being raised is that of placing our Annual Conference in debt to a banking firm which has promised a loan of \$600,000 for the construction. There is the possibility that the property may not provide sufficient income and that the Annual Conference will then be required to provide additional funds for interest on indebtedness and payments as contract requires.

Many laymen and ministers have requested that an alternate plan be presented to the special session of our Annual Conference in order that the conference may have some choice in the matter of what is built to provide for the urgent needs of all of the agencies of our conference.

Our North Carolina Conference has made great progress especially in the fields of church extension and Christian higher education. It has grown to be one of the larger conferences of the Methodist Church. Our people have responded to the leadership of our bishop, and a headquarters building is a very important and essential part of the progress which we anticipate will be continuing.

The building committee appointed by our Annual Conference was given the re-

sponsibility of building without any campaign for funds for the erection of the building. This the committee has sought to do. Therefore, the only proposal considered has been that of erecting a building with a large area for commercial space with the expectancy of renting and leasing this area to support and pay for the whole.

It is my conviction that there is another plan which can be proposed which will accomplish the mission without including the commercial area. The plan as proposed calls for 9,371 square feet for conference usage. My proposal is that we erect a conference headquarters building adequate to take care of the needs of all our agencies which would not exceed 11,000 square feet. This can be accomplished without securing a loan from any commercial or banking agency and without any additional cost to our Annual Conference. On pages 102 and 103 of the Book of Reports of the North Carolina Annual Conference for 1960 appears the report of the Conference Board of Trustees. This report shows a fund of \$216,954 invested with the Methodist Foundation, Inc. This is a fund that is not designated for any cause or institution within our church. This report states that the dividend from the investment of this fund for the year 1959-60 was \$10,300, which is approximately an income of five per cent. This fund is administered by the North Carolina Annual Conference and the North Carolina Annual Conference has authority to direct the use of any amount for its needs. The committee proposed a loan of \$600,000 for construction of the building which the committee recommends at the interest rate of six per cent per annum.

My proposal is that the North Carolina Annual Conference authorize and direct the Board of Trustees to make available the necessary funds up to \$175,000 as a loan for the erection of a headquarters building at an interest rate of six per cent per annum, which is an income of one per cent more than is now being received from Methodist Foundation, Inc.

The building committee has proposed that the Annual Conference agencies pay \$16,000 per year rent on space occupied in the larger building. The \$16,000 rent will pay an interest rate of six per cent on the loan from the Board of Trustees and also provide a sufficient balance to make satisfactory payment on the principal.

If the Annual Conference should decide to follow this alternate proposal, it would eliminate commercial aspects of the building, the necessity of being involved with realty agents, taxes, and the criticism of competition with private enterprise. This will also eliminate the necessity of incurring a \$600,000 indebtedness for our Annual Conference at this particular inopportune time. Many of the persons with whom the church would be in competition are those to whom we look for the support of the entire work and program of our church.

The reason I present this for the consideration of our Annual Conference is that I have received many requests from our ministers and laymen to do so. They have urged me, if possible, to find some alternate proposal that might be presented to our Annual Conference. This will be the proposal to be presented as a substitute to the recommendation of the building committee at the special session of Annual Conference at Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church in Greenville on September 9, 1960.

The brochure which has been placed in the hands of all delegates of the conference by the building committee lists a number of conferences with conference area headquarters buildings. In the vast majority of instances these conferences have built only for their own needs without commercial areas involved in the buildings. The Western North Carolina Conference recently completed a headquarters building in Statesville providing space only for the agencies of the conference. The Virginia Conference is now involved in the building of a headquarters building for all its agencies including offices for the episcopal area—the bishop and his staff. Both of these buildings cost less than \$200,000. A reliable source in the South Carolina Conference states that the building which the conference now owns in Columbia, part of which is used by the conference and a part of which is rented or leased, has been most unsatisfactory. There is a movement in the conference to sell the present building and erect a building providing only for the needs of the Annual Conference. The Atlanta Area and Jurisdictional offices are housed in Wesley Memorial Methodist Church. It is difficult for us to find an example in any other conference or episcopal area where large commercial buildings have been erected in conjunction with conference headquarters buildings.

This decision is for the members of the North Carolina Annual Conference. It is important that every minister and every lay delegate be present that it may be a conference-wide decision. When the decision is made, let all of us unite together in the support of all of our work that we may continue the program of progress that is so important to our future.

## Two Churches Join in Youth Activities Week

The young people of Muir's Chapel Methodist Church and Guilford College Methodist Church have just completed a most successful Youth Activities Week, August 14-19, at Muir's Chapel Church.

Seventy-five to ninety young people participated nightly. Circles from the two churches prepared meals each night and sixteen adult leaders from the two churches and others led the discussion and the worship each night. One evening the young people from Moriah Methodist Church gave the program.

Climaxing the week, the young people held a Christmas party on Friday night and brought gifts to be sent to the Navajo Methodist Mission School in Framington, New Mexico. Following the party, Rev. D. Austin Hamilton, minister at Muir's Chapel, administered Communion to the group.



## Statesville Business Man on General Board of Missions

Gordon L. Wilson, business, civic and religious leader of Statesville, N. C., was elected to the General Board of Missions of the Methodist Church at the recent meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdiction at Lake Junaluska. Mr. Wilson is one of four laymen elected to this Board from the over two and one-half million members of the Southeastern Jurisdiction.



GORDON L. WILSON

The General Board gives direction and leadership to the missions program of Protestantism's largest mission work through the world, national and Woman's Divisions. The world division oversees the work in 44 countries through the service of 1500 missionaries in the foreign field. The national division directs the work in all of the 50 states and Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic; and the Woman's division has work both in the American and in the foreign field.

Selection of members of the General Board of Missions is done by the Jurisdictional Conference upon nomination by the Annual Conference. Wilson was nominated at the recent meeting of the Western North Carolina Conference.

Mr. Wilson, humbled by this high honor, says, "I never thought this could happen to a 'country boy.'" But his record in the work of the Methodist church speaks for itself. An active member of Broad Street Methodist Church for many years, he now serves as chief usher, a member of the Commission on Education, Commission on Missions, and he is an ex-officio member of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism. He has served in various capacities on the Official Board over a period of several years. He is also a former president of the Men's Bible Class at Broad Street Church and still an active member of this group. He represented the church as a lay delegate at Lake Junaluska in June at the annual conference.

A leader not only in his own church, Mr. Wilson gave active leadership in the organization of the new Wesley Memorial Methodist Church on Hartness Road in Statesville and served a term on its Board of Trustees. He also was among those who helped bring the new Method-

ist Building on Wesley Drive to Statesville and in providing land for its erection.

He has served as treasurer of the Statesville District Mission Society which handles funds for new congregations.

The Western North Carolina Board of Missions recognized his leadership in missions several years ago and elected him to the executive committee of this Board. At the recent annual conference he was re-elected to this Board and to the executive committee which directs the mission work of more than a quarter million Methodists in Western North Carolina.

In 1957 Mr. Wilson visited the Methodist work in South Africa when the Methodist church made an evangelistic tour of South America. On this trip he traveled with the Rev. R. G. Tuttle, district superintendent of the Asheville District, and former pastor of the Broad Street Church, in Statesville.

In 1958 Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were present for the dedication of the campus and the groundbreaking for the Alaska Methodist University in Anchorage. They were in Alaska when the statehood was celebrated. As a result of these trips, the Wilsons have been in great demand by church and other groups to whom they have given slide-illustrated talks on these lands.

Formerly president of the Lions' Club and a former chairman of the City Recreation Commission, Wilson gives civic leadership presently as vice-chairman of the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army.

Mr. Wilson plans to attend the organizational meeting of the General Board of Missions when it meets in Chicago, September 22.

## Inter-Jurisdictional Group Is Organized

*Chicago* — The Methodist Commission on Inter-Jurisdictional Relations, established for the 1960-64 quadrennium by the 1960 Methodist General Conference, had its organization meeting here August 11-12.

Officers elected for the quadrennium were Charles C. Parlin, Englewood, N. J., chairman; James P. Brawley, Atlanta, Ga., vice-chairman; the Rev. Dr. D. Trigg James, Atlanta, Ga., secretary; and Leonard D. Slutz, Cincinnati, Ohio, assistant secretary.

Mr. Parlin was chairman of the 1956-60 Commission to study and recommend action concerning the Jurisdictional system.

By and large, the 1960-64 Commission on Inter-Jurisdictional Relations was created to implement the recommendations of the 1956-60 study commission.

Entrusted to the 36-member commission will be "the continuing program of the Methodist Church to abolish the Central (Negro) Jurisdiction, promote interracial brotherhood through Christian love, and achieve a more inclusive church."

Officers of the Southeastern Jurisdictional group include Edwin L. Jones, Charlotte, N. C., chairman; John C. Satterfield, Yazoo City, Miss., vice-chairman; and the Rev. Dr. D. Trigg James, Atlanta, secretary.

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Hinges of true friendship will never grow rusty.

## Methodist College Faculty Is Now Complete

The teaching faculty has now been completed for the opening of Methodist College in September. This news was released by President L. Stacy Weaver as he announced the appointment of Dr. Marie C. Fox, as assistant professor of history.

Dr. Fox is a native of Welch, W. Va. She received the A.B. degree from Northwestern University; did further study at the University of Buffalo, and received the Ph.D. degree from Cornell University.

Academic honors received by Dr. Fox include Phi Beta Kappa, Kappa Delta Pa (Education honorary), and listed in *Who's Who in American Education*, 1955.



DR. MARIE C. FOX

Beginning in 1946 her experience includes teaching at the following: Northwestern University, Cornell University, Smith College, University of Massachusetts, University of Arkansas, Arkansas Polytechnic College, and most recently from 1958 to 1960 at San Jose College, San Jose, Calif.

In her philosophy of education Dr. Fox says, "Education is the 'open sesame' to the door of civilization and human enlightenment. History reveals that every great culture, during its apex, nurtured its young and impressionable minds with the finest art, literature, science and religion of the time, in the hope that proper training and discipline of both body and mind would insure continuous progress and development in the refinement of God's creatures. I envision the teacher's job as one of infinite artistry, which involves approaching each student as a unique individual, allowing him to show his best form, revealing his inner potential, relating that inner being to the larger complex of a community, and finally, seeing that personality with its well-integrated and coordinated hues and values, participate positively with creativity and dignity in a future dedicated to justice, honor and reverence."

Dr. Fox is an Episcopalian and is married to Major Lawrence J. Fox, a West Point graduate and assigned to Fort Bragg.



# Methodists Join Battle for Freedom From Hunger

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization launched a five-year program this summer to secure a reasonable and basic human freedom—freedom from hunger for every man, woman, and child anywhere on earth.

No longer can an indifferent world shrug off the situation, saying, "the poor, and the hungry, we always have with us." In the face of an exploding population, the old problems of malnutrition and disease have become acute. Recurrent famine threatens to become downright starvation.

FAO has had the imagination and the conviction to proclaim that freedom from hunger is an inalienable human right and one that can be achieved if people are made aware of the need and determine to do something about it. Calling upon all cultural and religious organizations of every kind to join in one massive attack, the U.N. organization has instigated a dramatic widespread program of making known to the haves the extent of malnutrition and starvation in the world, on the one hand, and, on the other, of educating the have-nots in the causes and cure of the low economic and agricultural productivity.

This ideal of freedom from hunger has found ready response among members of the World Council of Churches. Virtually all these churches have been deeply involved for many years in programs of assistance to undernourished peoples. The discussions in Geneva last April of fifty Protestant and Orthodox leaders rapidly developed the awareness of united Christian responsibility for a greater ministry in the present complex world situation—a ministry not only to hunger for food, but for positive health, for economic stability, for leadership training, for social betterment.

This larger view of Christian service answers a growing urgency for a long-term strategy that will get at the root causes of need—ignorance, disease, low economic productivity, and so on. Particularly important in this ministry is the projected training of indigenous leadership through church institutions and programs. Thus, Christian vocation and higher education work together in areas of rapid social change.

As initial studies and surveys develop, every facility of the churches will be called upon to meet this vitally compelling challenge of international human need.

Comprehensive demonstration projects are being planned, projects such as the Project Daya (Daya is Bengali for "mercy"). This project was inspired by the World Refugee Year and is now being developed by Church World Service in response to the request of the National Christian Council of India.

Project Daya is four-pronged. It is designed to get at both desperate emergency needs and at the disheartening long-range ills affecting the 3,000,000 refugees who ring Calcutta in squalor and misery. The project includes at these important levels:

(1) Teams of professional social workers for service within refugee colonies to provide educational, family and economic services and to supply desperately needed medical aid to combat tuberculosis, diphtheria and the numerous infections that are rampant.

(2) Vocational training centers in the colonies in which refugees may learn skills that will fit them for the industrial employment market of Calcutta and for life as normal self-supporting citizens.

(3) Service centers in the resettlement areas. These will include camp centers for new refugees, village centers, agricultural

training centers, and medical programs to meet initial needs of settlers.

(4) Student centers in connection with the University of Calcutta, each designed for about 500 students and offering vocational and personal counseling, a book bank, supervised reading rooms, recreational facilities, subsidized canteens, medical services and bathing areas.

The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief is ready to carry out the church's desire in this exciting five-year plan, and this is not a new departure. For twenty years MCOR has expended an average of \$1,000,000 a year to help relieve suffering among the starving, the uprooted, the homeless and destitute victims of war and disaster in a total of fifty-nine countries on five continents. This is a large sum, but not large enough in view of the still enormous unanswered needs. Already MCOR is planning a definitely enlarged effort tying in with ecumenical Christianity's concerted drive against the roots and branches of impoverishment and hunger of all kinds. MCOR hopes to intensify work on Methodist projects and also to cooperate in undertakings calling for long-term strategy like Project Daya enumerated above.

As plans move forward you will be hearing more about Methodism's efforts to share in securing freedom from hunger for the world's people. You will learn how you can participate in this bold compassionate effort—one that may well prove the most significant and far-reaching effort in church history.

## Faculty-Staff Conference at Bennett College

*Greensboro, N. C.*—The annual faculty-staff fall conference at Bennett College will be held September 8-15, President Willa B. Player announced this week.

Theme this year will be "Emphasizing Unified Learning and Evaluation in Individual Education." Mrs. Esther Raushenbush of Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, N. Y., and Miss Edith Rush of Atlanta, Ga., will serve as consultants.

First general session will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, September 9, in the foyer of the David D. Jones Student Union, with President Player presiding. A panel, "The Core Approach to Learning," will feature this session, with the chairmen of the various core groups as panelists.

A picnic supper on the lawn of the president's home will be held Saturday at 6 p.m., and on Sunday morning the group will attend 11 a.m. services at St. Matthews Methodist Church, founding home of the college, to hear a sermon by the Rev. John G. Corry, who last year served as acting director of religious activities at the college.

The faculty-staff will hold joint session with student leaders on Wednesday morning and both groups will attend the annual banquet that night at which Mrs. Raushenbush will speak. Mrs. Blanche Raiford, president of the Faculty-Staff Club, will be toastmistress.

A work-study period for the faculty-staff and residence directors from 9:30 a.m. to noon, will conclude the conference on Saturday.



*Small Children in Haiti Who Suffer from Malnutrition.*



## Special Session North Carolina Conference At Greenville, Friday, September 9th

Bishop Paul N. Garber, acting upon a resolution adopted by the recent session of the North Carolina Annual Conference in Rocky Mount, has called a special session of the conference to meet in Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church, Greenville, Friday, September 9, 1960, at 10:30 a.m. The resolution reads:

"That a committee composed of the Cabinet, the Commission on World Service and Finance, the Conference Headquarters Building Committee, and three laymen and three ministers from the conference at large to be appointed by the bishop, be authorized to carefully study the plans for the Conference headquarters building and report its recommendations to a special ses-

sion of the Annual Conference to be called by the bishop at a date as soon as possible after September 1, 1960."

The committee has met and prepared a report to be presented to the special session of the annual conference. A copy of the report has been sent to each delegate prior to the convening of the special session.

This action was taken and the special session authorized because of some difference of opinion as to the type building that should be erected. It was thought best to take the proper time for a committee to go into the matter thoroughly and make its recommendations. Since that has been done, it is expected the matter will be disposed of satisfactorily at the special session in Greenville on September 9th.

### Those Who Suffer Bravely

Along hospital corridors I've walked for many years,  
And visited the suffering, who smiled through painful tears;  
And I have been inspired by all who've been so brave in pain - -  
Just smiling through, and waiting there, and daring not complain.  
They'll never know the good they do to those who thus observe,  
Reminding us that, though they're ill, they also live to serve;  
For as we've seen them in their pain, and yet so very brave,  
We've known that, though we went to bless them, they a blessing gave.

—ERNEST C. DURHAM



Shown above are participants in the groundbreaking ceremony July 24, for the new Bethany Methodist Church, Concord. Left to right are Rev. J. C. Stokes, superintendent of the Salisbury District, who conducted the service; J. H. Dabbs, church lay leader; Ivy Cline, chairman of the Building Committee; Ray Calloway, chairman of the Commission on Social Concerns; the pastor, Rev. F. E. Brown, and Mr. Carl Brown, the contractor. The church was organized May 31, 1959, with sixteen members. The membership is now fifty-five. Bethany Church is located at 343 Poplar Tent Road, Concord. The new building will be two stories with classrooms and fellowship hall, to be used until the sanctuary is built. The church meets in a seven-room house.

## Parsonage Dedication and Homecoming at Mayesville

The Mayesville Methodist Church has chosen Sunday, September 11, as the day for its homecoming and dedication of the new parsonage.

Present for this special occasion, along with the pastor, Rev. J. T. Smith, will be Dr. A. J. Hobbs of the New Bern District, and Rev. R. F. Moore, former Mayesville pastor, now pastor of the Methodist church at Carthage, N. C.

Dr. Hobbs will conduct the dedication and Rev. Mr. Moore will bring the message. Mr. Moore and his family were the first to occupy the parsonage upon its completion in 1956 while he was pastor.

All former pastors and members, friends and visitors are cordially invited to be present.

Following the services, a homecoming dinner will be spread at the Mayesville community building.

## Ocean View is Name Given Yaupon Beach Church

At a meeting of the WSCS of the Methodist Church located in Yaupon Beach, the matter of selecting an inclusive name for the church came up. The territory includes Caswell, Yaupon, Tranquil and Long Beaches, embracing more than ten miles of oceanfront. Members of this church are to be found in all these growing resort communities and the potential is one of great promise. By a resolution adopted by the WSCS, the official board, and congregational vote in a duly-called church conference, the name Ocean View Methodist Church was unanimously approved by these official groups. The matter now awaits final confirmation by the First Quarterly Conference, to be held soon. Since this beautiful church is destined to serve all the beaches in southeastern North Carolina and nearby communities, and in order to have a name for its constituency, the entire church went on record as selecting the name given. Inclusive and yet easy to refer to, the general bodies of the church were enthusiastic about the outcome. A poll of the community in a large congregation last Sunday gave hearty endorsement in an unofficial way, including members, residents on the beach, and the large number of visitors who worship there regularly.

### THE STORM, THEN THE RAINBOW

When dark clouds gather in the sky  
When the thunder rolls  
In the twinkling of an eye  
Then the rainbow flashes on the screen  
Such splendor you've never seen  
It's God's way of saying  
"In every cloud there is a silver lining"  
To show His sun will always be shining  
God has a stronger light  
That will always shine  
Both day and night  
"Jesus, His Son"  
"The Light of the world."

—MRS. W. H. BOOKER

Box 149, Mt. Olive, N. C.



## Reidsville Circuit School of Missions

A school of missions was held at the Lowe's Methodist Church, Reidsville circuit, August 7-11. The pastor, Rev. John Kincaid, reports it was an excellent school and well attended. The newspapers and radio stations gave good publicity, and helped increase the attendance.

Taking an active part in the school, in addition to the pastor, were Rev. Garland Gammon, Rev. J. P. Greene, Rev. Delos Corderman, and Rev. Tom Stockton. Also Mrs. Harry Cain, Mrs. Joe Meador, and Mrs. Creighton Lacy, wife of Dr. Creighton Lacy of Duke University. Mrs. Lacy has just returned from a world tour and was a featured speaker at the school of missions. A film on Borneo was shown during the school, which dramatized the plight of the Ibans in Sarawak. These primitive people are struggling to understand the modern world, and the film tells of the ministry and witness of the Methodist missionaries as they move up the Rejang River, which is the only means of transportation. Mrs. Lacy showed slides in connection with her address, which were taken on her recent trip. She gave an interesting address, and said, among other things, that one of the great problems facing us as American Christians is that our profession to follow Christ does not coincide with the New Testament teaching of what a Christian should be. This practice of second-rate Christianity at home is hindering the work of the missionary overseas. Our compassion and concern must match our profession. Dr. Sundaram, a native of Lucknow, India, was also a guest speaker. He is doing research in open heart surgery at Duke Hospital. The closing session of the school was addressed by the Rev. Earl Brendall, pastor of Central Church, Mount Airy. Last year he was one of a select group of twenty ministers who participated in an evangelistic mission to South America, and represented the Western North Carolina Conference in this mission. Some of the countries visited were Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Paraguay, and Chile. The Reidsville circuit members feel the school of missions was an excellent success. At the recent Youth Activities Week on this charge there were three professions of faith, 20-25 rededications to Christ, and one commitment to full-time Christian service. An unusual week for our youth, said the pastor.

## Rev. and Mrs. H. G. Allen Tour World Mission Fields

New York—The Rev. and Mrs. H. G. Allen, 414 Summit Street, Statesville, N. C., are among eleven persons who left San Francisco August 22 on a seven-week tour of Methodist churches and mission projects in Asia.

Mr. Allen is a retired ministerial member of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference.

The tour will take the group around the world, but most of the time will be spent in seven countries of southeast Asia—Taiwan, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Singapore, Malaya, Sarawak (Borneo), and

Burma. The tour party will visit with missionaries and national Christian leaders in each country and will observe all phases of the Methodist program, including evangelistic, medical, social, educational and agricultural work. The group will be in Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, during the quadrennial meeting of the Southeast Asia Methodist Conference.

The party will spend a week in Delhi, where they will visit with Indian Government officials and church leaders. Other stops will be in Honolulu, Tokyo, Cairo, Rome and Lisbon. The group is scheduled to arrive in New York October 9.

The tour is sponsored by the Methodist Board of Missions as a means of first-hand missionary education for interested Methodists. The itinerary is worked out by the Board in cooperation with Methodist leaders in the areas to be visited.

### NOTICE

The Audio-Visuals for the Board of Christian Social Concerns of the Western North Carolina Conference may now be ordered by addressing your request to Social Concerns, Box 749, Statesville, N. C.

The following films are available: *Far From Alone*, *How Long the Night*, *Understanding Heart*, *What You Ought to Want*, *What About Alcohol?*, *Stop Driving Us Crazy*, *To Your Health*, *How To Say 'No.'*

## Westford Church Observes Youth Activities Week

The following program was observed by Westford Methodist Church, Concord, in its week of Youth Activities, August 15-19:

Tuesday, Teen-age Problems, with panel discussion; Wednesday, Bible study, "Jesus' Way—Our Mission;" Thursday, Safety driving on the highway. A motion picture on this theme, featuring the Rev. Billy Graham, was shown. Talk and discussion led by a patrolman. Friday, picnic and Galilean service at Freedom Park, Charlotte, N. C.

Special guests were the Rev. Paul W. Yount, Jr., executive secretary of Personnel, Board of Missions, New York City; the Rev. Frank Kiker, associate minister, First Methodist Church, Salisbury; Mrs. Paul Haige, county attendance officer, and Patrolman Alan Norton. Panelists were Don Hinson, moderator; Joe Litaker, Martha Clarke, Rev. Frank Kiker, and Mrs. Paul Haige.

Youth leaders were Kim Furr, Peggy Foster, Kent Foster, Jackie Becknell, and Steve Dabbs. Counselors were Mrs. Bill Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Becknell, Mrs. Reece Furr, and the Rev. William B. Penny.

As a service project the youth taught the Sunday school classes on Sunday morning, August 21. Rev. W. B. Penny is pastor.

## Central Church, Asheville, Planning Youth Activities



Pictured above as they planned for Youth Activities Week at Central Methodist Church, Asheville, N. C., were (left to right): Larry Redmond; J. T. O'Kelly, counselor; Anne Palmer, chairman; and Alice Rogers, all members of the Publicity Committee. The theme for YAW, held August 22-26, was "Quo Vadis?" Nightly sessions were from six to eight-thirty, and the program included supper, recreation, a guest speaker, and a closing worship service. Speakers for YAW were Rev. Henry Flowers, associate pastor of Central Methodist Church; Dr. Lester Zerfoss of American Enka Corp.; Rev. Robert Tuttle, Asheville district superintendent, and Richard Robinson, Aycock School principal.





# Woman's Activities



## WNC Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



### New Society in Reidsville

A new society at a new church in Reidsville was organized this week. The church is an outgrowth from Main Street Methodist Church in Reidsville and was organized in June. The name chosen for the new church is Woodmont Methodist Church.

Seventy women have joined the new society. They have elected all of their officers and are as busy as can be getting all or their work started. Mrs. Charles W. Campbell of Oakcrest Drive, Reidsville, was chosen as president of the society.

Others chosen to serve this year are Mrs. Walter Moore, vice-president; Mrs. John Apple, secretary; Mrs. W. David Stocks, treasurer.

Mrs. Arell Lineberger, district secretary of promotion, reports that this "should be a good, strong society." The new society is in the Greensboro District.

## NC Conference

By MARY GARDNER



### Spiritual Emphasis Felt At School of Missions

The 14th Annual N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service-sponsored School of Missions and Christian Service in session at Duke University August 8-12, was permeated with a spiritual emphasis which was felt through the entire week. Under the general theme, Thy Word, Our Law," and the chairmanship of Mrs. Sam A. Dunn of Enfield, the school followed the Spiritual Life Retreat on August 6-7, led by Dr. Clarice Bowman, of the Department of Religion, High Point College, and under the direction of Mrs. R. L. Jerome, conference secretary of Spiritual Life.

The 419 women attending the five-day school engaged in a daily hour of Bible study, classes on the four current mission study courses, clinics for officers training, and evening assemblies.

#### The Daily Hour of Bible Study

Dr. George M. Scheyer, of the Department of Religion, Pfeiffer College, led the entire school in four one-hour sessions of Bible study, using the Book of Acts as the basis for the general theme, "The Holy Spirit." Subsequent topics discussed were "The Promise of the Holy Spirit Declared;"

"The Message of the Holy Spirit;" "The Spirit Experience as Guide;" and "The Witness and Mission Sustained by the Holy Spirit."

Defining the Holy Spirit as "God's activity within us," and "God in His nearness," Dr. Schreyer declared: "We need to begin to give more emphasis to the Holy Spirit . . . the importance and understanding of the Holy Spirit has been slipping from our Christendon and our mission work. We can carry out our mission in the world only through the Holy spirit . . . This age in which we live is too self-centered and that is the weakness of the modern day.

"The first Christians were embued with the Holy Spirit . . . the promise of the Holy Spirit was fulfilled at Pentecost . . . it is the task of the Christian church to continue what those early Christians began . . . Jesus made no other preparation for His program of salvation in the world than Spiritual witnessing."

Dr. Schreyer, in his concluding discussion, appealed: "Do all you possibly can to help the church regain its early passion, the good news of Christ. Be responsive and sensitized and allow God's Holy Spirit to indwell your life and your living. Do what you do in the spirit of what it accomplished for God, and not what man may say about it."

#### Evening Assemblies

Miss Marjorie Yarborough, recently returned from a three-year term as missionary to Korea under the Woman's Division of Christian Service, was speaker for the Monday evening session. Miss Yarborough illustrated her talk with slides. On Tuesday evening Miss Roma Cupp, an instructor in the School of Missions, presented a review on the mission study course, "Heritage and Horizons in Home Missions." The Wednesday evening assembly featured Dr. Creighton Lacy, of the Duke Divinity School, an illustrated lecture on his recent trip to India. Climaxing the evening assemblies on Thursday evening Mrs. W. B. Landrum, field worker for the WDCS, and an instructor in the School of Missions, addressed the group on the topic, "The Philosophy of Missions; Our Share in Missions."

#### Other Highlights

The mimeographed copies of a daily Morning Watch guide, and the copies of prayers distributed at each meal time gave added impetus to the spiritual atmosphere during the several days at Duke. Both were prepared by Mrs. R. L. Jerome, conference secretary of Spiritual Life.

The traditional group singing on the steps in front of the chapel each evening was considerably enhanced on Wednesday evening by the presence and singing of a

number of supply pastors who were also in session at Duke. The group singing was led by Mrs. P. F. Newtn, of Burlington.

Also on Wednesday evening, members of the WSCS of the University Methodist Church, Chapel Hill, were hostesses at a social hour in the ballroom of Union Building.

A special guest at the School of Missions was Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon, former missionary to China and Africa, and a former secretary of the work in Europe and Africa, WDCS. Miss McKinnon spoke briefly at the orientation period on Monday afternoon.

The 1961 School of Missions and Christian Service has been scheduled for August 7-11. The school's staff will include Mrs. Harold Braswell, Whitakers, chairman; Mrs. E. G. Cothran, Raleigh, dean; Mrs. L. C. Vereen, Durham, business manager; Mrs. Shelton Boyd, Mount Olive, registrar; and Mrs. J. J. Gergen, Durham, publicity.



## Two New Staff Members Methodist Board of Education

*Nashville, Tenn.* — Two new staff members will join the Editorial Division of the Methodist Board of Education here September 1 to work in children's publications.

They are the Rev. Charles A. Shook, who is completing work on his Ph.D. degree at Boston University, and Miss Jean Buchanan, Atlanta, director of children's work for the North Georgia Methodist Conference.

Both Mr. Shook and Miss Buchanan have been trained for the church's special ministry to primary children. Mr. Shook is a member of the Baltimore annual conference and has been pastor of churches in Maryland and Massachusetts.

Miss Buchanan's record of professional service includes North Georgia conference director of children's work and director of children's work in several churches, including Peachtree Road Methodist Church, Atlanta.

## Richard L. Apperson Field Representative

Richard L. Apperson has been appointed field representative in the office of the Director of Admissions of the American University, Washington, D. C. He will do college guidance work with Methodist churches, conference Boards of Education, and Methodist preparatory schools and junior colleges within a 150-mile radius of Washington.

A native of Washington, Mr. Apperson is a member of the Francis Asbury Methodist Church where he teaches the Young Adult class.

He attended Western Maryland College in Westminster from 1956-1958 where he was president of the Methodist Student Movement for two years. He transferred to the American University and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in humanities in 1959 and is now working on his master's degree in the Department of Philosophy and Religion.



## Formal Opening of Pisgah Methodist Church

Pisgah Methodist Church, on the Winston-Salem District, was formally opened for worship in a special service August 28. Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, superintendent of the Winston-Salem District, participated in the service and brought the message of the morning. This was a day of joy for the people of Pisgah Church when they consecrated their church unto God.

The completion of the new sanctuary brought to a close a building program extending over a six-year period. In June 1954 the building program began with the building of educational facilities under the leadership of the minister at that time, Rev. W. H. Benfield. The second stage was the construction of the basement to the sanctuary under the guidance of Rev. H. S. Carter. The third and final stage was the erection of a new sanctuary under the leadership of the present minister, Rev. F. Doyle Freeman. The complete new plant is valued at over \$100,000, with a seating capacity of a little over 200.

Pisgah Methodist Church began as a Sunday school in 1890. The following year the Rev. John Burnette held a revival under a brush arbor near the present church, and with his help the people organized the church proper with a membership of 15 or 20. (Today the membership stands at 257). The first stewards were J. R. Idol, Elwood Robbins, and A. C. Mustin.

The newly organized church was named Pisgah for a school in the neighborhood, located southwest of the present church. The little church joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, North, and they belonged to the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Annual Conference. Of course, when the Methodist churches united in 1939, Pisgah came into the Western North Carolina Annual Conference.

George W. Wilson and Elwood Robbins each gave one-half acre of land on which to build a church building. The first church was built of logs in 1893. Split chestnut logs, with pegs for legs, were used for pews, and oil lamps with tin reflectors provided a poor light for night services. J. R. Idol, a blacksmith of the community, made nails to go into this first building.

J. G. Ferrell, an evangelist, held the first revival in the church. The new members

were baptized in Robbins mill pond located nearby.

Pisgah was put on a circuit with Mount Pleasant, Morris Chapel, Antioch, and Elm Grove. These churches paid the preacher a total salary of \$40.00 per year. The presiding elder (district superintendent) received a salary of \$70.00 per year.

The second building was constructed in 1914-15. The members donated logs, lumber, and labor. This second building was used until it was torn down.

In October 1959 construction was begun on the final stage of the present building. The Ervin Building Company of Winston-Salem was employed to do the work. The Southern Desk Company of Hickory furnished the church with pews and chancel furniture.

The building has been completed, but the building of the church continues. The church looks to the future with a desire to be of service to God and man.

## Paine College Graduate Opposing Communism In Congo

Peter Shaumba, a 1957 graduate of Paine College who has since returned to his native Congo, is striking blows against Communism - - his latest effort a speech before 4,000 Congolese chiefs and leaders in which he proclaimed that "anyone who will receive bribes from Communist Russia is a traitor to his country."

Cheered enthusiastically, his words demonstrated their power weeks later when, at another conference, opposition developed to a plan submitted which proposed that any money offered by Russia to the newly-formed nation should be accepted because of necessity of funds.

When the statement was read by a committee member, "that great body of thousands with all the chiefs present from all over this tribe, the chiefs and people arose almost in a body and booed him and condemned him and said, 'Didn't you hear what Pastor Shaumba told us that we should not receive bribes from any Communist country, and who are you that you will differ from Shaumba? What school did you go to, and how much do you know about other countries? We will follow what Pastor Shaumba told us.'"

This report on Shaumba's activities was related in a letter from Alexander J. Reid, a senior Methodist missionary who has spent some 35 years in the Congo.

Reid is credited with baptism of Patrice Lumumba, the Prime Minister of the new Republic. Reid refers to him as Lomomba Patrice, pointing out a different Congolese spelling and transposition of the two names.

Reid writes that Lomomba "is a product of our mission schools at Wembo Nyama. His home is only five miles from the station at Ona Lua, and he walked back and forth to the station to school."

He advises that those in the U. S. "take the reports about Lomomba with a grain of salt, since the Catholic Church hates him and has tried to do everything in its power to get the Catholic Party in power in the Congo. It has thrown all the mud it could

to smear his character and to down him. Every reference the 'Times' has made about him shows the influence of the Catholic Church in America."

It has been estimated that anywhere from 16 to 20 members of the entire Congo population are college graduates.

"Peter Shaumba has quite a distinction, being one of such a small number. One of the real problems facing the Congo now is that there is so little qualified leadership," continued Dr. E. Clayton Calhoun, president of Paine College.

Shaumba was born in the Belgian Congo, but attended Paine College from 1953 to 1957, earning a good scholastic record for himself although he had a language problem—to understand what his instructors were saying, he had to translate English to French to his native tongue. To make himself understood, he had to reverse the process. He took four years of French at Paine College.

"He achieved his good grades by prodigious effort," said Dr. Calhoun, who related the story of the young Congolese's journey to the Augusta institute of learning.

"Bishop Arthur Moore was in Africa 15 years ago and he met the boy. He was very impressed with Peter, and gave him one of his own ties to wear. He refused to put it on, saying he would keep it until he came to America. He never wore it until many years later, when he was sent to Paine College as a special student. It was the only tie he owned," recalled Dr. Calhoun.

Shaumba has achieved so much strength in the Congo since his return that he has been elected Secretary General of the Protestant Council, comprised of 50 bodies of the Protestant communities and the Belgian Congo and Ruanda Urundi. It has been termed "stronger than the National Council of Churches in the U. S."

## Miss Carolyn Horn Weds

The chapel at Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina, was the scene of the August 20th wedding of Miss Carolyn Devonne Horne, former student at the Methodist Home for Children, and James Rufus Batten, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Thomas Batten of Middlesex, North Carolina. The Reverend Robert L. Nicks officiated at the 4 p.m. candlelight ceremony, and nuptial music was played by Mrs. E. L. Norton, organist.

The bride wore a ballerina gown of white silk chiffon, fashioned with a bouffant skirt. Over it she wore a white lace jacket with bracelet-length sleeves. She wore a coronet of silk braid and pearls, with a circular veil, and white shortie gloves.

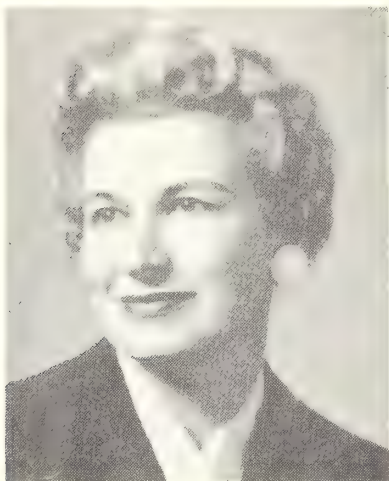
Mrs. Batten was graduated from Needham Broughton High School in June, and is employed at the School of Textiles, State College. The bridegroom was graduated from Corinth-Holders High School, and attend State College, Raleigh. He is employed at the Ralston Purina Company, in Raleigh.

The couple are making their home at 620 Grove Avenue, Raleigh.





# N. C. Woman Is Honored By Methodist Magazine



MRS. WALTER GIBSON, SR.

The picture of a leader among North nominations to appear on the cover of the Carolina Methodist women has been selected from among more than 1,000 nominations to appear on the cover of the September issue of *The Methodist Woman* magazine. Mrs. Walter I. Gibson, Sr., of Randleman and Pfeiffer College and long active in the affairs of Methodist women was selected for this honor based on a nomination made by Mrs. Arnold Kirk of Cooleemee, a long-time friend.

Mrs. Gibson is the immediate past president of the Thomasville District of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church. She has a long record of service to her church and interest in the affairs of young people ranging from the high school to the college age group.

A person of unusual warmth, abounding energy, and a great variety of abilities, Mrs. Gibson currently divides her time between family affairs, church activities, and a wide range of unofficial duties at Pfeiffer College where her husband is vice-president in charge of business affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibson maintain an apartment on the Pfeiffer campus but return to their comfortable Randleman home on the week-end. Mrs. Gibson's 88-year-old mother-in-law, Mrs. Victoria Gibson, who has made her home with her son since his marriage in 1932, keeps house while the Gibsons are on the Pfeiffer campus.

A person whose interest in her home church—the First Methodist Church of Randleman—may be traced to her childhood, she has served in a variety of capacities from a worker with young people to the superintendent of her church's youth department. "I moved along with my son's school days, working with church people and in P.T.A. affairs, feeling it a responsibility of parents to help provide wholesome community activities for our youth," she says.

In 1956 she was elected president of the Thomasville District of the Methodist Woman's Society for a four-year term. Under her leadership the number of organized groups expanded, giving to mis-

sionary causes increased, and last year 28 of her societies were awarded the coveted "Standard of Excellence" by the conference Woman's Society.

A current special interest to Mrs. Gibson now is her nine-months-old grandson, Alan, with whom she loves to baby-sit. Her son and his wife make their home on the Pfeiffer campus where he is manager of the Pfeiffer Student Center.

A constant concern to Mrs. Gibson is the progress of Pfeiffer College. In 1938 she and her husband began a friendship with Pfeiffer's president, Dr. J. Lem Stokes, II, and Mrs. Stokes while he was serving as Methodist minister in Randleman. In 1956 following her husband's retirement from a responsible managerial position in the lithographing industry, Mr. Gibson was named vice-president of Pfeiffer College. She jokingly says, "I went to work for Pfeiffer then but somehow my name has never gotten on the payroll."

Mrs. Gibson is known to hundreds of Methodist women of western North Carolina and the southeastern states through a series of annual teas and receptions given at the Gibson home at Lake Junaluska in the interest of Pfeiffer College. "It is a great joy for us to open our home to the women who sponsor Pfeiffer College each summer as they come to conference at Lake Junaluska," she says.

Visitors to the Gibson home have included individuals from all over the world, ranging from the late Bishop Ralph Ward of Hong Kong to mission workers from Africa. "I shall never forget the humble spirit of the late Bishop Ward. One of my most precious memories is of his help in washing dishes in the kitchen one summer night while Mrs. Ward chatted with my husband," Mrs. Gibson recalls.

Two other visitors to the Gibson lakeside home have been of special inspiration to Mrs. Gibson. They are Mrs. Frank Brooks, New York City, immediate past president of the Woman's Division of the Methodist Board of Missions who encouraged Mrs. Gibson in her work with Methodist women, and Mrs. J. N. Roheheaver, Winona Lake, Indiana, long-time Pfeiffer Board of Trustees member who inspired her to an even deeper devotion to Pfeiffer College and the cause of Christian higher education.

Numbers of Pfeiffer students have come to regard her as a personal friend and counselor. With a warm smile and an understanding ear, she always has time to talk with students. Last year she and Mrs. Stokes served as the official college chaperones for the Pfeiffer Concert Choir's spring tour of Florida. Frequently she serves as a volunteer secretary in the college business office.

Mrs. Gibson is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. Fields Brown of Randleman. She is a charter member of Randleman's first garden club, the Green Garden Club. From 1932 to 1938 she and her husband made their home in High Point, returning to Randleman in 1938.

## New Faculty Members At Louisburg College

New faculty and staff for the academic year beginning September 6, 1960, at Louisburg College have been announced by President Cecil W. Robbins.

Norman Chadwick of Smyrna will teach in the biology department. A native of Cartaret County, Mr. Chadwick holds the B.S. and M.A. degrees from Appalachian State Teachers College. He has done additional work at East Carolina College and this summer attended the National Science Institute at Appalachian State Teachers College.

Dr. Sarah Davis, whose field is English, is a native of Louisburg. She holds the A.A. degree from Louisburg College, the A.B. and M.A. degrees from the University of North Carolina, and the Ph.D. degree from New York University. She taught English in the Elizabeth Irwin High School in New York and at New York University.

Avery Dennis, also a native of Louisburg, holds the A.A. degree from Louisburg College and the B.S. and M.S. degrees from North Carolina State College with a major in chemistry. Mr. Dennis, who has served as a graduate assistant at State College, will teach chemistry and mathematics.

Meade Nehrig, a native of Patton, Pennsylvania, has been awarded the A.B. degree at Duke University and has completed his work for the M.A. degree at the University of Pennsylvania. He has also had an additional year of graduate study at Boston School of Theology in the area of counseling. He will teach American history and serve as assistant dean of men.

Mrs. Betsy Leonard Pernell of Louisburg received the A.A. degree from Louisburg College and the A.B. degree from Atlantic Christian College. She expects to complete work for the M.A. degree at East Carolina College in 1961. She will teach in the business department.

Miss Sarah Richardson, a native of Kenly, received her A.B. degree from Woman's College and her M.A. degree from Duke University. For five years she was director of Christian education at Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh. Miss Richardson will serve as dean of women and as an instructor in the English department.

Dr. Gunter Sommer, a native of Stuttgart, Germany, will teach in the Department of Religion and will be director of religious activities. He received his B.D. degree from Methodist Seminary in Frankfurt, Germany, and this summer was awarded the Ph.D. degree at Duke University in the field of systematic theology.

Additional staff members include Mrs. Elizabeth B. Harris who will be house counselor for the girls' dormitory and Mrs. Lala McLamb Moon of Louisburg, who will be the college nurse.

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# LETTERS

## "For Jesus' Sake"

To the Editor:

Most of us close our prayers with this, or a similar phrase. The question has pressed itself upon me recently when I use the phrase: Do I really mean it? Deep down in my soul, am I wishing and asking for these blessings in order that my Lord's interest in the universe may be promoted, or am I really wishing for my own personal interests to be prospered? When I have pressed this question on my conscience I have been compelled to confess that the best that I can say for myself is that I am confused. Take the question of health, for example. When I pray that I may be strong and vigorous in body, am I desiring these blessings for my own comfort and use, or am I wishing them that I may use them in promoting the interests and work of our Lord's kingdom? And so with every blessing for which I ask.

Most of my friends have heard me tell an experience that came to me in my first pastorate about 1890. Nat Weldon, his wife, and I were sitting on his porch on a hot evening when he suddenly thrust this question at me: "Brother Cullom, what do you consider the most common sin?" I had never thought about it, but replied that I thought selfishness was probably the most common sin. About 70 years have passed, and if that question was put to me today, the only modification that I should make to my answer would be to underscore it twice. To be absolutely unselfish is, I believe, the most difficult thing that I have ever tried to do. So, when I put the question of my heading to myself, it is hard for me to feel sure that self is out of it. And so again, I would urge that all of us watch and try to be as fully sure of our words as possible.

—W. R. CULLOM

Wake Forest, N. C.

Dear Friends:

As most of you know, we arrived home from Japan, after forty years of service with the Japanese, just a year ago this month, and officially retired the fifteenth of last February. We have been kept rather busy during the year speaking here and there, and in gardening and repairing our house.

It is good to be back among so many friends here in Idaho and Eastern Oregon—both Caucasian and Japanese. There are about two thousand of the latter here in the greater Boise Valley, and we meet with them and I preach for them quite often.

On June sixth we traded our Chevrolet for a Buick and started out on our planned trip around the United States. Five days and two thousand miles later we arrived in Greencastle, Indiana, for the Methodist furloughed missionary conference, where we remained for eight days. This was a great conference attended by more than four hundred missionaries and some natives from different parts of the world. Mrs. Shaver had a part in the daily programs as a recorder for one of the classes. While there I had the privilege of speaking twice at the First Methodist Church, Columbus,

Indiana, one of the churches that has had a part in our support for many years.

After the close of the Greencastle conference, we set out on a journey that was to take us to many places in different parts of the United States and into Old Mexico. Our first point of interest was the great Niagara Falls. From there we went to Amherst, Mass., where we visited Mrs. Annice Howard, formerly a teacher in the Hiroshima Girls' School, and to Boston where Joe, our oldest son, is studying. From here Joe drove us to Washington, D. C., and Arlington, Virginia, where Mrs. Shaver has a brother.

Next was a stopover in Harrisonburg, Virginia, where we visited one of our supporting churches—the Asbury Methodist Church. It was our privilege to speak here twice, and in some way try to express our appreciation for their many years of financial support. From here we went to Roanoke, Virginia, where Mrs. Shaver has a brother and sister. On the way we stopped again to see the Natural Bridge. While in Roanoke Mrs. Shaver had the first reunion with all her brothers and sisters that they had had in more than thirty years.

Our next stop was good old North Carolina, where both of us have many relatives and friends. I met most of them at the Homecoming Service at my old home church where I preached on July 10th. Our relatives in Virginia and North Carolina have just about persuaded us to return to North Carolina for retirement next year. The next stop was at Lake Junaluska with Miss Mabel Cherry. Then on to Texas to visit our daughter, Eleanor, and her family for a few days. All were fine. On the following Sunday we were with another one of our supporting churches for two services—the First Methodist Church in Snyder, Texas.

From here we went to Southern California via Carlsbad Caverns, Old Mexico, and Arizona. While in California we visited our old friends, the T. H. Darrows, in El Cajon, the zoo in San Diego, and then Disneyland, while at my brother's home in Los Angeles. On the way home we had a wonderful night at Lake Tahoe, and then home again—eight weeks and nine thousand miles without any mishap. Thanks a million.

—I. L., PEARL AND PHYLLIS SHAVER

To the Editor:

God being my helper, I will not, I cannot, and I shall not vote for a Catholic nominee for President of the United States, whether Republican or Democrat, until the following changes take place:

1. Until the Catholic Church recognizes Protestantism as a church.

As a Methodist and a part of 250 more bodies of the Methodist faith, we are not recognized by the Catholic Church as being a church. Here is a simple test. Let your daughter marry a Catholic, and unless she is married by a Catholic priest, she will be told that she is living in adultery until she is married by a priest. The only recognition that the Catholic Church has faced is when S.M.U. defeated Notre Dame a few years ago in football. They recognized this defeat.

2. I cannot vote for Catholic leadership in our nation knowing what Catholic leadership is doing in Spain, South America,

Italy, and other countries of the world. It is illegal to have or conduct Protestant services in some sections where the Catholic Church is predominant in numerical strength.

Let a Protestant try and get a job in a predominantly Catholic community. Catholicism is the one who is doing the persecuting; it is not the Protestants. We Protestants are only trying to put a stop to the false claims of Catholicism.

3. My third reason for not being able to vote for a Catholic: My spiritual guidance comes from the Bible. The Bible is the supreme authority in the Protestant faith. In the Catholic faith the pope is the supreme authority on moral and spiritual issues. On moral and spiritual issues, according to their faith, the pope is absolute. He cannot be wrong. He is just a man like other men.

—ROBERT M. HARDEE

Troutman, N. C.

## In Memoriam

**HARDEE.**—The members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, Ayden, N. C., wish to pay tribute to a beloved and loyal member, Mrs. Bessie Taylor Hardee, who died at the age of eighty on July 13, 1960.

Her church was dear to Mrs. Hardee. For more than forty years she was an active member of our society, giving of her time and means to carry on its work.

Our society will miss her, but the memory of the loyalty and devotion of this lovely Christian lady shall long inspire us to greater service for the Master.

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# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## A Dollar's Worth of Happiness

BY CLARA J. SMITH

When Jean came home from school to change into her playclothes, she found a letter from her grandmother. She slit the envelope open and took the letter out. A crisp, new one-dollar bill fluttered to the floor.

"Mother, look - - money! Why do you suppose Grandmother sent it? My birthday's past."

"Reading the letter might help," suggested Mother.

"I guess so," Jean said, laughing. She unfolded the sheet of paper and read:

"Dear Jean: I'm sending you a dollar. It's a spending dollar. Buy yourself some happiness with it. Love, Grandmother."

"Oh! - - a whole dollar to buy something just for me. May I go downtown right away?"

"Yes," answered Mother, "but be sure you get your money's worth."

"Oh, I will," said Jean, dancing out the door. Molly and Lou, her two best friends, were on the walk jumping rope with an old piece of clothesline.

"I can't play," said Jean. "My grandmother sent me a dollar to buy some happiness, and I'm going downtown."

"We'll go along," said Lou, throwing the rope under the porch. "A whole dollar? What will you buy?"

"I don't know yet," said Jean, "but something just for me."

The three girls linked arms and hippity-hopped down the street. Four blocks down they came to Tony's Drug Store. Tony was standing in the door.

"Hi, girls," he called, "no ice cream cones today?"

"We haven't any money," said Molly. "Jean has a dollar, but it's to buy her some happiness."

Jean pulled the crisp, new one-dollar bill out of her pocket to show him. Then she had an idea. "I know what," she said, "I'll treat!"

"Oh, yummy!" exclaimed Lou. They went inside and started toward the counter. "Let's not have cones. Let's sit at a table and have ten-cent dishes."

"Just like grown-ups," said Molly. "I'll have chocolate."

"I'll have pineapple," said Lou.

"I'll have peppermint stick," said Jean, handing Tony the new one-dollar bill. When he came back with the ice cream, he gave Jean the change—two

quarters and two dimes. The girls sat at the table quite a while, laughing and talking.

As they were leaving the store, they saw the display of new jumping ropes.

## GOD'S RICHES

*My days are filled with things that please,  
And leave such lovely memories—*

*Blackbirds singing in the dawn;*

*Long, soft shadows on the lawn;*

*Red cannas growing by a wall;*

*A puppy answering my call.*

*I love the wind, the sun and rain;*

*Green garden through my window-pane;*

*The quiet hour at close of day,*

*When I can meditate and pray.*

*And in the afterglow I see*

*What riches God has given to me!*

—CHRISTINE WHITE.

"Look," said Jean, "just what we need. How much are they, Tony?"

"The ones with the fancy handles are 45 cents. How many do you want?"

The girls giggled, and Lou said, "We don't want any. We haven't any money."

"Yes, we do," said Jean. "We'll take the red one." She reached into her pocket and took out one of the two quarters and the two dimes and gave them to Tony.

Outside, the girls took turns jumping the new rope. Finally Molly said, "You'd better hurry if you're going to buy yourself some happiness, Jean. You can only get a quarter's worth, now." They giggled some more, linked arms again, and hippity-hopped around the corner. There was Blum's Flower Shop, and in the window a big vase of pink rosebuds.

"My mother's favorite flower," said Jean.

"My mother's too," said Lou.

"Mine, too," said Molly. "I wish . . ."

"Let's go inside," said Jean. When they opened the door, a bell tinkled, and Mr. Blum came in from a back room.

"Hello, girls. Can I sell you some flowers?"

"How much are the pink rosebuds?" asked Jean.

"The short-stemmed ones are ten cents a blossom. How many do you want?"

"I was thinking about three," Jean replied, "but I have only a quarter."

"That's okay," said Mr. Blum, taking the money and giving her three rosebuds.

"Oh, thank you very much," said Jean. Then she gave one to Molly and one to Lou, and kept one herself.

"Oh, Jean," said Lou, "won't our mothers be surprised?"

"But we've spent all your dollar," said Molly, "and you haven't any left to buy yourself some happiness."

Jean thought about that a minute, and then she laughed. "I guess happiness wouldn't be much fun if you bought it all alone. Let's go home now, and I'll write Grandmother and tell her how I spent the dollar."

The other girls laughed happily, too, as they linked arms and hippity-hopped home. — **Presbyterian Life.**

## WHAT GREATER TRIBUTE?

A little girl who, along with her parents, attended church regularly, handed this note to the minister one day as she left the sanctuary:

"I love you, and I love what you say."

Really, what higher compliment could be paid a preacher! Remembering the words, "a little child shall lead them," the minister treasured this tribute from the little lass, and it helped to inspire him to be a finer and a greater preacher.

## Do You Know Your Hymns?

(Can you give the next line of these familiar hymns?)

1. "What a friend we have in Jesus,"  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. "Oh, come, all ye faithful,"  
\_\_\_\_\_.
3. "On a hill far away,"  
\_\_\_\_\_.
4. "Yield not to temptation,"  
\_\_\_\_\_.
5. "There's a wideness in God's mercy"  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. David
2. John the Baptist, at the River Jordan
3. The story of Noah and the flood
4. Queen Esther
5. Samuel



## Sunday School Lesson

FOR SEPTEMBER 11

By RAYMOND A. SMITH

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### MAN'S HOPE FOR PEACE

Background Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-4;  
9:2-7; 11:1-9

Lesson Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-9

Man's hope for peace is centuries old, but never has the hope been more ardent in the minds and hearts of the world's peoples than at the present moment. The issue, which has become one of life or death for mankind, is discussed in the *Saturday Review* for July 23 under the title "CBR vs Man." The article deals with chemical, biological and radiological warfare. These instruments of destruction are discussed in detail and it is shown that they are far more deadly than the gases used in World War I. It is also pointed out that both our own country and the Soviets have these lethal instruments in stock at the present time. Who will say that, in case of war, they would not be used?

There is no doubt that the reason our Scripture lesson for today is one of the best loved in the entire Bible is because it speaks in unforgettably beautiful language of one of the deathless dreams of mankind—the dream of a world free from war. Hyatt (see International Lesson Annual) has suggested that the passage may be divided into three parts for careful study: (1) the origin and endowment of the coming King of Peace in verses 1-3a (2) his characteristics as judge and ruler in verses 3b-5 and (3) the era of peace to be inaugurated by him, verses 6-9. He was to come from the Davidic line. The Jews always looked back with a sort of homesickness to David's reign, for it was then that the Hebrew nation achieved its greatest expansion and power. Further, this ruler is to act as God's representative, and to rule in a manner that God could approve. He is not to make judgments on superficial grounds (that is, simply by what his eyes see and what his ears hear). Rather, he will be equipped with God-given insight so that he can pierce beyond the surface indications to the deeper meaning of events. His standard of judgment will have its foundation in righteousness and justice, and there will be a special concern always for the "little people"—the poor and the meek of the earth. No mention is made of skill in war. Following this description of the ideal ruler, there follows in verses 6-8 a description of the conditions that will prevail in the golden age. The writer sees not only an era of righteousness among men but also a new spirit in nature, typified by the attitude of the beasts of the field toward one another. "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

There are those who have said our Scripture lesson, while it is beautiful poetry, has little relationship to political realities in the world today. There is no doubt that most of us wish we had a firmer basis for hope than that which greets us from the headlines of the daily press. Some think that

fear of war will, in itself, become the basis of our hope for peace. There is not much basis in history for this. However, it would be well for us all to remember that war in the future will be like nothing which has happened before in history. As Norman Cousins has said:

"Difficult though it may be to get accustomed to the idea, a new major war would not be like most previous wars in history—marked by ebb and flow, by ground fought for and held, or relinquished, by people taking to shelter during a raid and coming out at the sound of an all-clear to go back to work or return to their homes. A new war would be like putting a torch to a bird's nest . . . . The real question is not whether the hydrogen bomb is more or less ghastly than nerve gas, but whether human beings, before it is too late, can prevent a war in which either or both may be used."

This writer doubts that the ultimate basis of hope for peace can be found in fear, though this may be one way of awakening us to think about the problem. Peace can be found only where the Bible says it can be found—in righteousness: "The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the product of justice quietness and confidence forever." (Isaiah 32:17). And again: "No peace is possible until the Spirit is poured upon us from one high" (Isaiah 32:15). Shall we pray for peace? Yes, but let us work for righteousness and justice at the same time.

### Churches Increase Clothing Donations

New York, N. Y. — Used clothing for needy people overseas donated by American churches through Church World Service nearly doubled during the first seven months of 1960.

During this period 4,104,404 pounds of garments were received at the five Church World Service clothing centers in response to the United Clothing Appeal of the churches, as against 2,243,740 pounds during the same period of 1959.

The increase in the urgently-needed supply of clothing for distribution to refugees, disaster victims and other destitute persons abroad was announced by Melvin B. Myers, CWS director of Material Aid Services, at Church World Service offices at the Interchurch Center, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N. Y. Much of the increased supply will be used among Chilean earthquake victims, whose plight is deemed responsible in large measure for the stimulation of donations.

However, Mr. Myers said, in urging stepped-up effort in the United Clothing Appeal, even if during the remaining five months of 1960 the donation rate continued at the current level, this year's total would fall far short of the Appeal's goal of 10 million pounds of donated used clothing annually.

Good used garments, given through church organizations for destitute people overseas, are processed and shipped through five Church World Service clothing centers. These are located at New Windsor, Maryland, Nappanee, Indiana, 919 Emerald Avenue, Modesto, Calif., 4165 Duncan Avenue, St. Louis 10, Mo., and 110 E. 29th Street, New York 16, N. Y.

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# Are You A Christian?

By W. W. REID

Our class was discussing something of the "depth" of Christianity (or the "shallowness" of it) in our nation, in our secular civilization, in our individual lives. And I think that we had generally agreed that one cannot honestly say, "America is a Christian nation," when one considers the social, economic, religious, and spiritual wrongs and injustices which may fairly "be laid at our doorsteps." We have *all* fallen short of our possibilities.

Suddenly a long, thin finger shot out directly at me, and one of the group demanded rather sharply, "Are *you* a Christian?"

Now the question . . . and you have probably been asked it sometime . . . was straight and honest, and demanded a straight and honest answer. (There would be nothing gained by making the flip reply, "Are *you*?" with which I am told I should have challenged the questioner.)

"If the question has to be answered 'yes' or 'no,' without an opportunity to explain or qualify the statement (as is often the case in a courtroom), then I should have to answer 'no,' " I replied. "For if you mean by 'Christian' one who has attained to the life and stature of Jesus, then I have fallen far short of the goal. So nearly as I know, *no one* has measured up to Jesus in spiritual attainment . . . not even one of the disciples, not Paul. 'Saints,' yes, but men fully measuring up to Jesus, no."

Later we agreed that both extreme poles in defining a "Christian" are unreasonable: one would hold that anyone in membership in a church calling itself Christian could use the title as applying to himself; the other would say that there had never been but one Christian, Jesus Himself. So we agreed that neither the attainment of the goal of being Christ-like, nor the act of enrolling in a church using the Master's name, was the true measure of who was or who was not a Christian. One looms as probably unattainable; the other as perfunctory.

But we did reach a common understanding that, so far as our group was concerned, we would be willing to declare as Christian *anyone who is striving toward the goals and the patterns set by Jesus Christ* while on earth, and who is trying to live in accord with the whisperings of the Holy Spirit that will come to each one who engages in such striving. That is what John Wesley meant when he asked young ministers, "Are you going on to perfection?" He expected a "yes" answer, not because of attaining "perfection" (which he never quite defined), but because there would be growth and development in the "going on," to the stride.

Personally I like to think of the church as a school for all, and the members as a group of strivers, of learners, of students (as opposed to "scholars"), trying to master the teachings of Jesus and follow in

his "Way." Some are beginners; some are in advanced grades; but there is no real graduation.

It is always unfortunate when one thinks that the church is or should be composed of a body of people who have reached some goal, received some laurels upon which they may rest. And it is perhaps more unfortunate when a group within a local church or within a denomination considers itself as having reached such a pinnacle . . . and looks down upon all others. There is such a thing as ungodly denominational pride, such a thing as unholy pride that equates one's peculiar religious quirks with sanctification, such a thing as the sin of withdrawing "our clean robes" from touch with the marketplace or from common humanity. This was the great sin of the Pharisees so roundly condemned by Christ.

I once knew of a man who declared he had come so close to perfection that he was no longer capable of sinning. Do I err in thinking this an expression of pride and ultimate sin? I think I would rather pattern my attitude after the man who beat upon his breast, confessed his sins, and went out trying to live a better life than he had known before. He would have been the more comfortable to live with.

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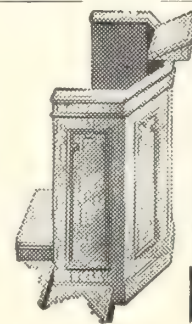
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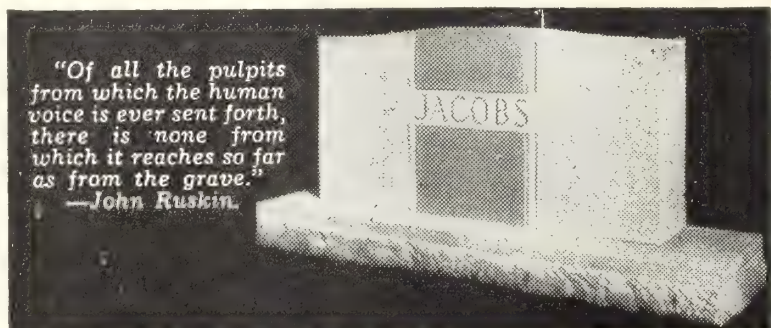
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# CAROLINA BRIEFS

❑ **REV. TOMMY TYSON** of Coldsboro, conference evangelist, led a valley-wide Christian crusade August 27-September 4, at Shawment Circle, Shawment, Alabama.

❑ **GRACE CHURCH**, Wilmington, is broadcasting the morning services during September over Station WKLM. Rev. Russell S. Harrison is pastor.

❑ **FRANK H. EASON**, comptroller at Methodist College, was the guest speaker at the Lyon Memorial Methodist Church, Fayetteville, Sunday morning, August 14.

❑ **DR. L. STACY WEAVER**, president of Methodist College, delivered the commencement address to the graduating class of Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, N. C., Friday evening, August 19, 1960.

❑ **THE REV. LEON COUCH** and family of St. Paul Church, Goldsboro, spent last week on the campus of Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, Ala., where Mr. Couch taught in the school of missions.

❑ **THE REV. AND MRS. RALPH L. FLEMING, JR.**, announce the birth of a son, Timothy Simmons Fleming, on Tuesday, Aug. 23. Mr. Fleming is pastor of St. James Methodist Church, Newport, N. C.

❑ **ANNUAL CAMP MEETING** began at the Bethlehem Church, Climax, in Guilford County, Sunday, August 28, and will run through the week. Bethlehem has a traditional history that runs back 106 years. Services are held each day at 4:00 and at 7:30 p. m. Rev. J. R. Duncan is pastor.

❑ **HICKORY GROVE CHURCH**, Charlotte, will conduct a used clothing campaign for Chile during the month of September. Good used clean clothing will be collected and sent to those in need. This is sponsored by the Commission on Missions and the W.S.C.S.

❑ **DILWORTH CHURCH**, Charlotte, held an old-fashioned family picnic Monday, Sept. 5, from 6:00-8:30 on the church lawn. There was fun, food and fellowship for all. This is a highlight in the church year, and is enjoyed by hundreds of families.

❑ **THE PEOPLE** at Mount Gilead have made great improvements in their parsonage since conference, adding wall-to-wall carpet, new television, much new furniture, and other touches to make it a most delightful pastor's home.

❑ **THE WEST MARKET STREET CHURCH**, Greensboro, enjoyed a churchwide family picnic get-together on Greensboro College campus Sunday evening, August 28, from 5:00 to 7:30. The "Market Players," a dramatic group in the church, gave a program.

❑ **REV. BYRON NIFONG**, pastor of the Glenwood Church, Greensboro, and Mrs. Nifong left Wednesday, August 24, for Washington, D. C., to spend a few days before going on to Salem, Ohio, where Mr. Nifong assisted in the marriage ceremony on Saturday for Bill Baker, former director of religious education at Glenwood Church, and Miss Patricia Wykoff, of Salem, Ohio.

❑ **ZION METHODIST CHURCH**, near Mount Gilead, observed its traditional homecoming day August 28. Rev. C. J. Andrews, pastor of Mount Gilead and Zion, preached the sermon and lunch was served on the lawn. Zion is one of the historic churches of Montgomery County.

❑ **THOMASVILLE DISTRICT**, Rev. John H. Carper, superintendent, began a series of three workshops for laymen Sunday, August 28, at First Church, Mocksville. Others will be held September 11 at Memorial Church, Thomasville, and September 18 at Central Church, Denton.

❑ **BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 11**, the Leaksville Methodist Church will have two services each Sunday morning — 8:30 and 11:30 o'clock, with church school coming between at 9:45. It is believed that more people will attend if they have a choice of hours. The services will be identical. Rev. H. P. Myers is pastor.

❑ **MOUNT PLEASANT CHURCH**, on Burlington Road, near Greensboro, will observe homecoming day September 11 at the 11:00 a.m. service. Following the worship service, picnic lunch will be spread on the lawn. All members, friends, former members and pastors are invited. Rev. Joe Ervin is pastor.

❑ **CHARLES K. McADAMS**, Director of Public Relations and Development at Methodist College, was the guest preacher at the Haymount Methodist Church, Fayetteville, August 14; Fairmont Methodist Church, Raleigh, August 21; Hay Street Methodist Church, Fayetteville, August 28. He will will be the guest preacher at Saint Paul Methodist Church, Goldsboro, September 4.

❑ **BISHOP PAUL HARDIN, JR.**, former pastor, preached at First Church, Birmingham, Ala., Sunday, August 28, and served on the panel for an afternoon service, "What Is Your Problem?" At the Sunday evening service again he participated in a dedication program for the new pipe organ. Following this service a reception was held for Bishop and Mrs. Hardin in the church dining room.

❑ **DR. C. D. BARCLIFT** called his preachers of the Durham District to meet at Camp Chestnut Ridge, near Effand, in the afternoon of August 29. It was a picnic outing for the preachers and their families, and between 185 and 190 were in attendance. The ministers had a brief session for business, at which time a number of important matters were brought to their attention. It was a very pleasant gathering.

❑ **THE RALEIGH DISTRICT** preachers' meeting was held Monday morning, August 29, at Edenton Street Church. Rev. Graham S. Eubanks, the very energetic district superintendent, presided like a veteran and presented the brethren to represent various causes. The ministers' wives met also and organized for the year. A bountiful luncheon was served, after which

Dr. Howard P. Powell thrilled all present with a very fine devotional message.

❑ **ON SUNDAY, SEPT. 11**, Bishop Nolan B. Harmon will preach at the 11:00 o'clock service at Sedge Garden Methodist Church. Following this service dedication ceremonies will be conducted for the new educational building, after which lunch will be served and Dr. Lee F. Tuttle will conduct the First Quarterly Conference. Sept. 11-24 has been designated as "golden anniversary" of Methodism in Sedge Garden community, and four former pastors will speak on the "Spiritual Emphasis" program.

❑ **MR. T. C. HOYLE, SR.**, of Greensboro, celebrated his 92nd birthday on Tuesday, August 30. Mr. Hoyle has been a faithful member of the Bethel Methodist Church in Greensboro for many years. Prior to that time he was a member of West Market Street Church. He attends church regularly, and teaches the Men's Bible Class at his church two Sundays out of each month. Mr. Hoyle is a lawyer, and goes to his office every working day. He is also a member of the Methodist Board of Publication, and for many years served as secretary of the Board.

❑ **HOMECOMING** will be held at Forest Hill Church, Concord, September 11. At 11:00 a.m., Dr. Walter J. Miller, former pastor, will preach. All are invited.

❑ **THE ANNUAL HOMECOMING** will be held at Bethesda Methodist Church in Asheville on Sunday, September 11. Rev. Richard A. Howle, present pastor of Bethesda, will preach the homecoming sermon at the 11:00 o'clock worship service. After the service there will be a picnic dinner served on the church grounds. All members, former pastors, friends and relatives are invited to attend.

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# EDITORIALS



## THEME FOR THE WEEK

*"This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you." — John 15:12.*



## The Choice Is Ours

Christianity and communism can have little, if anything, in common. That, no doubt, accounts for the vast differences between the United States and Russia. Their philosophies are entirely different. A nation founded upon belief in God and Christian ideals can hardly be expected to surrender that faith and those ideals to a government whose leaders are atheists and whose every act indicates their reliance upon human sufficiency.

One of the most striking examples of weakness in an individual or a nation is the inability to be endued with power and at the same time to keep its poise. Sudden rise to power is a dangerous thing. Someone said that Russia leaped from the sixteenth to the twentieth century in the period of a very few years. Some of us remember when just a few years ago little Finland almost overcame the sleeping giant in a military conflict. That was just twenty years ago. Then when the second world war was raging, Germany was on her way to Moscow, and it looked like certain victory until the United States and its allies sent in tanks and guns and men sufficient to turn the tide. Russia was a member of the allied group until victory came and she began to realize her potential. Instead of expressing appreciation she began to make demands and send out threats in an effort to extend her influence over the world. Now the free world and Russia are far apart in their aims. Whatever the United States is for, Russia is against. They are willing to gain ground but to give none. They would accept favors but refuse to extend favors. And we have been right gullible. Mr. Khrushchev was willing to accept the hospitality of the United States and visit this country last fall, evidently in an effort to gain all the information possible that would be beneficial in case of emergency, and under the guise of returning the courtesy by inviting President Eisenhower to Russia. However, once he got what he wanted, he then found a way to withdraw the invitation to the President by wrecking the summit conference in Paris. While some of us may not agree fully with the U-2 incident, yet the Rus-

sians sought to use it solely as a propaganda weapon. They forget the many spies that have been caught and violations that have been exposed in this country which have not been complimentary to their cause. It seems no longer to be a matter of what is right and good, but what will aid in spreading communism across the world. Several nations, large and small, have already capitulated, the most recent being Cuba with her irresponsible leadership. It is interesting to note that in none of these which have fallen victim has the Christian faith as expressed in Protestantism been the prevailing religion. Where the spirit of Christ is, there is liberty. We need to prize and guard our Christian traditions above secular and temporal considerations, lest we should find ourselves inclined to compromise with atheistic thinking. Saint Paul said to the Corinthians, "take heed, lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to them that are weak." How long we shall maintain and enjoy our liberty depends upon how close we live to the Christ of our faith. David Lloyd George, when prime minister of England, said, "It is either Christ or chaos; either the kingdom of God or world revolution." May God save us from world revolution by enabling us to practice our faith in Christ and the kingdom.

## What About The Inside?

Sometime ago we purchased several crates of strawberries to put in the deep freeze. As we looked upon them nicely displayed they were beautiful. We had no suspicion that they were not all of the same quality, but when we got home and began to prepare them for storage, it was discovered that underneath the top layer the berries were very small and of inferior quality. Recently we purchased a package of sliced country ham already wrapped. The top slice was very attractive, but when it was unwrapped next morning it was discovered that only the top slice measured up to our expectations. All this reminds us of what the wise man said in his proverb: "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." Most of us are concerned about making a good outward appearance, but what about the inside? If we are to meet important people the men shine the shoes, brush the hair, adjust the necktie, see that the clothes are pressed, and a lot of other adjustments made. The ladies want a new hairdo, nails polished, face powdered, high heels and other articles of apparel properly taken care of. We want to make a good impression. And that's all right; we should. But let's not forget the statement in I Samuel 16:7: "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh

on the heart." If our religion properly affects us on the inside we shall not have to worry so much about the outside. On the other hand, the outside may be fairly attractive to the undiscerning, but that doesn't give assurance that the inside is satisfactory. Read again what Jesus said to the people of His day, recorded in Matthew 23:25-26: "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter but within they are full of extortion and excess. Thou blind Pharisee! cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also." The outside appearance is important, but the inside condition is more important. We should live so close to Christ that it may be said of us as of the early disciples, "They took note of them, that they had been with Jesus." That is the highest compliment that men can pay us.

## Pastors' Conference on Evangelism

The N. C. Conference Pastors' Conference on Evangelism at Louisburg College drew some 210 in attendance, and was carried out with real purpose and profit. Dr. Mack B. Stokes was the preacher for the occasion and the ministers appreciated his messages having to do with the evangelistic responsibility. He spoke each morning and evening Tuesday through Thursday in the chapel. Dr. Thomas A. Carruth, always interesting and inspiring, led the group in the study of prayer. Rev. S. N. Varnell, a distinguished rural evangelist of Tennessee, led the group in methods and skills in evangelism. Rev. Troy Barrett served as dean, Rev. C. W. Goldston as registrar, and Rev. W. N. McDonald as assistant. Rev. Allen Wentz had charge of books and literature, Revs. L. C. Vereen, M. L. Husted, L. A. Reynolds, and S. T. Kimbrough, Jr., directed the musical program. The board of managers consisted of Rev. C. Freeman Heath, executive secretary of the conference board of evangelism, Rev. Wade Goldston, Rev. Key W. Taylor, and Rev. Leon Couch. Housing accommodations were provided by the college, and meals served in the college dining room.



Some 70 million registered motor vehicles now ply our highways, and traffic congestion has become a major problem. However, as the old saying goes, we ain't seen nothing yet. A Bureau of the Department of Commerce estimates that the figure will reach 114 million by 1976. This would mean one vehicle for every two men, women and children, or three vehicles for every four persons of legal driving age.



## N. C. Youth Attend School of Moral Concerns in Okla. City



Oklahoma City, Okla., Aug. 25 — The Rev. George Parlier, Oklahoma Conference youth work director and staff member of the National Youth School of Moral Concerns, discusses social action projects for local Methodist Youth Fellowship groups with Jeanne Burwell, Greensboro, N. C., and Franklin Elliott Peters, High Point, N. C., during the conference on the campus of Methodist-supported Oklahoma City

University. The national school, which attracted more than 100 participants from all parts of the United States, was sponsored by the Division of Temperance and General Welfare of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns, and the Youth Department of the Division of the Local Church of the General Board of Education of the Methodist Church, August 22-28, in Oklahoma City.

## N. C. Conference to Meet in Special Session September 9

The special session of the North Carolina Conference, called by Bishop Paul N. Garber, to act on the report of the special committee appointed by the bishop in accordance with a resolution adopted at the last annual conference, will meet at Jarvis Memorial Church, Greenville, Friday, September 9, at 10:30. The committee has met

and formulated its report to be presented to the conference. This committee, which represents the cabinet, and various boards and agencies of the conference, has given careful study to the matter from every angle and endeavored to formulate its report accordingly. The report has been mailed to each delegate for information.

## National MYF Conference Elects Officers

Lincoln, Nebraska — Six officers were elected by the National Conference of the Methodist Youth Fellowship in its annual meeting here August 15-20 at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

They are: Financial secretary, John M. Sawyer, Orangeburg, S. C., MYF president of the South Carolina Conference of the Central Jurisdiction; secretary, Miss Jo Gulley, Portland, Oregon, who participated in the 1960 MYF travel seminar to Europe; Christian outreach chairman, Miss Dawn Ella Reed, Kingsport, Tenn., Holston Conference MYF president; Christian faith chairman, Barrett Smith, Lavonia, Ga., president of the North Georgia Conference MYF; Christian fellowship chairman, Charlie E. Cloaninger, Jr., Columbia, S. C., MYF president of the South Carolina Conference of the Southeastern Jurisdiction;

Christian witness chairman, John W. Gwinn, Champaign, Ill., Illinois Conference MYF president.

All of the officers were elected to two-year terms except the Christian witness chairman, who was elected for one year to fill a vacancy.

John Newman, Kalamazoo, Mich., was elected to a two-year term on the editorial board of *Classmate*, a Methodist youth publication. He is Michigan Conference MYF president.

Only about half of the officers of the organization were elected this year. The others will remain in office until next year.

Donald L. Baldwin, San Rafael, Calif., is president of the group.

The National Conference of the Methodist Youth Fellowship represents the more than 1,400,000 MYF members in local churches.

## Dr. Hopkins to Visit Africa and Middle East

Arlington, Va., August 10—The Rev. Dr. Garland Evans Hopkins, secretary-general of the Continuing Committee on Muslim-Christian Cooperation, left August 14 for a visit to Africa and the Middle East. The visit marks the first effort of the committee to expand its interest and work to Africa south of the Sahara.

Dr. Hopkins will visit the Mali Federation, Ghana, Nigeria, Congo Republic, Republic of the Congo, Ruanda-Urundi and Kenya. He will also visit Lebanon, Jordan and Iran in the Middle East.

The purpose of the visit is to promote better understanding between Muslims and Christians. "Unfortunately," Dr. Hopkins commented, "recent evangelistic effort in Africa in which Islam was attacked has produced considerable misunderstanding and some ill will. This is particularly untimely now when adherents of Godless atheism are making every effort to spread their view of life and society in Africa."

"Muslims and Christians," he continued, "are more nearly alike than any other of the world's religions. Together they command the allegiance of about half the people of the world. Centuries from now they may be able to afford the luxury of fighting each other. For the foreseeable future they need liaison and understanding to enable them to face what is developing into a fight for their own survival. They share the same heritage and they will probably share the same destiny. Most people will agree that Islamic civilization would not long out-survive the fall of Christendom. I believe it equally true that Christendom could not long out-survive the fall of the Islamic world. Nowhere is the fight between theism and atheism more actively engaged than in Africa today."

Dr. Hopkins serves currently as senior minister of Walker Chapel (Methodist), Arlington, Va. He has traveled widely throughout the world and has been decorated by several foreign governments. He has represented his church and the United States at numerous foreign conferences. He organized in 1951 the American Friends of the Middle East, which he served for five years as executive vice-president. Prior to that, he was an editor of *The Christian Century* and associate foreign secretary of the Methodist Church.

## In Memoriam

LEE.—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Palm Tree Methodist Church, Lawndale, N. C., mourn the passing of our beloved friend and co-worker, Mrs. Andrew Lee, July 4, 1960.

She was a leader in her church, having served as Sunday school teacher, president of the Woman's Society (she was an honorary member) and many other offices.

Therefore, be it resolved that the memory of her beautiful life may inspire us to dedicate ourselves to finding greater opportunities for Christian service.

—Mrs. E. C. McMurray,

President, Woman's Society of Christian Service, Palm Tree Church, Lawndale, N. C.



## Purchases 1,000,000th Copy of Interpreter's Bible



The millionth copy of *THE INTERPRETER'S BIBLE*, a comprehensive commentary, was purchased August 15 by Mrs. Lauritz Johnsen of Corona, South Dakota. Shown with Mrs. Johnsen is Norman O. Trein, manager of the Westminster Book Store, Chicago. The purchase was made at the Westminster Book Store exhibit at the United Presbyterian Women's Conference, Black Hills Teachers' College, Spearfish, South Dakota.

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## Youth Activities Week at Bethel Church, Greensboro

The accompanying picture is one of the many scenes from the Youth Activities Week program of Bethel Church, Greensboro, August 14-18. The four junior high boys in the picture are the Willett brothers, Larry and Lindsay, and the Johnson twins, Richard and Ronald. These boys are standing by the Christmas table used at the "Christmas Banquet" — a special feature on Thursday night. On the table are some of the Christmas gifts brought by the youth for grammar school children in Cuba.



There was an average attendance of 35 youth and adult workers during the five nights of this special week. The total program was varied and planned well ahead of time — through the joint efforts of the Youth Council, of which Judy Loy is president; the superintendent of the Youth Division, Mrs. Annie Ozment; the educational assistant, Mrs. Jerry Troxler; and the pastor, Rev. C. Moody Smith. The junior highs (ages 12-14) had some phase of their program with the seniors and older youth (ages 15-23), but the discussions and a few other activities were held separately. The program culminated on Thursday night with a service of dedication and Holy Communion. Among the guest speakers this week were Mrs. Lewis Myers of Beth David Synagogue, Rev. D. L. Stubbs of Bessemer Methodist Church, Attorney McNeil Smith of Greensboro, and Rev. Erman Bradley of the Groometown-St. Andrews charge. Filmstrips on "Vocations" were shown one night.

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## Busy Week-End For the Editor

The week-end of August 28th was a very pleasant, and an extremely busy one for this editor. Leaving Greensboro Saturday afternoon, we spent the night at the old home place below Monroe with a brother and his family. On Sunday morning the homecoming service was held at Bethlehem Church, where many friends and pleasant memories of boyhood days brought a great thrill as we mingled together, after we had preached to an overflow congregation in the church. Food, good food, and plenty of it, was spread on the great table in the grove, and after all had finished there was still plenty. To greet friends with whom we had grown up, men and women with whom we had played and gone to grammar school as children; to renew acquaintances, and reminisce was a joy indeed. To have those fine people place vegetables, canned goods, and other groceries in our car, "unbeknownst" to us, and find them when we started to leave; oh yes, it was pleasant. To see again men like Brother J. Sidney Broom, who was our Sunday school superintendent when a boy, now past 88 years of age; to hear him lead the morning prayer, and especially have him pray for this preacher-editor, and tell the Lord he had been reading the *NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE* for more than fifty years, and felt he couldn't do without it, and to ask that the editor be blessed and guided in his work; to have him refer to having known our parents and grandparents through the years, and to say so many things that sounded so good; it all brought satisfaction and challenge to us. It was a joy to see so many relatives as well as former neighbors and friends. Rev. Harold Austin is doing a good work at Bethlehem, and is loved by his people. Then to drive to Hamlet in the afternoon and preach at the First Methodist Church for Brother J. D. A. Autry in the evening service to a splendid Sunday night congregation, and have them say so many nice things about the *ADVOCATE* was fine. The Bethlehem Church told us they had mentioned the *ADVOCATE* to their people and already had 58 subscriptions and were not going to stop until they got 80—20 percent of their entire membership. At Hamlet a young man came up after the service and said he wanted to subscribe to the *CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE*, and many others said they were receiving it and appreciated it so much. We spent the night in the home of a nephew, and left Monday morning for Raleigh, where we attended, by invitation, the Raleigh District preachers' meeting, and on to Durham and attended the district preachers' meeting (also by invitation), then home to Greensboro Monday night after a very busy, but a most pleasant week-end.

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# N. C. Caravaners See Beautiful Switzerland

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Dear Caravan Friends:

"The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament sheweth His handiwork." There is no other way to describe our feelings as we looked from our train window at the Swiss countryside. Even though it was dark, we were filled with awe as we saw a lake surrounded by mountains which were twinkling with lights of villages scattered here and there. There was a new moon overhead, casting its reflection on the water, and if one opened the window a cool freshness of mountain air mixed with rain came in.

We reached Zurich, the largest city in Switzerland, about 12:00 midnight. The American Express man was a welcome sight to our travel-weary caravaners. We were pleasantly surprised to also be met by Theo Toddwiler, a Methodist youth of Zurich who had known several of the other Caravans. We went straight to our hotel, The Waldorf, and received our mail! The girls were so excited because our rooms even had radios.

We slept late the next morning and then walked around Zurich for a while. At 2:00 p.m. Theo met us at the hotel to take us sightseeing. However, sightseeing was not our main objective. We all wanted to buy watches, and the night before Theo had mentioned to Mom and Pop that he knew a very good place to buy them. We walked down Bahnhofstrasse which is the main shopping district and were amazed at the many American cars. We saw a large department store which was the first in the world to have an air front instead of a door. The air front keeps the heat in during the winter, and at night a huge show window is moved to replace the front opening of the store.

The watch shop was right across the street so in we went! The owner of Stahel's Jewelry Store will never forget the North Carolina Methodist Caravans I am sure, for among us we purchased nine watches! We left the shop broke, but very pleased with our gifts. During the remainder of the afternoon we saw various points of interest: Fraumunster Church, where there are pictures of a famous snake legend, and Grassmunster Church where the religious reformation on the Continent was begun by Livingti. We also saw Charlemagne's home when he was in Switzerland, and one of the old gild houses.

At 7:00 p.m. we went to Theo's home for dinner. About ten of the Methodist youth were there and we spent a wonderful evening talking and singing together. Zurich, we learned, is the seat of Swiss Methodism.

July 29. This morning we went shopping together. August 3 is Mom and Pop's 27th wedding anniversary so we bought a little gift for them. We ate lunch in a typical Swiss restaurant. One of our girls ordered Fondue, which we had all heard so much

about; however, it was not too popular with our group.

That night we decided to splurge, so we dressed up in our best finery and walked to the Kongress Haus for dinner. It is a lovely garden restaurant overlooking the lake. To make it more attractive, there was an orchestra, and we got seconds on French fries, too! After dinner we danced a while and Grayson learned that "ouch!" is understood by foreigners, too!

Our train for Lucerne left at 10:45 a.m. and again we got to the station missing two of our group. Seems as if we just cannot get together when it comes to getting on trains! It was not too long, however, before our two wanderers returned. Millard with a new pipe which doesn't work and Fran with a scarf which "looked just like her brother-in-law!" Theo came to tell us goodbye.

Before too long we were in Lucerne and once again the American Express was there. Reverend Shad of the Lucerne Methodist Church also met us and accompanied us to the hotel. Mail was eagerly received by all and then we went to our rooms. That afternoon some slept while others went "looking." Lucerne is a lovely town situated on a lake surrounded by mountains. There are two quaint wooden bridges which cross the lake and many picturesque gardens around it. After dinner everyone was tired so we went to bed early. We were to be ready for church at 8:45 the next morning.

Theo, Rev. Shad's youngest son, met us at the hotel to show us the way to the church. It was a beautiful day, so we enjoyed our walk. The church is very nice and has 125 members. Methodism here is only a minority sect as is the case everywhere in Europe I am afraid. After church the pastor showed us his home, which is a flat over the church, and then walked us back to our hotel. We stopped several times along the way to see points of interest.

In the afternoon, we split up. The girls had a most enjoyable time taking a boat trip to Mt. Burgenstack and riding the lift up to the top where there is a resort area. The view was magnificent. They also took a swim in the lake and nearly missed the boat back to Lucerne. During the trip back, Mom and Pop were spied so a good time was had comparing notes.

A dark cloud had been gathering and by the time the boat landed, it was raining. What followed was one of the worst thunder storms in Lucerne's history. And who was out in the middle of it all? Mom, Pop, and the girls!

After dinner we headed for the church to attend the youth meeting, but we ended up at the police station! After receiving a few instructions, we found that we were not far from the church at all and within a matter of minutes we were safely inside. There were only a few young people there, but we enjoyed the fellowship of those who

were. We talked and sang until 9:30 p.m. and then walked back to the hotel.

It is hard to believe that July is over. Before we know it, our trip too will be ending. It makes us all a little sad to think of parting, yet we are very eager to see our loved ones at home.

August came in like a lion, bringing with it Switzerland's National Independence Day. None of us did anything special—some did a little shopping before the stores closed at 1:00 p.m. and others spent the day inside resting and reading. The whole city of Lucerne had made big plans for celebrating their Independence Day, but the rain put an end to those plans. The fireworks did not work and the bonfires would not burn. We went to bed, all with dampened spirits.

August 2. On to Geneva! Our train departed at 9:30 a.m. and this time we all made it to the station on time. Rev. Shad and Theo came down to tell us goodbye. It means a lot to us to have our friends come to see us off.

In Bern we had to change trains and we did it without the help of the American Express. Our group is becoming quite experienced in this world travel. We arrived safely in Geneva at 1:30 p.m. and were taken to the Hotel de Russie which is directly across from the lake and Geneva's man-made geyser. This geyser sends up a 400-foot spout of water. It is a lovely sight, especially when the rainbow is in it.

We met some Virginia girls who have been living in Lebanon for a year. It was good to hear a familiar accent once again. Al was particularly pleased to find that one was from Richmond. I am afraid our Virginia boy has been a minority in our North Carolina group.

The next morning our boys became real mountain climbers by climbing to the top of a mountain outside of town. They went so far that they crossed the French border and had to show their passports.

The girls were not so adventurous. We went to see the Palais des Nations, built between 1927 and 1937 for the League of Nations. Now it is used for the United Nations. We visited the room where the Geneva Summit Conference was held and listened to a council which was meeting on World and Social Problems. We put on the earphones and had an interesting time turning the dial to the many different languages being spoken. John D. Rockefeller gave the library for the Palais and the Woodrow Wilson Foundation gave a huge golden sphere which is in the garden. We were all very impressed with the dignity of the grounds and the atmosphere of importance which seemed to pervade everything.

Mom and Pop took a tour of the city which they enjoyed. When they returned, they were greeted with unpleasant news, however. Fran had lost her passport and travelers checks. She had already done all she could to recover them so it was a pretty tense night for us all—wondering if she would find her things.

Since it was Mom and Pop's anniversary, we dined together in LaRochele Restaurant, recommended to us by last year's Caravan. We gave Mom and Pop a cheese tray and knife made in Switzerland. We



are hoping they are taking lots of Swiss cheese home with them. Some of us walked by the lake before retiring. The colors on the water were lovely, especially with the moon and stars overhead. We all thought of a much-loved song which we have sung quite a bit since we left our Tarheel state—"Carolina Moon."

August 4. Another beautiful day and Fran has found her passport! The girls spent the day trying to lose their anemic look from lack of sun. I am afraid to say we overdid it a little, but we certainly enjoyed our day on the beach at Lake Geneva. The boys did all the sightseeing they had missed by mountain climbing the day before.

After dinner some of us walked to Calvin College to see a memorial dedicated to the Protestant Reformation. There were statues of such great men as John Calvin and John Knox. On the way home it rained and as usual, Nancy, Mary, Fran and Grayson were caught in it.

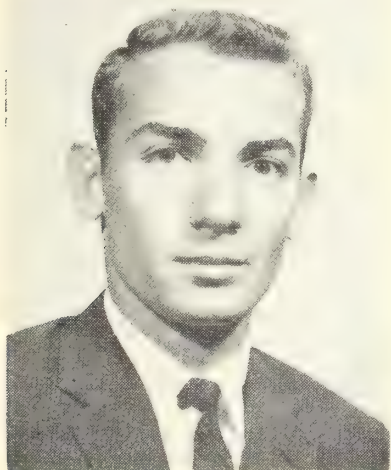
Our stay in Switzerland is fast drawing to a close. In fact, our entire trip is. We are all excited about Paris though, so until the next letter . . . Au-revoir!

Love,

—THE NORTH CAROLINA METHODIST  
YOUTH CARAVAN

## Donald Wayne Turman Missionary to Malaya

Donald Wayne Turman says, "I am not going as a missionary because it is my personal choice for a life vocation. I definitely feel that God has called me to be a foreign missionary" . . . and with this conviction, another of Western North Carolina's able young men enters the short-term missionary program of the Methodist Church.



DONALD WAYNE TURMAN

Turman is one of 46 young people who will leave the United States this fall to begin three years of missionary service overseas under the Methodist Board of Missions. He will be doing educational and youth work in Bentong, Malaya, beginning in September.

The Central Church, Canton, North Carolina, under the able leadership of the pas-

tor, Rev. J. W. Braxton, and Mr. Sidney Truesdale, chairman of the Commission on Missions, will assume the support of Turman. He visited with this group during August. Also, in August, he spoke at the Sunday worship services of other churches and on Youth Activities Week programs.

At Central Church, Canton, Don was in the company of a former short-term missionary, Miss Elizabeth Callis, now director of Christian education of that church. Miss Callis recently served three years in Burma.

Born in Mooresville, N. C., Turman spent his early life there and attended Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky. He graduated in June 1960 with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. While in college, he was active in extra-curricular activities, especially in the field of sports, and he preached in many Methodist pulpits.

He is a member of the Triplett Methodist Church, near Mooresville, and was influenced greatly by the pastor, Rev. Donald Funderburk, who does an outstanding work with the missions program in the local church.

Don has served as a member of the choir and Sunday school teacher in his local church and has a local preacher's license.

During his high school and college career he has been acquiring work experience through part-time work as a clerk, electrician's helper, farm work, construction and textile work. Add that to the sports which he enjoys: tennis, bowling, shuffleboard, boating, water skiing, horseback riding, miniature golf, swimming, and his reading, he goes well equipped to share his experiences with the youth of Malaya.

Many short-term missionaries go into this program of service with the idea of "trying it on for size." Having felt the call, they go for the experience to see if they want to do further work in the field of foreign missions. Don already has plans to complete his theological education when his three-year term is out, and to prepare further for missionary work.

## Study Government in Action at American University

Dr. Catheryn Seckler-Hudson, dean of the School of Government and Public Administration of the American University, announces the addition of seven colleges and universities to the Washington semester program.

They are: Albright College, Reading, Pa.; Greenville College, Greenville, Ill.; Kansas Wesleyan College, Salina, Kansas; Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa; North Central College, Naperville, Ill.; Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa.; and Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio.

This makes a total of 86 schools participating in the program in which honor students study national government in action at the American University for one semester of their junior year. The students attend seminars conducted by government officials and representatives of political parties, labor unions and pressure groups. Each student completes a research project in consultation with professors at their home colleges.

## The Ministry Of Madar Sanatorium

By SHERWOOD HALL, M. D.

*Superintendent, Madar Union Sanatorium*

There is more than one person a minute being massacred in India—not only for a few minutes or hours, but every day in the 365 days of the year—by the subtle enemy, tuberculosis.

This is a great challenge of the new India today that we must face squarely and meet, if our Christian enterprise in India is not to be jeopardized. Let us see what our Methodist Church has done and is doing about it.

It is interesting that the very first sanatorium in all India was founded in the old state of Ajmer at Tilaunia in 1906, under the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church. It was known as the "Mary Wilson Sanatorium." In 1938 the Mary Wilson Sanatorium was united with Madar Sanatorium and the two institutions became known as the Madar Union Sanatorium.

Madar Union Sanatorium has been officially designated as an "all India institution," and it is now such in deed as well as in name, for by the generous provision of Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief funds, it is now possible for the Methodist TB patients to have the best all-around treatment available in India. They are flocking to Madar in ever-increasing numbers, where the dry climate and moderate altitude is ideal for treating tuberculosis. They have found that Madar offers them quick and sure cure of modern surgical treatment, under ideal conditions.

Madar now has nine wards and 23 cottages, a lovely new surgical block, a modern post-operative block, a recreation hall, occupational and rehabilitation buildings, a very efficiently run public health and tuberculosis prevention clinic, a family planning clinic, a day nursery, a school, and a sanatorium farm.

The Government of India has made it possible, so that the railways now offer 75% railways fare concession (both ways) for any TB patient in any part of India, coming to Madar Sanatorium. This, of course, solves the problem of cost of long distance travel.

At Madar, patients not only can get expert treatment, but under the excellent rehabilitation program of Miss Margaret Johnston, they can obtain training in work suitable for ex-TB patients to prevent relapse and enable them to better stand on their own feet financially and be a real asset to their family, church, and community. MCOR has made this possible.

The spiritual side of Madar is by no means neglected, for it has a beautiful chapel and parsonages and two full-time chaplains. Recently, at a confirmation service, a group of men and women patients and staff members were admitted into full membership to the church by Bishop Shot K. Mondol and the Rev. M. M. P. Singh, district superintendent. Among them was one of our sanatorium doctors, who was won to Christ during his stay at the sanatorium. So bodies and souls are being saved at Madar for the extension of His kingdom here in India.



# What We Face In Home Missions Today

By WILLIAM F. FORE

(Editor's Note: During the 1960-64 quadrennium, the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation of the Board of Missions will lead the Methodist Church in an intensive study of the Christian mission today. One phase of this study is on "The Factors That Confront Us." Mr. Fore is director of the Department of Visual Education of the Board of Missions.)

There are factors confronting us today which are changing the world we live in and which profoundly affect the way we live in the world. More changes have taken place in our lives during the past twenty years than in the three hundred years before that. Eight factors in particular confront us in our thinking about the mission of the church, at home and overseas.

First, there is the population explosion—a silently ticking time bomb set to go off in fifteen to twenty years. About 135 years ago mankind reached the billion mark for the first time. Since then the story has been like a toboggan going downhill and gathering momentum. The second billion mark was reached thirty years ago. The third billion will be reached in two or three years; the fourth billion in less than twenty years; the fifth billion ten years after that; the sixth billion less than forty years from today.

The greatest population pressure spots are Africa; especially Nigeria and Egypt; most of the Caribbean, especially Mexico, Puerto Rico and Haiti; almost all of Latin America and, worst of all, Asia: Korea, India, and all Southeast Asia, including Sumatra; Hong Kong, Thailand, Indochina, Sarawak and Malaya. This sleeping baby will soon become the awakened giant. China will soon have one billion people within its boundaries. As these countries grow, the percentage of young persons under twenty years of age increases rapidly. Already, in the Congo Republic, the percentage is 50 per cent; in Ceylon, 50 per cent; in the Philippine Islands, 55 per cent; in Colombia, 53 per cent; in Peru, 55 per cent. The challenge of sheer numbers in the so-called underdeveloped countries is staggering.

The population explosion in the United States is complicated by the additional fact of great population shifts. Today one out of five families moves every year. The farm people move to the cities; the city people shift within the cities; the suburbanites move as the executive father is sent to another office. The growth of the population and its re-distribution face the Protestant churches with the necessity for sheer physical expansion unlike any period in its history in America. According to Meryl Ruoss, of the National Council of Churches, we probably should be adding at least 2,000 new churches a year to accommodate the population growth.

The biggest shift is to the great urban areas which sprawl across cities, towns and suburbs. Within the next decade, sociologists tell us, most of the population in the United States will be concentrated in a few megapolitan areas: Atlantropolis, stretching from Boston to Washington; Floridopolis, Pugetopolis, Gulfopolis, the Los An-

geles basin megapolis, Great Lakeopolis, and others. By 1980, our country will have a population of 272,000,000, twice what we had in 1940, with 150,000,000 of the population living in these megapolitan areas. Also, the makeup of the population will shift. By that date, one-half of the population will be under 24 years of age, although we will have more old people than ever before. The inner city is in radical transition. Wherever one looks, urban redevelopment is demolishing slums, and churches, to make way for new housing.

The population time-bomb, silently ticking away, is one of the most significant factors facing Christian missions at home and overseas.

A second factor confronting us is the technological revolution of the past decade. Automation and increased technology have brought leisure time activities and non-essential spending to an all-time high. In the past ten years we have ceased to be a production-oriented economy and have become consumer-oriented. The problem is no longer how to produce enough, but how to consume enough to keep the economy going. This profoundly affects our thinking, our lives, our values, our religion.

But technology has turned out to be an Indian-giver. It sends man home from his job early, through the traffic jams, to escape from the sense of futility and boredom of half-automatic work, only to find useless acquisitions and vain pursuits in the suburbs. Someone has called the results of this new factor "the bland leading the bland." In a day when three-fourths of the world's people are undernourished, falling short of the tolerable level of 2,700 calories per day, this affluence in which we live stands in sharp contrast.

The result is guilt—and while a sense of guilt may propel a number of relief and charity drives, it falls far short as a basic Christian motivation for mission concern. Increased technology has separated our lives even further from the lives of most of the world's population, and this has an effect on our attempts to understand the world mission of the church. This technology is part of a developing worldwide culture which we had expected might be Christian at its center. Instead, this culture is emerging as technological and scientific at its base. This means that although modern men will increasingly tend to think alike, the center of his thought will be secular.

A third factor is the impact of the mass media, which has invaded our lives to a degree we scarcely realize. Today there are more radio and television sets in American homes than there are bath tubs. The average family spends more than eight hours using the means of mass communication each day.

To most of us, the communications media are thought of in terms of servants, largely devoted to our personal pleasure and entertainment. The average person has little realization of the growing force of mass communications and how they are



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beginning to affect his life and how much more they will be likely to affect him in the future. He might be horrified to learn the extent to which these devices communicate to his subconscious mind. It does not occur to him that these instruments might constitute a force far more powerful than any atom bomb or other physical instrument that man could invent.

The householder of tomorrow will have his choice of movies every evening of the week in the comfort of his own home. Electronic devices also will soon provide the housewife with interesting and useful by-products. She will cook her dinner without apparent heat in a fraction of the time it now takes, in electronic ovens. Our children are going to be attending a new and different kind of school. More than a half million American students are presently receiving part of their classroom instruction by TV, and 117 colleges and universities today offer TV courses for credit. Our whole world is being changed. The thoughtful viewer wonders whether real progress is being made and whether some of the mishmash that dances before his eyes could not be set aside for communications of more genuine merit and higher level of taste.

But the important fact seems to be that we have not yet become fully aware of the impact of the new communications era on our way of life. Just as the machine in the early days of the industrial revolution threatened to make slaves out of the millions of workers who were tied to it, so the communications media of today looms as a great threat to man's mastery of his environment.

The use of the mass media for missions education and cultivation in this country offers considerable challenge. We need to harness these newer media effectively, to communicate the nature of the church's mission. It is equally important to use these media in Africa, in Latin America, or in Asia. For example, in Africa there are a half-dozen Christian magazines which have a mass circulation in several countries. The mass media factor challenges the church to a new understanding of its approach in mission education and evangelism.

A fourth factor which confronts us is the rising expectations of people in the underdeveloped countries of the world. For example, in Northern Rhodesia the African



is becoming less a unit of work and more a real person. Now, nothing can stop this African from moving into the areas which were once closely guarded by white Europeans. Nothing can stop the African from comparing himself with the European in standards of life, rates of payment, luxuries and the things which make life worthwhile.

The missionary movement of the church understands this rise in expectations, since missionaries, in large part, helped bring it about. It was in mission schools, clinics and churches that the underprivileged peoples of the world learned what they were in the sight of God, and what they might become. Now this same factor, multiplied a hundredfold, challenges the church not to forget what it has taught.

A fifth factor is the surge of non-Western nationalism. For years we told ourselves that our way of making a good, free life was the best way for ourselves and for the backward peoples of the earth as well. It was our duty to civilize the underdeveloped peoples and bring them up to date. And while we taught them modern hygiene and better ways of government and how to farm their lands and how to industrialize, we would weed out old superstitions and convert them to Christianity. But these peoples refused to be molded in our image. Asians were astonished that a small country such as Japan could rise up against the West and sweep through all East Asia while the mighty Western nations struggled to stop her.

And now nation after nation has thrown off the nomination of the West: 1946 the Philippines; 1947 India; 1948 Burma and Ceylon; 1949 Indonesia; Malaya in 1957; 1959 South Africa and Ghana. Two years ago the Belgians were talking about bringing the Congolese into responsible self-government within twenty, or perhaps even fifteen years. Last year the figure was revised to five years and the industrialists became worried. Now, the Congo is no longer Belgian; it is an independent, sovereign nation.

The people in these new nations speak up and make demands that never rang in their father's ears. They want equality. They are tired of bowing; they are tired of superior nations and superior races. Industry and liberation they accept, but Westernization they will not have, at least not on our terms. This kind of talk is embarrassing to many of the younger churches in these nations; they need our mission support, yet to accept it makes them suspect of being Western slaves. These new churches cannot afford to be dependent; yet they cannot grow without our help.

A sixth factor, related to the fifth, is the end of Christian predominance in the world. By this I mean the built-in advantages for Christianity no longer exist as they did a half-century ago. As resistance increases to the imposition of Western culture, a resentment of Western dominance occurs in every sphere, including the religious.

Today in large parts of Africa, Islam is gaining far more converts than Christianity, even though Christian missionaries have had every advantage of time, money and equipment. In the friendly countries of India and Burma, it has become very difficult for Christian missionaries even to gain ad-

mission. Within the Christian west there is a frustration in our inability to deal with the scientific mind which seems to be speaking with the authority that New England preachers used to. We have a profound sense of guilt at not being able to cope with the racial problem within our church.

Today there are 350,000,000 Buddhists and Muslims each; 300,000,000 Confucianists and Hindus each. These four religions alone already outnumber Christians by 50 per cent. And the percentage of Christians among the world population is decreasing. The Christian nations—the white nations are on the decline, not only in numbers as compared with the rest of the world, but also in influence, power and resources. The non-white peoples no longer feel inferior, and know that they are coming and that the future will be theirs. They believe their own religions are the religions of the future. We have come to the end of an era of Christian predominance.

The seventh factor is the emergence of a world Christian church. The ecumenical movement has been called "the great new factor in our time." A large number of the churches in Methodist mission fields are from 50 per cent to 99 per cent self-supporting. Many are autonomous. The growth of a worldwide spirit of oneness in the Christian churches does not signify the end of missions, but rather that the time for a world mission has come.

The receiving churches are becoming sending churches. The church in India is sending missionaries to Thailand; the church in Argentina is sending missionaries to Bolivia. Foreign mission boards have been organized in Africa, the Philippines, Malaya, India and South America. In this new world mission we in the United States act as brother, not as parents; we will have to help and advise rather than direct and command.

The final factor is the weapons revolution. For fifteen years we have been living in the atomic or nuclear age, when for the first time man can destroy all living things on earth, and when we depend for our defense on a weapon we cannot use. What does this say about the urgency of our mission?

Geneticists tell us in general that no amount of radiation is too small to be damaging to the genes. The National Academy of Sciences refers "to the possibility that increased and prolonged radiation might so raise the death rate and so lower the birth rate that the population, considered as a whole, would decline and eventually perish." These are the factors that confront us: population explosion, technological revolution, impact of mass media, rising expectations, surge of non-Western nationalism, end of Christian predominance, emergence of a world church, weapons revolution. They challenge Christian mission and witness as never before in our history. And history is moving more rapidly than ever before.

If we are able to keep abreast of the changes and relate our Christian faith to these factors, this may be the dawn. If we fail to keep pace with a changing world, it may be the beginning of the night. Our mission today requires us to make this choice, before it is too late.

## Greensboro College Adds Five to Faculty

Dr. Harold H. Hutson, president of Greensboro College, has announced five new appointments to the faculty and administration of the college for the coming school year.

Dr. John E. Baker has been appointed dean of instruction and registrar. He has already assumed his duties.

He succeeds Dr. Paul M. Ginnings who is returning to full-time teaching of chemistry and physics at his own request.

For the past five years, he has been director of the University of Minnesota, and his Ph.D. from DePauw University, his M.A. from the University of Chicago.

For the past five years, he has been director of Fundamental Education at Dekalb, Ill. rector of program planning for the Board

Dr. Allen C. Best, a native of New York state, will join Greensboro College September 1. He steps into a newly-created post, that of vice-president and director of financial development.

Dr. Best received his A.B. from Syracuse and his Bachelor of Sacred Theology from Boston University. He earned his Ph.D. in psychology from Boston University also.

Dr. Best's work in financial development includes the raising of \$2,500,000 for a Student Christian Center at Cornell University. His latest project is a fund-raising campaign at Alfred University.

He served as director of the Methodist Student Movement in the state of New York for several years. His several published works include works in the field of psychology and religion, particularly in the area of counseling at mental institutions.

Miss Sara Lou Aaron, a native of Chocoma, Ga., has accepted an appointment as assistant professor of physical education at Greensboro College.

She received her A.B. degree from North Georgia College and her master's degree from the University of Tennessee.

A member of the Baptist church, she has taught in high school and has been director of summer recreation for the Gainesville, Ga., Recreation Department.

Another appointment announced by Dr. Hutson is that of Warren David Ashburn of Winston-Salem who will be assistant professor of English and Drama at Greensboro College.

Prof. Ashburn received his A.B. degree from the University of North Carolina and his master's degree also from Carolina. He has done graduate work at Iowa State University and Munich University in Germany.

He has studied the theatre both in England and on the continent.

He is the author of several plays.

Mrs. Diane TeStrake Wagner will become assistant professor of biology at Greensboro College. She received her A.B. degree from the University of Florida and her master's degree from Duke. She is now working on her Ph.D. at Duke University.

Mrs. Wagner's husband, Richard, is already on the staff of Greensboro College.

Her appointment is also effective in September.





# Woman's Activities



## NC Conference

By MARY GARDNER



### Guilders Sponsor Weekend of Study

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The second Annual N. C. Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Weekend of Study, held at Duke University August 13-14, was marked by an enthusiastic response of the Guilders in attendance. The presence of a considerable number of "first-timers," along with others who attended the 1959 sessions, and their enthusiasm for the courses of study, clinics for officers training, and other features of the two-day program were evidences of a healthful growth in interest in missionary education and all lines of work of the WSG. The entire program for the Guild Weekend of Study was under the general chairmanship of Miss Juanita Stott of Raleigh, conference chairman of missionary education and service.

The four mission study courses and their instructors were Basic Christian Beliefs, Dr. Thomas A. Langford, professor Department of Religion, Duke University; "Into All the World Together," Mrs. W. B. Landrum, Little Rock, Ark. and New York City, field worker for the Woman's Division of Christian Service; Heritage and Horizons in Home Missions, Miss Roma Cupp, professor, Department of Social Group Work, Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., and Christian Responsibility and the Alcohol Problem, the Rev. Leon Couch, pastor, St. Paul Methodist Church, Goldsboro, N. C.

The six clinics for officers training, their leaders and resource persons included secretaries of promotion and presidents, Mrs. W. C. Gardner, Fayetteville, Mrs. C. H. Boyd, New Bern; vice-presidents and chairmen of literature and publications, Miss Sarah Godfrey, Sanford, Mrs. H. C. Turlington, Dunn; Spiritual Life, Miss Agnes Gunter, Lucama, Mrs. H. A. Davis, Raleigh. Also, Christian Social Relations, Mrs. J. M. Carraway, Farmville, Mrs. J. A. Warren, Chapel Hill; missionary education and service, Miss Juanita Scott, Raleigh, Mrs. Sam A. Dunn, Enfield; Guild Organization, Mrs. Hariett Fralix, Fayetteville.

Among other features of the program were an address, "Our Mission Today," by Mrs. W. B. Landrum; a review of the study course, Heritage and Horizons in Home Missions, Miss Roma Cupp, and a meditation by Mrs. C. H. Boyd.

Mimeographed copies of the Morning Watch Meditations, and copies of prayers distributed at each meal gave added emphasis to the spiritual atmosphere of the weekend. Both were prepared by Miss

Agnes Gunter, conference chairman of Spiritual Life.

Members of Duke Memorial, Trinity, and Calvary Wesleyan Service Guilds in Durham were hostesses at a social hour in the ballroom of Union Building on Saturday evening.

The Guilders attended the 11:00 o'clock worship services in Duke Chapel on Sunday morning, with Dr. Creighton Lacy as the preacher.

### Raleigh District WSCS Plans Told

A twenty percent increase in membership during the current conference year; observance in each local society of the 20th anniversary of the Woman's Division of Christian Service; a more expansive observance of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, including 24-hour prayer vigils, and a district-wide Day Apart, with a sacrifice meal, were among a number of plans discussed at recent meeting of the Raleigh District Woman's Society of Christian Service. The sessions were held at the S&W Cafeteria in Raleigh, with Mrs. P. C. Perdue of Louisburg, district president, presiding.

Mrs. Robert McKenzie, of Raleigh, was presented as the new district secretary of youth work, succeeding Mrs. T. H. House, who has moved from the district.

Dates of special events were announced, including the Fall educational seminars at First Methodist Church, Henderson, Sept. 14, and Lillington Methodist Church, Sept. 21, both to begin at 10:00 a.m.; district-wide officers' training day, Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, Sept. 7, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon; a district-wide Day Apart, date, place, and leader to be announced. Combined subdistrict meetings will be held November 8-9, with Miss Louise Nichols, of New York City, field worker for the Woman's Division of Christian Service, as guest speaker. Raleigh and Garner Methodist Church, November 8; Cape Fear subdistricts will meet at the Louisburg and Vance-Warren subdistricts will convene at Louisburg or Franklinton on November 9 (definite place to be announced).

## WNC Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



### WSCS of WNC Conference Holds School of Missions

Two hundred seventy-one women from the 13 districts in the Western North Carolina Conference spent the week of August 15th at Pfeiffer College at Misenheimer for the annual School of Missions and Spiritual Life Retreat.

The days were filled with all kinds of busy, inspirational activities and studies. There was classroom work for the four mission studies, a Bible hour, clinics for lines of work, happy meal times and more than happy fellowship and visiting in the dormitory rooms at night.

The Retreat was planned to help prepare the minds of the women for the studies to come. Miss Stella Ward of Lambuth College in Jackson, Tenn., led the group in this time apart by presenting meditations on "The Greatness of God." She stressed the importance of Christian women recognizing their need of God and suggested ways of improving their times of worship.

Mrs. Herman F. Anderson of Charlotte, conference secretary of Spiritual Life, assisted with the Retreat. Sixty-five women were present for the weekend service.

### Bible Hour

Many who attended the school say that the highlight of the week was the daily Bible hour conducted by the Rev. Orion N. Hutchinson, Jr., of Thomasville. He led a study of the Book of Acts, emphasizing the work of the early Christians, "These are they who were sent," comparing their task with modern missionaries as "those sent" today. He read portions of letters from several missionaries, comparing them to portions of Acts. The daily worship centers prepared by two officers were a great inspiration to all who were present.

### Evening Programs

Each evening a program was presented featuring a comprehensive review of each of the four mission study books. All kinds of supplementary materials and visual aids were used to intensify the teachings in these books. On Tuesday evening, Robert Regan of the General Board of Temperance in Washington, D. C., reviewed the book for the study of "Alcohol and Christian Responsibility." On Wednesday evening, Miss Mary Floyd, deaconess at Pfeiffer College, reviewed "Heritage and Horizons in Home Missions," using two rural workers, Miss Anita Benoy of Mount Airy and Miss Laura Wells of Hayesville, as assistants.

On Thursday Mrs. T. S. Newbold reviewed "Into All the World Together."

### Mission Study Classes

The four studies were presented by the teachers listed above. Miss Helen Johnson of the Woman's Division of Christian Service taught one section of the foreign study, taking the place of Mrs. E. L. Hillman, who was unable to attend the school. Dr. George Schreyer of Pfeiffer College and Miss Stella Ward of Jackson, Tenn., taught the classes in "Basic Christian Beliefs."

### Extra-Curricular Activities

One of the most popular places during the school was the literature room. Women gathered there at all times of the day to see the new material on display and to visit with Mrs. Arnold Kirk, genial hostess and secretary of literature and publications. It is reported that there was a "sell-out" of the mission material as the women eagerly sought books for their classroom studies and for the societies at home.



The group had the pleasure of attending a beautiful garden party given at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. Lem Stokes. Her garden was so beautiful and her native charm as a hostess made the afternoon one long to remember.

Many delegates mentioned the fun and the fellowship they enjoyed in the evening hours with their neighboring roommates. Morning devotions were held in the rooms. At night small groups gathered to discuss the events of the day and the happenings of tomorrow. "Getting to know you" is a good theme for this kind of fellowship.

#### Statistics

Mrs. Van Dillon, Jr., of Elkin, the new

conference secretary of Missionary Education and Service, reports that 223 women took credit in the School of Missions. By districts, the attendance was as follows: Albemarle 7, Asheville 19, Charlotte 33, Gastonia 18, Greensboro 22, High Point 18, Marion 9, North Wilkesboro 9, Salisbury 33, Statesville 10, Thomasville 27, Waynesville 9, Winston-Salem 32.

#### Coming Events

The next event for each district will be the fall Mission Study seminars. Each district met in separate session at the School of Missions and planned the program for the seminar in their district. These will be held during the month of September.

## School Teacher Answers Call to the Ministry

A young school teacher turned preacher and his wife and child were honored at a surprise reception at First Methodist Church in Thomasville on Sunday night, June 19th. The occasion was his leaving the church of which he was a member in Thomasville to assume his first pastorate as a Methodist minister. Shown in the center of the picture are the honorees, Mr. (now the Reverend) and Mrs. Fred A. Carlisle, Jr., and their son Al. On the right are the Reverend Orion N. Hutchinson, Jr., pastor of First Church, and Mr. James D. Lewis, chairman of the Pastoral Relations Committee, who was in charge of arranging the reception. On the left is the Reverend John H. Carper, Thomasville District superintendent who, with Mrs. Carper, were special guests.

It was no easy decision for the Carlises to make in regard to the ministry. One of the most popular teachers in Thomasville's

Main Street Junior High School, Mr. Carlisle had been teaching for nine years. The Carlises have one son and owned their home in Thomasville. Yet, as he expressed it in a Communion meditation to the First Church congregation on his last Sunday, "For years I have had the feeling I have been running away from this high calling. This year I decided I would run away no longer and I made my decision to give my service completely to Christ." His wife, Renn, who is wholeheartedly in agreement with this decision, has observed that in spite of the sacrifices and difficulties ahead, she looks forward to parsonage life, saying, "I have never known Fred to be any happier than since he made this decision for the ministry." He was licensed to preach by the Thomasville District last December and the Western North Carolina Annual Conference unanimously voted to admit him on trial at its recent session.

When the appointments were read, the Reverend Fred A. Carlisle, Jr., heard Bishop Harmon read his first appointment: Bethel-Julian-Shiloh. This charge, located in the new High Point District, is located between High Point and Liberty, near NC 62. He is enrolled at the Duke University Divinity School and will begin his studies there in September.

A native of Lenoir, he attended Lenoir-Rhyne College and did graduate work at Appalachian State Teachers College. He taught school in Hildebran and Hickory before coming to Thomasville. Originally a Baptist, Fred came under Methodist influence when he married a Methodist wife at a wedding officiated over by the Reverend Frank Smathers, now Waynesville district superintendent. He joined the Methodist church at First Methodist Church in Hickory under the pastorate of Dr. J. Clay Madison, and was later elected a steward. When he moved to Thomasville, he and his wife joined First Church where his active church life was soon recognized by his election to the official board. He served as Scoutmaster and an assistant Sunday school teacher.

So after services on Sunday night, the Carlisle family was ushered to the Fellowship Hall on the excuse that a newspaper photo was to be made there. They were greeted with voices singing "We're sorry you're going away" by a host of church members. Gifts, both humorous and serious, and a check were presented from the church. Prior to refreshments being served, the Reverend Arthur P. Ratledge, minister emeritus of First Church, offered a prayer for the couple leaving for their first pastorate. Beloved, respected, talented, dedicated—an effective ministry in the service of Christ is surely predicted for these sacrificial servants, the Fred Carlises.

## Rev. L. S. Graham Chaplain at American University

The Reverend LeRoy Steney Graham has been appointed chaplain and assistant professor of sociology at the American University, Washington, D. C.

The Reverend Edward W. Bauman, American University chaplain since 1957, has joined the faculty of Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D. C., as professor of systematic theology and Christian ethics. Dr. Bauman will retain the title of associate professor of philosophy and religion at the American University and will teach the American University college credit telecourse on "The Life and Teaching of Jesus" on WMAL-TV starting September 17.

Mr. Graham was assistant professor of sociology and religion at Columbia College and Sunday evening preacher and youth worker at College Place Methodist Church in Columbia, S. C., from 1957 to date. From 1952 to 1957 he was pastor of Wesley Methodist Church in East Norwich, Long Island, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham and their two children, Roy, age 9, and Lynn, age 6, will live at 9225 Adelaid Dr., Bethesda, Md.

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Keeping away from the mire is better than washing it off.—Sanskrit.





## Pleasant Grove, Charlotte Homecoming Sept. 11th

Annual homecoming at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, Oakdale Road, Charlotte, N. C., will be observed Sunday, Sept. 11. The celebration will include church school at 9:45 a.m., with special homecoming worship service at 11:00 a.m., followed by the usual picnic dinner at Memorial Park on the old church grounds.

The 11:00 o'clock service will be conducted by the minister, the Rev. Howard R. Jordan with the Rev. Jack H. Cooke, a former pastor who is now serving as chaplain with the Carolina Freight Carriers Corporation, Cherryville, N. C., as guest preacher. Special music will be offered by the adult choir under the direction of Mr. LeRoy Madary, choir director, and with Mrs. Sloan Dunn, organist.

All former pastors, members and friends of Pleasant Grove are invited to this event and are reminded to bring their traditional baskets and share in the fellowship of the service and in the picnic dinner.

## Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Giles Return from European Tour

The Reverend and Mrs. Woodrow A. Giles, of the Union Methodist Church, South Boston, Va., formerly of the Mt. Tizah charge of the Durham District, returned home August 25th after a six-week tour of the Middle East and Europe. They traveled through a total of fifteen countries, visiting many places of interest in Egypt and the Bible lands. Upon their arrival home, they found a new Frigidaire in the kitchen with a combination freezer and refrigeration section. The Frigidaire was filled with food with many items on the outside. This was just a small token of our love and appreciation for them for the fine work that they are doing in our church and community.

## Harlow Church to Observe Homecoming Sept. 18th

Harlow Methodist Church of Route 2, Newport, N. C., will observe homecoming and church school rally day September 18. This will be the first homecoming service in over 25 years. The day will begin with church school rally at 10:00 a.m. Dr. A. J. Hobbs, superintendent of the New Bern District, will preach at the 11:00 o'clock service and at 12:00 o'clock noon will preside over Quarterly Conference. Lunch will be in the fellowship hall at 12:30 o'clock. Afternoon service will begin at 2:00 p.m. A report on church history will be given, followed by special singing by choirs, quartets and soloists.

Recent projects completed by the church are installation of a speaker system, the finishing and equipping of the kitchen, and extensive improvements on the cemetery. The charge, consisting of Oak Grove Church and Harlow, has begun construction on a new parsonage.

Harlow Church is located nine miles east of Cherry Point on Highway 101. The pastor, Rev. Jack Hunter, invites all former pastors and friends of members to attend.

## Youth Take Stand on Important Issues

Lincoln, Neb.—In a six-hour business session that lasted well past midnight, the National Conference of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, in its annual meeting here, passed resolutions which supported non-violent sit-in demonstrations, took a stand for racial and social equality, urged abolition of the Methodist Central Jurisdiction, and called for a study of Communism by Methodist youth in order to oppose it more effectively.

They also urged support of disarmament negotiations through the United Nations and opposed nuclear testing.

At 1 a.m. the youths had a much-delayed watermelon feast. They then got a few hours sleep and arose for a worship and communion service before a final business session in which they passed resolutions on, among other things, prayer, pornography, and religion in the public schools.

The meeting was August 15-20 at Nebraska Wesleyan University. Attendance was about 130, with 90 voting delegates representing the more than 1,400,000 members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship in churches across the country.

All of the resolutions were either passed unanimously or with but a few dissenting votes.

The resolution on Communism said in part: "We feel that the Christian church today is not as well prepared to stand for its convictions as Communism is prepared to stand for its convictions.

"Through study we should come to realize and admit the shortcomings of the Christian church which have caused much of the success of Communism.

"Along with the study of Communism we need to come to a full understanding of our own beliefs and doctrines."

The youth called for an international prayer vigil for world peace by Methodist and other youth. The resolution recommended that the Youth Department of the Methodist Board of Education "set up such a vigil for Methodist youth in this country and that it begin conversations with the United Christian Youth Movement and the Youth Department of the World Council of Churches regarding their participation in a vigil."

The delegates recommended that Methodist churches take action against pornographic literature and objectionable motion pictures.

## Central Church, Mount Airy Planning New Building

Fund-raising plans for the new \$500,000 building for the new Central Methodist Church were discussed at a set-up meeting attended by some 60 church officials and building program workers.

Leading the session was Robert M. Smith, general chairman of the building program, and the Rev. Rollin P. Gibbs, finance crusade director.

The half-million-dollar figure was agreed upon as the amount needed to build a complete new church suitable to the present and future needs of the membership.

This amount would include furnishings,

but would not include \$31,000 the church has invested in the lot.

It was suggested that the church set as a goal \$250,000 to be raised by the fund-raising crusade over a three-year period. The remaining amount would be raised at a later date.

The first fund-raising crusade is scheduled to begin September 11 and will continue throughout that week.

While architectural plans are still in the thinking stage, building committee members reported that one contemplated solution might be to construct the church in units. However, it was pointed out that a better solution might be to build the church as a complete structure, if this would best suit the needs of the membership.

Design Associates, an architectural firm of Statesville, has been employed to draw plans for the new church.

The new church is to be located on the former Inman property at the corner of North Main Street and Country Club Road.

## Social Concern Briefing Conference to be Held

The second annual Briefing Conference on Christian Social Concerns will be held at Lake Junaluska on September 13-15.

Persons with responsibilities in the field of Christian Social Concerns, in the local church level or on the district or conference level are eligible to attend, along with any other persons interested.

The program will include workshops in the fields of Temperance and General Welfare, Human Relations and Economics, and Peace and World Order.

Last year persons representing both N. C. Conferences attended. For several years before that, these conferences were preceded by Briefing Conferences in the field of Temperance.

For further information, write Board of Christian Social Concerns, 100 Maryland Ave., N. E., Washington, D. C.

## Film Series Inaugurated By Pfeiffer College

Misenheimer, N. C. — The inauguration of a fine film series at Pfeiffer College has been announced by Dr. Daniel G. Leideg, chairman of the college's newly created Department of Humanities. A nine-film series will be offered to students and faculty during the 1960-61 college year as a part of the college's cultural program.

Included in the series are films, such as Ingemar Berman's powerful film on man's game of chess with death, "The Seventh Seal;" Robert Flaherty's brilliant documentary on Michelangelo, "The Titan;" the prize-winning Japanese film, "Rashomon;" and Jose Ferre's production of "Cyrano de Bergerac."

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## Hold Conference on Church Administration

**Lake Junaluska**—An interdenominational regional group of church business administrators which has been setting the pace for national and other regional units has adopted a constitution and by-laws which bring it into closer relationship with the Methodist Church.

The 7th annual conference on Church Administration, meeting here in Lambuth Inn August 15-19, voted to change its name to the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference on Church Business Administration of the Methodist Church. While the change in name links the organization more closely to the Methodist Church, staff members of other denominations may continue as associate members of the group. The membership of the group has been predominantly Methodist.

In adopting its new constitution and by-laws, the unit voted to operate under the auspices of the Methodist Board of Lay Activities in Chicago and the church's Southeastern Jurisdictional Council in Atlanta.

Leaders hailed an action taken by the 1960 General Conference in recognizing the office of church business administrator as an official post in the local Methodist churches.

Re-elected as president of the renamed organization was Mrs. Evelyn Losey, financial secretary of the First Methodist Church in Birmingham, Ala.

Other officers elected by the nine-state regional organization are: Mrs. Margaret Jones of West End Church, Nashville, Tenn., first vice-president; John Andrews, Dexter Avenue Church, Montgomery, Ala., second vice-president; Roy E. Berry, Trinity Church, Tallahassee, Fla., corresponding secretary; Joe O. Hardin, West Market Street Church, Greensboro, N. C., treasurer; and Mrs. Beulah Moore, Washington Street Church, Alexandria, Va., recording secretary.

In a keynote address at the conference, the Rev. Walter Towner of Nashville, staff member of the Methodist Board of Education, called church business managers "the lay counterpart of a consecrated ministry."

Other speakers at the four-day conference included the Rev. Dr. James W. Sells and the Rev. Dr. D. Trigg James, executive secretaries of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council, Atlanta; the Rev. Dr. Homer Magee of Chicago, associate secretary of the Methodist Council on World Service and Finance; George H. Smith of Knoxville, Tenn.; the Rev. Dr. Wilson O. Weldon of Myers Park Church in Charlotte, N. C.; G. T. Lumpkin, Jr., trust officer of an Asheville, N. C. bank; and the Rev. Dr. Arthur West, associate secretary of Methodist Information and director of its Chicago office.

Other program participants and panel discussion leaders included: Zeb E. Barnhardt of Centenary Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Sidney H. Everett, business manager of First Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, Tenn.; Mrs. Jessie Gilchrist of Central Methodist Church, Florence, S. C.; Mrs. Grace Portrum of First Church, Morristown, Tenn.; John E. Wolfe, Church Street Methodist Church in Knoxville; and the officers of the organization.

## NC Conference MYF Holds Ninth A.C.S. at Duke

Approximately five hundred youth delegates and adult staff members assembled on Duke campus Monday, August 15, for a five-day session of the ninth annual conference session of the North Carolina Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship. Led by the conference president, Jack Edwards, of Goldsboro, and directed by the conference director of youth work, the Rev. J. Conrad Glass, Jr., of Durham, the week officially began with an orientation session in Page Auditorium Monday afternoon.

The theme, "Choose Ye This Day," was developed by the Rev. Henry G. Ruark, of Laurinburg, the featured speaker, in daily morning worship services held in Duke Chapel. Evening programs included two dramas, "No Man Is An Island," and "I Am My Brother's Keeper," and the motion picture, "Albert Schweitzer." Six special interest groups were featured several nights on the subjects of Jazz in Worship, The Christian and Race, Recreation Interfaith-Marriage, Audio-Visuals, and Choosing a Challenge.

Also on the agenda were classes for the delegates on MYF techniques and programming. Subdistrict and district presidents met to discuss the functions and problems of these organizations.

Climaxing the week on Friday, an additional 2,000 Methodist youth joined the A.C.S. delegates for Rally Day. Bishop Paul N. Garber addressed the group on Rally Day morning. After a picnic lunch on the campus, Rev. Ruark conducted the closing worship service in Duke Chapel during which the new conference officers were installed. These officers elected on Thursday were: Bill Graham of Chapel Hill, president; Ronald Shearin of Warrenton, vice-president; Glenda Pittman, of Halifax, secretary; Lee Overton, of Durham, treasurer; and Anne Louise Day, of Roxboro, publication superintendent. Other members of the Youth Council also installed were Jayne Anna Culbertson, of Robbins, chairman of Christian Faith; Alice Faye Smith of Pink Hill, chairman of Christian Witness; Joey Warfel, of Fayetteville, chairman of Christian Outreach; Mary Harris, of Kinston, chairman of Christian Citizenship; Betsy Overman, of Goldsboro, chairman of Christian Fellowship; and Margaret Bridges of Fayetteville, U.C.Y.M. representative.

Heading the staff of the ninth annual conference session were the dean of men, Rev. Harvey Johnston, assisted by the Rev. Hugo Hodgkin, Jr., and the dean of women, Mrs. Sallie Ingram, assisted by Miss Eva McClamrock. The Rev. Bruce Pate, the Rev. Ed Osteen, the Rev. Bill Wells, the Rev. Cliff Shoaf, and the Rev. Ralph Fleming, along with other adult counselors, worked with the delegates. Assisting President Jack Edwards during the week were other Youth Council members Harry Harper of Rocky Mount; Susan Hill Blount, of Raleigh; Bill Graham, of Chapel Hill; Glenda Pittman, of Halifax; Dianna Bess Montgomery, of Smithfield; Betsy Burnette, of Durham; Harold Goodyear, of Lumberton; Graham Rouse, of Havelock; Linda Pearson, of Fayetteville; and Charles Taft, of Greenville.

## Dr. L. Stacy Weaver Heads SEJ Committee on Education

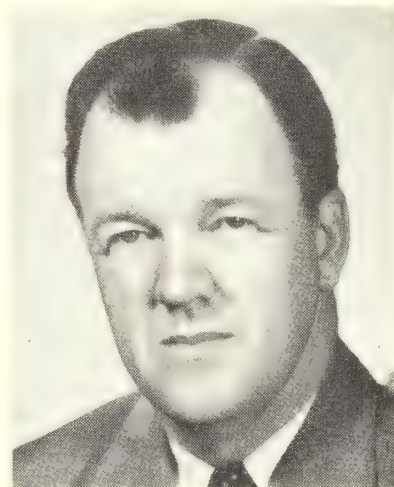
Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, president of Methodist College, Fayetteville, N. C., has been elected chairman of the Committee on Education of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council of the Methodist Church.

The election took place at the meeting of the Jurisdictional Council in Atlanta, Ga., August 23-24, at which Dr. Weaver was in attendance.

Dr. Weaver was one of three laymen elected to the Jurisdictional Council at the June meeting of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church.

The Southeastern Jurisdiction is comprised of North Carolina, Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, and the Republic of Cuba.

Dr. Weaver will serve for four years in the capacity to which he was elected.



DR. L. STACY WEAVER

## Methodist Home Receives 100-Pound Bar of Candy

In July the Methodist Home of Charlotte was presented by the Winn-Dixie Super-Market, corner of Plaza and Shamrock Drive, a hundred-pound bar of Baby Ruth candy. Mr. Willard S. Farrow, administrator, and Mrs. J. A. Cooke, from the Home family, received this gift from Mr. C. V. Kilby, manager of the store. After putting the candy on display in the Home's dining room, the big question for the staff was how to divide this candy so that every member could share it. With the able assistance of Mrs. Charles Brockman and through the courtesy of Swift and Company, the candy was cut into 285 pieces so all the members, staff and helpers enjoyed a portion of the candy bar.

Again this shows the interest that our many friends both far and near have shown in our Home.

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Thrift is that habit of character that prompts one to work for what he gets, to earn what is paid him; to invest part of his earnings; to spend wisely and well; to save, not hoard.—ARTHUR CHAMBERLAIN.





# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## Robert Learns Division

"Oh, Richard, what do you think? I'm going to have a little boy to play with," called Robert to his big cousin as he came up the walk. "Cousin George is coming to live with us, and we're goin' to have such good times. He's only two weeks younger than I am - - just seven years old."

"I'm glad he isn't coming to live at my house," answered Richard, who was thirteen. "You'll have to divide everything with him, and that isn't a bit of fun. It will be division all the time."

Robert didn't know what **division** was, so he made up his mind he would ask someone who knew. When Emily came home from school he asked her.

"Oh, division is horrid," she said. "You put down a row of numbers on your paper, and then you have to divide. It's horrid! I feel sorry for anybody who has to do it."

Robert didn't tell Mother how he felt, but he really dreaded now to have George come. Still, he was a polite little boy, so when George arrived he took him to see the rabbits.

"You can have the gray and white one for yourself," he said. George was so pleased that it made Robert very happy.

Robert took his cousin to drive behind the pony, and he let George hold the reins half of the time.

But all the while, he was wondering when **division** would begin.

All day long the two little boys played and worked together. The days passed quickly, and each night they slept side by side in two little beds.

Then George began to get all kinds of presents from his father, mailed to him from different places where his father went. These he insisted on sharing with Robert.

"You've shared all your things with me," said the visitor, "and I want to share mine."

At last the long summer and fall were over, and George's father came back to take him home.

"There wasn't any division at all, Mother," said Robert, as they watched George out of sight, waving as long as they could see him. And he told her what Richard had said.

"Division, as Richard meant it," said Mother, "was just sharing your things and home with George."

"Why, I wanted to!" exclaimed Robert. "That wasn't hard a bit. And George

had ever so many more things than I had, and he gave me a share of each. I have lots more things than I had when he came, and I had heaps and heaps more fun with him than I ever had with myself."

"Of course you did," laughed Mother. "That kind of division, done willingly and happily, brings another principle with it called 'multiplication.' When you divide things in this way they grow and grow and grow until they never seem to stop."

"Then I like division and multiplication," said Robert with a big grin.

—Selected.

## SISTER'S BEAU

By LOUISE C. GOOSMAN

Our big sister has herself a beau,  
An' we saw him kiss her once, you know.  
Don't think she knew it, but we did,  
'Cause we had been so quiet - - hid  
Behind the lilacs, me an' Joe.  
An' when they came home from the show  
That they had been to see that night,  
We saw him hug her, nice an' tight.  
An' nen he kissed her - - goodness sakes!  
Know how long a real kiss takes?  
Joe an' me were scared to move,  
'Cause Sis must really be in love,  
An' we weren't sure we cared to be  
Brothers-in-law yet, Joe and me.

## ALL ARE GOD'S CHILDREN

One summer evening a father caught his young son tearing down the street after another child, and screaming, "Wop! Dirty Wop!"

He took the boy into the house, set him down at a desk, and gave him a clean sheet of paper. "Now, son," he said, "I want you to write down every way in which you are better than that little Italian girl."

Dinner time rolled around, and the paper was still blank. The young fellow took it slowly to his father. The father smiled: "That's a good paper. And now, until you can make a wonderful human soul, as God can, don't ever criticize or feel unkindly toward anyone because God chose to have him born a member of any one of His other nations or races. Remember this, my son." — Clipped.

## GOOD MORNING!

'Twas only a cheery "Good Morning!"  
As she passed along the way,  
But it shed the morning glory  
Over the live-long day.—Clipped.

## TODAY'S CHUCKLES

Little Betty had heard a talk by a returned missionary. "What did he tell you about the people in the foreign land?" asked her father.

"Oh, he said they were often very hungry, and when they beat on their tum-tums, it could be heard for miles."

Mama: "Let's buy Junior a bicycle."

Papa: "Do you think it will improve his behavior?"

Mama: "No, but it will spread his mischief over a wider area."

Mother (hearing crash in kitchen): "Not more dishes, I hope?"

Susan (sorrowfully): "No, Mother — fewer dishes!"

"Oh, I'm just replacing some of my seeds, that's all."

"Seeds!" shouted Smith angrily. "It looks more like one of my hens."

"It is. The seeds are inside." — Exchange.

Smith looked over his garden wall and said to his neighbor, "What are you burying in that hole?"

"Oh, I'm just replacing some of my seeds, that's all."

"Seeds!" shouted Smith angrily. "It looks more like one of my hens."

"It is. The seeds are inside."

## Do You Know These Bible Characters?

1. Mysterious writing on the wall  
Foretold his kingdom's certain fall.
2. A man of wealth and power and pride;  
Sweet Ruth of Moab was his bride.
3. Mary and Martha were wrapped in gloom  
'Til Jesus raised him from the tomb.

## Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. "All our sins and griefs to bear."
2. "Joyful and triumphant."
3. "Stood an old rugged cross"
4. "For yielding is sin"
5. "Like the wideness of the sea"



## Sunday School Lesson

FOR SEPTEMBER 18

By **RAYMOND A. SMITH**

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### FALSE LEADERSHIP BRINGS RUIN

Background Scripture: Micah 3

Lesson Scripture: Micah 3:1-6a, 9-12

With this lesson and the one for the following Sunday from the Book of Micah we shall conclude our study of "The Century of the Great Prophets." The reader would do well to study the entire prophecy of Micah (only seven chapters) in order to be familiar with the material for these two lessons. If there is a copy of the Abingdon Commentary or the Interpreter's Bible available it will be helpful to read the introductory material there.

In the verses chosen for our study in this lesson we find Micah using incomparably severe language as he denounces the sins of his day. We cannot believe that this was due to bad temper, or to some personal grudge. Rather, it was the reaction of a sensitive soul to the monumental evils that surrounded him in the social order of that time, especially that of the capital cities, Samaria and Jerusalem.

McFayden, in the Abingdon Commentary, catalogs these evils which Micah was forced to look upon. They include (1) the exploitation of the poor by the heartless landlords and ruthless money-lenders (2) the corruption of the religious leaders, who were doing their work from purely mercenary motives (3) dissension in the homes of the people (4) false weights and measures in trade and (5) a grossly heathenish type of worship. This was the sort of society the prophet observed. No wonder he could not keep silent! It was the duty of the prophet to be God's spokesman and to confront the people constantly with the moral demands of a righteous God. Whether Micah believed that any considerable number of those who heard his message would change their mode of living we have no way of knowing. But, to recall the words of Ezekiel: "Whether they heed or do not heed, they will know there has been a prophet among them."

Turning to the exact words of Micah we notice first that he accuses the government leaders, "the heads of the house of Jacob." These officials who ought to know and practice justice, are compared to wild beasts that attack the flock and to butchers who "flay their skin from off them (that is, the people) and break their bones in pieces and chop them up like meat in a kettle." Then Micah turns to the prophets "who lead my people astray." These men will cry "Peace" when they are well fed and well paid, but will declare war against him who puts nothing into their mouths. Here is the picture of the professional religious leader who will be a friend to any scoundrel, or group of scoundrels, who will provide him a good living. The punishment for such conduct as this will be a denial of vision; that is to say, God can't use such men for His spokesmen because their very lives are a denial of the truth of God.

In the final verses the prophet speaks of the civic and religious leaders who "build

Zion with blood and Jerusalem with wrong." However, in spite of the fact that they are violating what is plainly basic justice, yet "they lean upon the Lord." In other words, these corrupt officials are still very religious, or think that they are. But God cannot give security to those whose lives are a contradiction of truth and justice.

"Is not the Lord in the midst of us?" they said. This means they thought they were safe because the temple was in Jerusalem. They reasoned that God would never allow anything to happen to the city which was the center of his worship. But Micah says "Therefore because of you Zion shall be ploughed as a field and Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins."

The leaders who thus refused to listen to the inspired words of Micah were laboring under one of the saddest of all illusions, namely, that God is a prisoner in the temple erected in his name! The tragic events that were shortly to come to pass would dispel this illusion forever from the minds of thoughtful men. The temple did, indeed, fall and Jerusalem was destroyed. But God was not destroyed. He proved he was not dependent upon any particular group of men, nor upon any special place of worship. This suggests that we, too, like Lincoln, ought to be concerned not about the question of whether God is on *our* side; but rather, whether or not we are on *God's* side.

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## Bennett College Limits Freshman Class to 150

Greensboro, N. C.—With prospects of one of the largest senior classes in its history, Bennett College this year found it necessary to limit the size of its entering freshman class to 150.

Mrs. Susie W. Jones, director of admissions and counselor to freshmen, revealed this week that limited housing facilities created by an unprecedented senior registration made this decision necessary.

This year's freshmen will come from 22 states, the District of Columbia and six foreign countries. There will be 57 from 34 cities and towns in North Carolina, one from California, five from Texas and 12 from Georgia.

Among the foreign students expected are two from Kenya and one each from Ireland, American Samoa, Sierra Leone, West Africa and Stuttgart, Germany.

## "Law and the Free Citizen" Topic of High School Contest

The opening of its 26th annual National High School Writing contest has been announced by the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The topic will be "Law and the Free Citizen."

Students in all public, private and parochial high schools are eligible to enter the contest. National prizes are: First, \$1,000 cash; second, \$500; third, \$250; fourth, \$100, and twenty other cash awards for honorable mention. State and local contest winners receive additional Auxiliary awards which vary with the community.

The writing contest was begun by the V.F.W. Auxiliary in 1935 to encourage young people to think and write on patriotic subjects. During the last school year more than 30,000 students from all 50 states entered the national contest.

Further information on the 1960-61 contest may be obtained from local Auxiliary units, or from the Contest Department, V.F.W. Auxiliary, 406 West 34th Street, in gat my present work as "preaching." Kansas City 11, Mo.

## Student Conferences To Be Held

New York, Aug. 16—Colorado will be scene of two major Christian student conferences in September. Some 750 young people meet on the campus of the University of Denver in Denver for the General Assembly of the National Student Christian Federation, Sept. 5-10, and the Triennial Conference of the Inter-Seminary Movement, Sept. 8-12.

The National Student Christian Federation, in its second assembly, will bring together delegates from colleges and universities across the country to consider the organization's work for the past year and to plan programs for 1960-61.

One of the major topics to be discussed will be "Students and Segregation." According to Allen J. Burry, president of NSCF, students have taken an active part in dealing with racial problems in the past few months.

"I think it is safe to assume that recent

student demonstrations, and the attitudes Christian students should have towards them, will be a major topic of discussion at our assembly," Mr. Burry said.

The Triennial Conference of the Inter-Seminary Movement will center on discussing the quality of training received by theological students. Participants will ask if such training prepares a seminarian for the problems he will meet as pastor of a church, or whether it is too theoretical.

Meeting also at Iliff School of Theology and the University, the gathering is sponsored by the Inter-Seminary Committee of the National Student Christian Federation.

The five-day program will emphasize diversity of theological opinions. Daily

worship services will be led by representatives of schools of different traditions. The proposed topics for discussion will have speakers representing Methodist, Lutheran, Eastern Orthodox and Baptist communions. Evening sessions will start with the presentation of a scene from a contemporary drama, Alan Paton's "Cry the Beloved Country," which will point up an ethical problem to be discussed following the performance. The theological students will be encouraged to engage conference leaders in informal conversations.

The National Student Christian Federation is a related unit of the Commission on Higher Education of the National Council of Churches.

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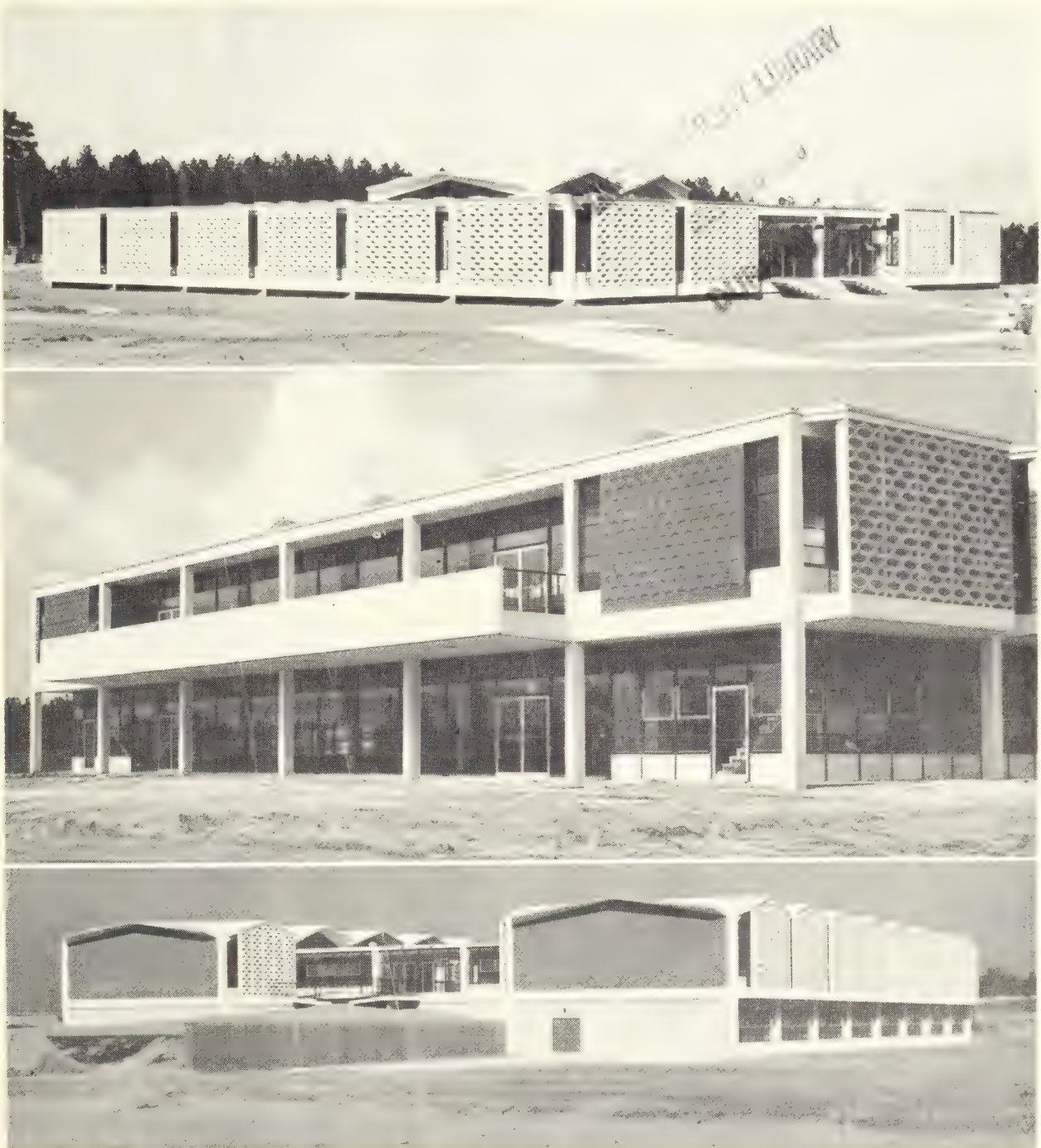
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# CAROLINA BRIEFS

☛ **REV. HAROLD HIPPS**, minister of education at West Market Street Church, Greensboro, Mrs. Hipps and their little son Jeff returned August 25 from a trip to the west coast, where Mr. Hipps taught for several weeks in the summer school at the College of the Pacific, Stockton, Calif. They left Greensboro July 10, making their way through New Mexico, Arizona, a visit to the Grand Canyon, and into southern California. They report a most pleasant and profitable trip.

☛ **FAITH CHURCH**, Gastonia, dedicated a beautiful baptismal font recently to the glory of God and to the memory of Mrs. R. L. Paysour. This was done at the morning worship service. Mrs. Paysour, who passed away Dec. 1, 1959, had been a member of the church since 1909 and gave herself unstintingly to its service. The church observed open house at the new parsonage Sept. 1 from 3:00 till 5:30 p.m. A cordial invitation was extended to all.

☛ **SALEM CHURCH**, Fayetteville, of which Rev. E. C. Crawford is pastor, observed homecoming service last Sunday, September 11, at the 11:00 a.m. service. Rev. W. E. Howard, a former pastor, preached at the 11:00 o'clock service, after which dinner was served picnic style, and a special musical program given, along with a brief memorial service for those members who have died since last homecoming. The church has recently completed a new sanctuary and educational building. Former pastors, relatives and friends were invited to attend.

☛ **THE YOUNG PEOPLE** of Asbury and Boger City Churches in the Gastonia District recently held a joint Youth Activities Week, alternating for the meetings each evening 7:30-9:30 Sunday through Friday. The pastors, Rev. Grady N. Dulin of Asbury, and Rev. John R. Sills of Boger City, let the young people plan the entire program, secure the speakers, and conduct the services. It is reported they did a swell job.

☛ **OAK GROVE CHURCH** of the Ecusta Charge, Asheville District, observed homecoming day September 4 at the 11:00 a.m. service, with Rev. W. A. Kerr, Jr., a former pastor, preaching the sermon. Picnic style lunch was served. As part of the service the organ, which was given by Miss Katherine Siniard and Mrs. Melba Siniard Seron, was dedicated. Rev. M. M. Armstrong is pastor of Oak Grove.

☛ **MISS LUCINDA LANNING**, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Jesse H. Lanning, assumed her duties September 1 as a member of the staff of the Statesville Public Library. She will serve as reference librarian and director of the library's audio-visual aids program. Before accepting the Statesville position Miss Lanning was connected with the Cumberland County Public Library in Fayetteville.

☛ **FRANKLINVILLE METHODIST CHURCH** will observe homecoming September 18 at 11:00 a.m. Rev. George B. Clemmer, formerly superintendent of the Thomasville

District, will be the speaker. Beginning at 7:30 the same day and running for a week will be the revival services with Rev. R. H. Nicholson, pastor First Methodist Church, Waynesville, preaching each evening.

☛ **MAYLO CHURCH**, Gastonia, Rev. G. H. Allred, pastor, will observe homecoming Sept. 25 at 11:00 a.m. A picnic dinner will be served at 12:30. In the afternoon at 2:00 o'clock Bishop Nolan B. Harmon and Dr. E. C. Few, district superintendent, will lead in a service in which the cornerstone for the new building will be laid.

☛ **REV. W. L. LOY**, retired, of Rowland, who was supplying for the month of August at Lillington Methodist Church, was forced to enter the Highsmith Hospital, Fayetteville, August 9 on account of a heart condition. He remained there until September 5, when he was released to return to his home at Rowland.

☛ **DR. AND MRS. C. E. ROZZELLE**, of Winston-Salem, have returned home after spending five weeks touring Europe. They visited ten countries. While away they attended the famous Passion Play at Oberammergau. Dr. Rozzelle is now engaged for many meetings and Sunday school training schools this fall.

☛ **REV. LEO THOMPSON**, son of Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Thompson of Roxboro, is serving as associate minister of First Methodist Church, Rocky Mount. He will complete his Bachelor of Divinity degree at Duke the first semester, and then will move to Rocky Mount.

☛ **SEPTEMBER 4** was observed as "Youth and Student Day" by the Asbury Church, on the Gastonia District. The young people had charge of the Sunday school and church services, served as leaders, speakers, choir, ushers, etc. They conducted the services of the day.

☛ **ANNUAL HOMECOMING DAY** will be observed at the Trinity Methodist Church, Charlotte, September 18. Rev. A. A. Kyles will preach at 11:00 o'clock. Lunch will be served on the church grounds picnic style following the morning service. All members, former pastors, former members and friends are invited to attend.

☛ **MRS. MARGARET BLANTON SMITH** assumed her duties as director of Christian education at Centenary Church, Greensboro, on September 1. She is a graduate of High Point College, and did graduate work at Scarritt, in Nashville, Tenn.

☛ **MEMBERS OF Haymount Church**, Fayetteville, held a reception at the parsonage on September 11, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. for their pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. T. R. Jenkins. An invitation was extended all members and friends of the church.

☛ **HAYWOOD COUNTY TRAINING SCHOOL** for Christian workers will be held at First Methodist Church, Canton, September 25-29 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Six courses, adapted to all youth and adults, will be offered.

☛ **MRS. J. F. ALEWINE** has accepted the

position of organist and director of music at First Church, Rutherfordton. Plans are under way for the organization of a junior choir also.

☛ **FIRST CHURCH**, Charlotte, began Family Night Wednesday, September 7. Supper is served at 6:30 and an interesting program is arranged to follow the meal. This was the first meeting of the fall, and is planned as the one fellowship of the month for all families.

☛ **A FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE** is held every eighteen months by First Church, Hickory. It offers expert guidance in family relationships to the people of the city. The date this year is September 18-21.

☛ **ANN STREET CHURCH**, Beaufort, has a plan whereby they are paying off the debt on the educational building. The debt is \$22,400, and each week they pay \$300 to reduce it.

☛ **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**, was observed as "Laymen's Day" in the Southern Pines Methodist Church. Mr. J. S. Lennon, administrator of the North Carolina Sanatorium at McCain, was the speaker, and Ralph Dodge, church lay leader, presided.

☛ **FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**, Hamlet, will observe homecoming Sept. 18, at the 11:00 a.m. service. At the 7:30 service Dr. Kenneth Goodson, of Charlotte, will begin a revival meeting to run through the week.

☛ **DR. C. E. ROZZELLE** of Winston-Salem, preached the anniversary and homecoming sermon at Kilgo Church, Charlotte, Sept. 11. The church celebrated its 17th anniversary. Rev. Ivan A. Stephens is pastor.

☛ **ADVANCE CHURCH** of the Advance-Mock charge, will observe homecoming day next Sunday, September 18, at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Fletcher Howard of High Point will deliver the sermon. This will be the 148th anniversary. Rev. Fletcher Andrews is pastor.

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# EDITORIALS



## THEME FOR THE WEEK

*"Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." — Col. 3:17.*



## Rally Day Can Be Meaningful

Church School Rally Day in the Methodist church is an important occasion, and should be given strong emphasis in every local church. There are three major points that should be stressed: (1) to emphasize the importance of Christian education in the local church by presenting a program that will give information and inspiration; (2) to receive an offering to support the annual conference board of education; and (3) to make an all-out effort to attract the people to the entire church program following the summer slump. The conference board of education renders many services from which the local church benefits, such as providing training schools for workers and teachers; assisting in new churches while they are getting organized; ministerial training; and providing proper literature for the church school and promotional purposes. So, every church observing rally day benefits by its investment. Without the guidance of our conference boards of education our churches would be greatly handicapped and no doubt would fall far short of the achievements now realized. Sunday, September 25, is the annual rally day for the North Carolina Conference, and either September 18 or October 9 for the Western North Carolina Conference. It is a time when attendance should be greatly increased both at church school and worship services. It should not be observed merely for the benefit of the Sunday school, but the entire church program. A record attendance should be registered at the preaching services. A liberal rally day offering should be received to make possible the educational work of the church. It is a good time to enlist the active participation of everyone possible to swell the attendance and increase the interest in the work of the church.

## Unnecessary Publicity

Certain moving pictures receive unnecessary publicity by being referred to

by the ministry or the press. They would better be ignored. Someone has suggested that one of the best ways to create a desire to view an undesirable film is to call attention to its undesirability. People then want to see it out of curiosity. Such is a current film now going the rounds. Bishop Gerald Kennedy says of it: "This picture, I fear, is a reflection of our time. The morals are all mixed up and mainly sentimental. The goal of life is successful notoriety, and love is mostly illicit sex relations. Religion is cheap and unethical. And if this is still popular religion in 1960 it is much later than we think." We shall not contribute to its popularity by calling its name, but would urge our people who visit movie houses to try and be sure they select pictures with good morals and high ideals. It is important. Since coming to the editorship of the **Christian Advocate** we have received a number of press releases about certain films. But we have a large trash can on the floor just to the right of the editor's chair: it is one of the most useful articles we have in our office.

## The Editor's Position

It is presumed that all who read a religious or secular news periodical understand that a statement appearing in an advertisement or under the signed name of the contributor does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the editor or the position of the paper. Recently we had a protest to a small advertisement in the **Advocate** by a brother who said since it appeared in the paper he assumed it expressed our ideas. We did not, of course, even know the advertisement was in the paper until after it was printed because the editor does not handle the advertising. It is handled by an agency, and certain members of the printing staff handle the copy for the paper. The same position is assumed sometimes with reference to news items or articles of information on controversial subjects. In fairness to all a news reporting medium must give each side of a question an opportunity to be heard. In such cases the editor tries to be neutral, not dealing in personalities. If it were a case of morals a definite stand would be taken, but in case of debate individuals are given the opportunity to express their views and make their points. If there are two sides to a question, and both have merits, then both should be heard. That is the spirit of our representative democracy.

## An Explanation

Sometime ago we received a request to publish the Sunday school lessons a little ahead of the current week in which they were to be used. Some people who live in the far west or far east did not receive their **Advocate** in time to use the lesson for that Sunday. So, we changed, and now publish them a week ahead, so all can have them on time. Now we have just received a request not to publish them so early, but to let them come out in the issue preceding the Sunday for which they are written. In fairness to all we feel we should publish them as we are, so that all sections of the state can have use of them. We trust those who receive their paper early will just lay the lesson aside until after Sunday; then it will be current for that week. Thank you.

## Too Many Fatalities

According to an Associated Press statement the death toll on the nation's highways reached the predicted 460 for the Labor Day week end. Sixteen of these were in North Carolina, along with four other accidental deaths. The national total is about 22 above last year. It is estimated there were some 73 million cars, buses and trucks on the highways during the week-end. These holidays, designed for man's relaxation and pleasure, are turning too much into periods of death and destruction. Many of the so-called "events" staged in reckless disregard for human safety could very well be eliminated, such as the stock car race in Darlington, S. C., where three persons were killed. No amount of imagined "pleasure" can compensate for the sacrifice of three precious lives. It behooves all of us who drive to be discreet and practice the rules of safety on the highways at all times. We can, and should, reduce this needless highway death toll.



## Greensboro College to Open September 15th

Greensboro College is expecting 575 students for the ensuing school year, the largest enrollment in its history. On Monday, September 12, the faculty will assemble for lunch in the dining room for a get-acquainted session and to introduce new members. Students will begin to arrive Monday afternoon, and the orientation program will begin in the evening with a chapel service. Orientation for freshmen and new students will continue through Wednesday, September 14, on which date registration for freshmen will be completed. Classes begin Thursday morning, September 15.



# Methodist College Opens

By CHARLES K. McADAMS  
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Final plans for the opening of Methodist College have been released by Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, president of the college.

A formal opening service has been scheduled for 10:30 Monday morning, September 19, 1960.

Bishop Paul N. Garber, presiding bishop of the Richmond area, will give the opening address. Bishop Garber participated in the land transmittal service February 21, 1957 and the groundbreaking ceremony August 26, 1958. It is, therefore, most fitting that he should be the one who will deliver the address at the formal opening of the college.

Terry Sanford, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the college will extend greetings and President Weaver will preside at the opening service. The service will be held on the mezzanine floor of the Student Union and friends of the college are invited to attend the formal opening service, although the seating facilities will be very limited.

On Wednesday, September 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. President Weaver and Dean Clarence E. Ficken will assemble the faculty for the first orientation session.

Friday morning, September 16, the first freshman class will report for a morning of orientation followed by registration on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Registration for the first freshman class is expected to run between 75 and 100, all of whom will be day students. Night classes will also be conducted in selected subject areas.

Final preparations of physical facilities of the new campus are nearing completion. Four buildings are being placed in readiness to meet the needs of this first year. These include a classroom-faculty office building, science building, student union-cafeteria and boiler plant.

The science building contains ten laboratories for biology, chemistry, physics and home economics, two lecture rooms, faculty offices and a 200-seat lecture hall in the center of the building.

The student union - cafeteria building book store and student supply store, first contains a spacious lounge area, snack bar, aid facilities and a room for 400 lockers for day students all on the mezzanine floor. On the ground floor are the cafeteria, kitchen and dining room facilities. The dining hall will accommodate approximately 650 banquet style and 1,000 to 1,200 cafeteria style.

The classroom building contains 23 large classrooms and 42 faculty offices. The facilities of this building will house the temporary administrative offices and library facilities until permanent facilities are built for each of these.

The boiler plant contains the normal modern equipment to furnish heat and hot water for the entire campus area. Shower and dressing room facilities for physical education are adjacent to the boiler plant.

A high quality faculty is complete for the first year of operation, many of whom have already built homes near the college campus.

This four-year, liberal arts, co-educational college is located on Highway 401, five miles north of Fayetteville. The 600-acre campus with buildings of contemporary architecture overlooking the Cape Fear Valley has the immediate potential of becoming one of the most beautiful college campuses in eastern America.

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## Southeastern Jurisdictional Council Met in Atlanta

*Nashville, Tenn.*—The Methodist Southeastern Jurisdictional Council, which met August 23-24 in Atlanta, elected a committee to implement the "one percent plan" for a Southeastern Jurisdictional ministerial education fund.

Officers of several other jurisdictional committees were elected at the meeting.

The committee for the ministerial education fund will be as follows:

Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va., chairman; Dean William R. Cannon, Atlanta; *Dean Robert Cushman, Durham, N. C.*; *Dr. L. Stacey Weaver, Fayetteville, N. C.*; Mrs. A. R. Ivey, New Smyrna, Fla.; D. W. Brooks, Atlanta; Dr. Alexander Nunn, Birmingham, Ala.; *Edwin L. Jones, Charlotte, N. C.*; *J. Nelson Gibson, Gibson, N. C.*; the Rev. Dr. A. Dale Hagler, West Palm Beach, Fla.; the Rev. Don Chandler, Nashville; the Rev. Stewart Smith, Vicksburg, Miss.; and the Rev. Dr. D. Trigg James and the Rev. Dr. James W. Sells, both of Atlanta.

The ministerial education fund and plan were voted by the 1960 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference. The appeal will be for each church in the jurisdiction to contribute to the fund an annual amount of one percent of its operational budget, starting with the 1961-62 conference year. Half of the money will go to the Duke and Emory theological schools. The other half will be held within each annual conference to be administered by the conference board of ministerial training for scholarships or grants-in-aid for ministerial and pre-ministerial students.

Dr. James added that during the current need for more better trained ministers and by a shortage of funds for their training, said Dr. James, an executive secretary of the Jurisdiction Council.

Dr. James added that during the current conference year those churches which have been supporting a one percent plan for Candler School of Theology of Emory University should continue to do so and send funds to Emory as they have been doing.

The Rev. Dr. Lester Rumble, Atlanta, was elected chairman of the special committee set up by the jurisdictional conference to study annual conference bound-

aries. The Rev. Dr. N. J. Golding, Greenville, Miss., was elected vice-chairman, and Roy H. Black, Nettleton, Miss., secretary.

The boundaries committee is to report to the College of Bishops at least 60 days before the mid-quadrennial convocation of the jurisdiction.

Officers elected for other jurisdictional committees, all of them quadrennial, are as follows:

*Education:* *Dr. L. Stacey Weaver, Fayetteville, N. C.*, chairman; the Rev. Dr. E. Wade Weldon, Louisville, Ky., vice-chairman; Mrs. A. R. Ivey, New Smyrna, Fla., secretary.

*Evangelism:* The Rev. Dr. J. Willard Leggett, Jackson, Miss., chairman; the Rev. Dr. Henry W. Blackburn, West Palm Beach, Fla., vice-chairman; W. E. Savage, Lexington, Ky., secretary.

*Lay Activities:* Roy H. Black, Nettleton, Miss., chairman; R. Howard Berg, Melbourne, Fla., vice-chairman; Howard Jones, London, Ky., secretary.

*Christian Social Concerns:* Robert T. Mann, Seffner, Fla., chairman; the Rev. Dr. F. A. Flatt, Memphis, Tenn., vice-chairman; Alonzo M. Taylor, Columbia, S. C., secretary.

*Missions:* The Rev. Dr. Edward L. Tullis, Frankfort, Ky., chairman; the Rev. Dr. Robert C. Holmes, Lakeland, Fla., vice-chairman; and the Rev. Dr. William S. Steele, Johnson City, Tenn., secretary.

*Town and Country:* The Rev. Dr. Carl J. Sanders, Richmond, Va., chairman; the Rev. Dr. John J. Rooks, Fort Myers, Fla., vice-chairman; the Rev. Dr. Thomas O. Prewitt, Gulfport, Miss., secretary.

Each of the committees outlined its program for the quadrennium.

The executive committee of the Jurisdictional Council will meet February 28 and March 1, 1961, in Jacksonville, Fla.

The next meeting of the Jurisdictional Council is scheduled for September 19-20, 1961, in Nashville, Tenn.

## Brazil Methodist Bishops Re-elected

A cablegram to the Methodist Board of Missions from Juiz de Fora, Brazil, reports that all three of the bishops of the Methodist Church of Brazil have been re-elected to five-year terms.

The bishops are: Bishop Isaías F. Sucasas of the Sao Paulo area, Bishop Joao A. do Amaral of the Rio de Janeiro area, and Bishop Jose P. Pinheiro of the Porto Alegre area. Bishop Sucasas was first elected in 1946, and Bishops do Amaral and Pinheiro in 1955. Under the law of the Methodist Church of Brazil, they will serve until 1965, when the next General Conference will meet. All three were in the United States for several weeks last spring to attend the General Conference and the Interfield Consultation of the Methodist Board of Missions, and to fulfill speaking engagements.

The Methodist Church of Brazil is an autonomous denomination, affiliated with the Methodist Church in the United States. It has about 50,000 members in five annual conferences. There are more than 1,000 congregations, served by 160 ministers. About 90 missionaries from the United States work with the Brazil church.



# Special Session of N. C. Conference Votes To Erect Headquarters Building

In a special session of the North Carolina Annual Conference, held Friday, September 9, in the beautiful Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church, Greenville, the Conference voted to accept the report of the special committee appointed by Bishop Paul N. Garber to study plans for a conference building to be erected in Raleigh to house Methodist headquarters for the conference. The special session was arranged after some difference of opinion had developed in the regular session in Rocky Mount last June. In 1957 the Long-Range Planning Committee, in its report to the Conference, recommended that such a headquarters building be established, with the committee to give study to the purchasing or building of such and its location, the committee to make its recommendation to the forthcoming session of the Conference.

In the special session the question hinged upon the type building to be erected. Speakers on both sides indicated they were for the headquarters building, but had differing opinions as to its size and cost. Bishop Garber presided in an impartial manner and gave each side every opportunity to present its cause. Mr. Bill Price, of Burlington, chairman of the Commission on World Service and Finance, who was also a member of the special committee, presented the committee's report and called upon other individuals to present special details. Dr. C. D. Barclift, chairman of the Long-Range Planning Committee, brought the Conference up to date on steps taken since the recommendation was first made. After the committee report had been

completed, the Rev. Graham S. Eubank, district superintendent of the Raleigh District, presented a substitute plan. Several speakers were heard on each side, and the decision was made by written ballot. After the substitute plan had been rejected, the Conference then voted by show of hands to accept the committee's report. The Rev. O. L. Hathaway is chairman of the headquarters building committee. The location of the building is to be in Raleigh on property deeded to the Conference by trustees of the Children's Home.

Jarvis Memorial Church in Greenville proved to be a most favorable place to hold the Conference. Within the last few years the church sanctuary has been rebuilt, is air-conditioned, and adequate in seating capacity. It was a thrill to hear those 800 to 900 delegates and visitors stand and sing Wesley's great hymn, "O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing." Dr. A. J. Hobbs, superintendent of the New Bern District, led the opening prayer, and the choir of the local church rendered a beautiful anthem, all of which seemed to set the stage for a good Conference. When the business had been completed, Bishop Garber requested the Rev. Morris L. Husted, of Stedman, to favor the Conference again with a solo, "How Great Thou Art." Mr. Husted has rendered this solo at the last three sessions of the Annual Conference. As he reached the chorus of the last verse the Conference stood and joined him in singing. The fine spirit of all was expressed in a thrilling way as they sang the closing hymn, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." It was a good Conference.

## Mrs. Charles D. White of Kannapolis Passes

Mrs. Charles D. White, wife of Rev. Charles D. White, secretary of the Western North Carolina Conference and pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Kannapolis, died Sunday morning at Cabarrus Memorial Hospital, Concord. Mrs. White had been ill for some time. Surviving besides her husband are three children, including one daughter and two sons, Judith, Denny and Danny White. Also her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Everhart of Denton; four sisters, Mrs. A. R. Loftin and Mrs. Clegg Covington, both of Denton; Mrs. A. C. Parker, of Asheboro, and Mrs. Ray Loflin of Jacksonville; and two brothers, W. L. Everhart of Thomasville, and Ralph Everhart of Mount Holly.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 3:00 p.m. at Trinity Methodist Church, Kannapolis, conducted by Dr. James C. Stokes, district superintendent, Dr. Wilson O. Weldon of Charlotte, and Dr. James G. Huggin, of Gastonia. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery in High Point.

A fuller account will appear later in the CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

## Church Program

The Friendship Methodist Church observed homecoming Sunday, Sept. 11, with the Rev. J. L. Trollinger of Reidsville speaking. A picnic lunch on the grounds followed. A week's revival began Sunday night with the Rev. Sylvester Higgins, pastor of the Rankin Memorial Church in High Point, speaking nightly at 7:30. The Rev. Larry Bumgarner is pastor.

## Newlyn Street, Greensboro Holds Homecoming Service

The Newlyn Street Church, Greensboro, of which the Rev. A. A. Kyles is pastor, held a homecoming service last Sunday. Rev. S. J. Starnes, editor of the CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, preached the sermon to a large and appreciative congregation. The choir rendered special music. A bountiful picnic-style luncheon was enjoyed in the social hall after the service. A number of visiting friends were present for the service, and two former pastors arrived in time to enjoy the luncheon and social hour.

## Bishop Harmon Dedicates Sedge Garden Building

The educational building at the Sedge Garden Methodist Church was officially dedicated in special services on Sunday, September 11, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, presiding bishop of the Charlotte Area, brought the message of the morning and led the Service of Dedication. Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, district superintendent, the Rev. Earle R. Haire, pastor, and officials of the church also participated in the services. The First Quarterly Conference of the year was held and lunch was served at 12:30 p.m.

The Sedge Garden Methodist Church was organized in 1910 and Sunday through Wednesday evenings (September 11-14, "golden anniversary" services were held in commemoration of one-half century of Methodism in the Sedge Garden community. Four former pastors spoke to the congregation: Sunday, September 11, 7:30 p.m., the Rev. George W. Thompson, Morris Chapel Church, Walkertown; Monday, September 12, 7:30 p.m., the Rev. D. Moody Nifong, First Methodist Church, Wadesboro; Tuesday, September 13, 7:30 p.m., the Rev. Eugene A. Lamb, North Davidson Charge, Winston-Salem; Wednesday, September 14, 7:30 p.m., the Rev. T. G. Madison, First Methodist Church, Randleman.

The present membership of the church is 530, and the average church school attendance is approximately 350. Church officials for 1960-61 are as follows: Lay leader, Frank Walker; chairman of the Official Board, David Lewis; chairman of the Board of Trustees, Roger Hastings; church school superintendent, Ray Cates; president Methodist Men, G. W. Sapp; president W.S.C.S., Mrs. J. C. Whicker, Sr.; president M.Y.F., Miss Vicky Long.

The educational building was constructed in 1956-1957 and the indebtedness was paid in full in June of the current year. The cost of the building, equipment, and renovation of the social hall was approximately \$75,000.

## Mamers Charge Will Hold Homecoming and Revival

Cool Springs Church on the Mamers Methodist Charge will observe homecoming on Sunday, September 18. The program will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m. under the direction of Mr. Curtis Johnson, superintendent. Morning worship services will follow with a former pastor, Rev. H. H. Cash, who now serves Bridge-ton Methodist Church, bringing the message. Dinner on the grounds will be served at 12:30 p.m. A program of special singing, music, and fellowship at 2:00 o'clock will conclude the day's activities. All former pastors and friends are cordially invited to be present for this occasion.

Woodside Methodist Church at Mamers will hold revival services during the week of September 18-24 with the Rev. Carl Calloway, pastor of Union Chapel Methodist Church in Vance County, as guest minister. Services will begin each evening at 7:30.



# A Philosophy of Life, Mission and Stewardship

By W. W. REID

It is good - - once a quadrennium, or once a decade - - to sit down with one's self, pen in hand, and try to frame what one actually believes about life. Perhaps even a year's time ought to show some growth in understanding. The other day, in a quiet moment, I was thinking of this, and there seemed to evolve a knitting together into one fabric my thoughts concerning my relationship to God, my mission upon earth, and this caring and sharing we call "stewardship." For what it may be worth in helping you formulate your own beliefs (perhaps "philosophy" is too pretentious), I note it here:

"God has given us life, has given us earth, has given us love, and truth, and beauty, and knowledge, and skills. He has given them *not alone* to Americans, nor to whites, nor to Christians, nor to one generation, but to all men on earth and to all generations. This gift of life and of all that sustains and sanctifies it I have from God - - passed on to me through workers, parents, saints, thinkers, poets, sinners, artists, discoverers, sufferers, singers. Life and all that makes it rich and beautiful did not begin with me, does not end with me: but I am a necessary link in its processes and purposes. I am *at this moment in time* a channel through which God is creating, and through which he is revealing himself and his greatness and concern. Thus my life, including body, mind, and spirit, and my 'temporary possessions' are a trust from God and for the service of men everywhere, and many yet unborn. Tomorrow another will nurture and be nurtured by my 'possessions.' Today I am to *share* life, and truth, and skill, and goods with all men; I am to *conserve* and *improve* them for future generations."

Whether or not one senses a *unity* in the universe (as suggested in this statement) depends upon one's concept of God. If science has taught us anything, it is that God is a far greater Being than we have hitherto thought him. God is the Power that made, that controls, that plans the ultimate purpose of each atom and of each constellation. Such attributes as *omniscient*, *omnipresent*, *omnipotent* take on richer and deeper meanings with every new delving into the works of the Creator and Sustainer of life. Man - - earth-bound, limited, groping - - can scarcely begin to comprehend God: he can only faintly glimpse God in his manifold manifestations. As children we misunderstood the Genesis description and thought of God as "looking like man." In today's world he is that Power of Powers from which springs all other power - - and its ordering.

If you share something of this "philosophy," there are some near-corollaries (or propositions) that suggest themselves in relation to the mission of man and the mission of the church. Consider these:

*Proposition:* I am not "perfect in love." My country, my people, my church are far

from living in accord with all the principles of Jesus. But I hope we are trying to "go on to perfection." *Meanwhile*, such knowledge and skill as my people and I have I must share with all men everywhere; and from them I must bring back to my people such truth as God has revealed to them. For no people nor nation can long hoard to themselves earth's plenty, or truth, or peace while others are craving these blessings. Every gift and every revelation that is not shared with all humanity will be lost to, or forced from, the withholder.

*Proposition:* There are only two ways in

## Seven Steps Toward Peace

By W. W. REID

There are still many steps that may be taken by the nations and people of the world toward a peaceful solution of present East-West tensions, according to Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, director of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs. Despite—and, indeed, because of the recent intensification of the "cold war" and the possibility that a "miscalculation might place mankind in a precarious position," he believes that both the Soviet Union and the Free Nations can and should stop accusing each other and "concentrate on opportunities for improving the world situation."

Outlining "seven steps toward peace," Dr. Nolde has told the World Council of Churches that they can be realized "if both sides are so minded." The "steps:"

1. There should be an emphasis on peaceful competition where differences exist, and cooperation where fundamental principle is not compromised - - but both will require "stern effort" . . . "An emphasis on such competition and cooperation may avoid the risks involved in the Soviet conception of co-existence and also the dangers in the view advanced by such groups as Moral Rearmament, that co-existence is impossible and morally undesirable . . . According to present indications a relationship of peaceful competition and cooperation could be more readily worked out with Soviet Russia than with the People's Republic of China."

2. There should be an identification of the factors in the situation which make for division to help bridge the gap between the communist and non-communist world. (The CCIA is concerned with the study of the possibility of setting up an inter-governmental committee to study basic differences and the specific frictions they cause, Dr. Nolde reports.)

3. There should be an acceptance by leaders of all governments of essential rules of behavior in negotiation. "An international ethos is a fundamental prerequisite, but since this has not been achieved, there should be a limited number of elementary but basic rules of conduct."

which men have lived upon earth - - or perhaps *can* live here. One is for the strong (individuals or groups) to dominate the weak. The other is for all to share and cooperate in all things. The first is the way of the jungle, and war, and competition. The second is the way of brotherhood and peace, taught by Jesus, sought after by many men in many ways.

*Proposition:* The purpose of the church - - to proclaim the gospel, and to lead men into living in harmony with God and with fellowmen - - has not changed since Jesus taught his disciples to preach, teach, and heal. But that preaching, and teaching, and healing are forces which have helped to change the fabric of the human society in which they have been performed. And that change has been growing with increased intensity in recent years. Most of the change has been "good."

How would *you* state your beliefs?

4. There is need for the reduction and regulation of armaments under international control. The present deadlock must be broken, and the forthcoming General Assembly of the United Nations should try to give "clear and unmistakable directives on an equitable starting point for disarmament or for negotiations."

5. There should be an agreement on the cessation of testing, with provisions for control. Such agreement would "set the stage for agreements in other fields, including arms reduction."

6. There should be particular efforts to keep the situation from deteriorating, where the powers are in direct conflict and there is no acceptable solution. "To hold it until a mere favorable movement appears will in itself represent an advance. The persistence of difficult problems such as Berlin and Germany (is) disturbing, but not an occasion for panic." Dr. Nolde added that where there is danger that the great powers will clash openly in new areas, as in certain countries of emerging independence, all appropriate UN aid should be given, whether in the form of UN personnel on the spot, or of multilateral programs of economic and technical assistance.

7. There should be an emphasis on seeking a solution through normal channels such as the United Nations or at conferences at various levels "with patience and persistence. The tensions of the moment have forced an emphasis on the technical aspects of power and defense which threaten to paralyze diplomacy. Blusterings, threatenings and name-calling should give way to calm consideration of problems on their merit and a readiness to conciliate rather than insistence on the perfection of a position."

These are suggested "steps" that at least merit the consideration and study of every Christian—of everyone eager for peace and a cessation of tensions. Consider them in your church organizations; speak concerning them from the pulpit; write your convictions to your representatives in Congress. They want to know what "folks at the grass roots" are thinking. Much more may depend upon *your* thinking and speaking than you realize.



## Young People Urged to Total Abstinence

Oklahoma City, Okla.—The Rev. Jameson Jones, editor of *Motive*, told the 70 delegates to the National Youth School of Moral Concerns meeting on the Oklahoma University campus August 22-28 that isolated verses of the Bible cannot be used to prove that drinking is either right or wrong.

Mr. Jones noted that although some verses are not directly opposed to a mild use of wine, the Bible completely opposes drunkenness and often refers to the bad consequences from over-use of wine. Thus, he said, verses cannot be read out of context.

"The real point is not the isolated verses but the meaning of the whole message of the Bible," he said. "You can't pull one verse out and use it for 'proof testing.'"

According to Mr. Jones, the Bible message calls for man's responsibility to God and to his fellowmen, and the Christian realizes that this responsibility is incompatible with even moderate drinking. He said that responsible Christians will abstain because:

(1) At least one out of 12 moderate drinkers will become alcoholics—this is a scientific fact.

(2) Moderate drinkers are the main influence that start others drinking.

(3) Drinking only small amounts today can be dangerous to the drinkers and also to others.

"The moderate drinker through his witness and financial support makes possible an industry that tears at the roots of our society and the values that we ought to hold," Mr. Jones said.

He also pointed out that moderate drinking today is completely different from a moderate use of wine in Biblical times. In Jesus' time, wine had a low alcohol content, drinking was limited and often done in family circles, and drunkenness was the only bad consequence, he said.

But today, he told the group, most drinks have a high alcoholic content, drinking takes place in bars and other crowded rooms where no one cares whether a person drinks too much or not, the drinking industry is highly organized and well advertised, and consequences have increased far beyond drunkenness.

"We live in a technical, highly organized society in which the drinking person can endanger the lives of many others," he pointed out.

Mr. Jones further explained that although the earliest Christian church often did not condemn moderation, the founders of the Methodist Church set up total abstinence for the members of the Methodist Church has continued to lead in the crusade for total abstinence.

Noting that many denominations urging total abstinence began after the Reformation, Mr. Jones said: "What answer any church gives to the question of total abstinence often depends on when that church became a church."

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When you cannot pray as you would, pray as you can.—Dean Goulburn.

## Board of Education to Conduct Workshops

Nashville, Tenn.—The Methodist Board of Education will have eight regional workshops this fall for chairmen and registrars of boards of ministerial training of Methodist annual conferences to consider the legislation of the 1960 Methodist General Conference.

The schedule was announced by the Rev. Dr. J. Richard Spann, Nashville, director of in-service training in the board's Department of Ministerial Education.

It is as follows:

October 6-7, Nashville; October 13-14, Chicago; October 25-26, Washington, D. C.; October 27-28, New York City; November 9-10, Atlanta, Ga.; November 16-17, Kansas City, Mo.; November 29-30, Dallas, Texas, and December 1-2, San Francisco.

The chairmen and registrars will consider the legislation as it affects ministerial training for the next four years.

## Methodist Missionary Returns to Congo

Miss Patricia Rothrock, Mount Airy native and Methodist missionary to the Congo, has returned to Elisabethville, according to a letter received by Miss Rebecca Callaway, a friend of Miss Rothrock.

The letter stated that Miss Rothrock returned to Elisabethville Thursday. She was evacuated to Northern Rhodesia and then transferred to Southern Rhodesia following the rioting and near civil war that erupted in the new nation following its freedom from Belgium in July.

Miss Rothrock, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Rothrock, is a former director of Christian education at Central Methodist Church at Mount Airy.

## 1959 Camping Totals

A total of 183,287 persons participated in the camping program of the Methodist Church in 1959. This number includes 158,336 who were enrolled as campers and 24,951 staff personnel.

These figures are based on registration records for day camps, resident camps for children and Christian adventure camps. Senior high and older youth conferences and camps, family camps and trail hikes are also included in the tally.

Actually, the total number in Methodist camp programs greatly exceeds the registrations that were reported.

## Commission on Christian Vocations is Organized

The Commission on Christian Vocations of the North Carolina Conference met for an organizational and planning meeting at Louisburg College on August 31. Dr. Cecil W. Robbins served as convener of the group, and the following officers were elected to serve during the new quadrennium: President, Rev. Troy Barrett, Warrenton, N. C.; vice-president, Rev. Norwood Jones, Burlington, N. C., and secretary, Rev. Harry Jordan, Roseboro, N. C. Twenty-one members were present for the meeting.

## We Thank You

The following item was taken from the bulletin of one of the largest churches in the Western North Carolina Conference:

### NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

This church paper has been greatly improved. In my judgment it is more interesting and more readable than it has been in a long time. Our church should have many more subscribers. The cost is \$3.00 per year, and the church office will be glad to handle your subscription. Please send us a check or telephone your subscription at your earliest convenience.

## Congo Methodists Meet In Midst of Crisis

In the midst of turmoil, tension and political crisis, Methodists in the Southern Congo - - African and American - - met in Elisabethville recently at the Southern Congo Annual Conference. Far from being hesitant in conducting their business, the 33 African and 18 missionary delegates from throughout Katanga worked from 7 a.m. to midnight for four days. They formulated a four-year program calling for doubled membership, deeper stewardship, more ministers, new churches and increased Christian education. As a sign of the times in Congo, virtually every administrative post previously held by a missionary is now held by an African.



The Reverend and Mrs. W. Thornton Hawkins and their daughters, Patrice and Catherine, are shown breaking ground for the parsonage, and look forward to being the first occupants of the new building for the Guilford College Methodist Church.

The picture was made at the groundbreaking service on Sunday, August 28. The parsonage will have three bedrooms, two baths, kitchen-den combination, living room and a screened porch on the street floor. The basement will have ground-level access from the rear and will contain a garage, pastor's study and recreation-work area. It will be of brick veneer construction.



## Methodist Bodies Considering More Effective Federation

Zurich, Switzerland — Proposals looking toward closer coordination of "the work and witness" of the 20 independent bodies belonging to the World Methodist Council were under spirited discussion in the annual meeting of its executive committee held here August 3-7.

There was general agreement among the 33 committee members here, representing six countries, that while the quinquennial World Methodist Conferences are rich sources of fellowship and understanding, that these are not enough. Continuity of fellowship and leadership is needed, speakers affirmed.

Pleas were made calling for "more integrated and effective organization, achieving greater unity of Methodist action throughout the world and tied more closely to the Methodist conferences of every continent.

"The Council should aim to give to Methodist churches of the world the unity of moral and theological standards, and the overall strategy which the Lambeth Conference seeks to give to the Anglican communion."

All recommendations for a stronger federation during the coming year are to be considered by a widely representative committee. Its findings will be presented to the full Methodist Council in Oslo, Norway, in August 1961.

Another objective to be sought through a tightened, more purposeful World Methodist Council is the ending of duplication of Methodist work on the mission field.

In this connection Charles C. Parlin, a New York lawyer, pointed out the logistic inefficiency of British Methodists carrying on missionary work in the West Indies, just off the U.S. coast, while American Methodists have a mission program in Belgium just across the English Channel.

The British proposed that any tightening up of the Council should include efforts to bring consistency to Methodist contributions now being made in reunion discussions in many lands. They also pointed out confusing divergences of moral judgments as between Methodists of different territories.

Mr. Parlin, who initiated the present agitation for a closer federation within the World Methodist Council a year ago at an executive committee meeting in St. Simons, Georgia, presented a paper which went much farther than the British proposal.

His inquiry sought to discover "how far our separate denominations should and can go at this time in delegating work and authority to a world body of Methodism."

Without involving organic union Mr. Parlin proposed the pooling of missionary funds and manpower to be administered by a world board.

"The time has come when, to face problems of our day in Africa, in Asia, in South America, world evangelism should be done by and in the name of a world Methodism and not by a 'sending church,'" he said.

Sending churches carry with them the flags of their nations.

Mr. Parlin expressed the hope that in such an internationalization of Methodist missionary activity all churches, younger or older, regardless of whether financially they were giving or receiving churches, would contribute qualified personnel to the field.

The discussion made clear unanimous support for closer communion of world Methodism and a desire to give to what is conceded to be a loosely knit organization more creative power.

## Teaching Is More Than Just Presenting Facts . . .

Dear Friends:

Pfeiffer's feeling of pride in becoming accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools is accompanied by a fresh call to engage in a self-disciplined study to define its Christian commitment as an accredited, church-related, liberal arts college.

Paul's chapter on *love* has suggested the literary form for a statement challenging the college to examine its faith, its academic objectives, its unique place in the educational world.

If I teach of the knowledge of sciences and arts, but have not the spirit of Christ at the core of my curriculum, I am a mere babbler of factual information. If I have the power to probe the depths of knowledge, and understand all tests, measurements, norms, and quotients, and have skill to select those whom I shall teach, but have not the truths of Jesus at the heart of my program, I am nothing.

If I use all my material resources to the giving of knowledge and to the building of the body, but have not comparable spiritual resources, I gain nothing.

Christian educators are patient and kind; they are not easily provoked to anger; they do not insist on their own pet theories, they are not irritable; their word is the word of truth. They bear all things; they believe the best of those with whom they work; they have a passion for the physical, mental, social, and spiritual growth of young men and women within the institution; they hold on in faith and prayer until students are saved to lives of creative, abundant living.

The task of education never ends; as for theories of instruction, they shall come and go; as for techniques of work, they soon pass in favor of newer ones; but the instilling of Christian living in the minds and hearts of youth shall never cease.

The goals of education in a Christian college are many; but the greatest of them all is the development of individuals committed to the disciplines of sound scholarship, of personal integrity, and of a Christian philosophy.

To the fulfillment of this goal, Pfeiffer College dedicates itself.

Sincerely,

—MARY F. FLOYD.

## Davie County Holds Workshop in Mocksville

All the pastors and Methodist churches in Davie County, Thomasville District, cooperated and participated in a countywide workshop held at First Methodist Church in Mocksville, Sunday afternoon, 1:45 to 5:30, August 28th. Superintendent J. H. Carper planned the program and directed the workshop.

The program included six areas of work. Judge L. Roy Hughes, district lay leader of the Thomasville District, met with the county lay leaders and gave the study: Manual for the Church Lay Leader. Rev. W. W. Blanton, Conference executive secretary of Town and Country Work, instructed a large group on the Work of the Official Board. Dr. D. C. McWhorter, associate lay leader, Lexington, spoke to the Davie County lay leaders. Mr. Carson Cox, Jr., Thomasville, met with the Methodist Men's Clubs and spoke to them on Outline Work, Functions and Duties of the Methodist Men's Clubs. Rev. C. Marvin Boggs, pastor Wesley Memorial Methodist Church in Statesville, explained the work of the Commission on Missions in the local church. Reverend Arthur Pearce, Thomasville, and Superintendent Carper presented plans for an Every-Member Canvass in each local church in the county. Superintendent Carper then presented filmstrip programs which explained and illustrated the various steps in the every-member canvass.

It seemed apparent that the excellent degree of interest both justified and compensated the expenditure of effort to promote the workshop.

## Grace Church, Asheboro Has Fine Revival

By ARTHUR B. PEARCE, Pastor

A revival, described by members as "the best we've ever had," closed Sunday night in the Grace Methodist Church of Asheboro. Rev. Arthur B. Pearce reports that the altar was filled several times during the meeting as members responded to wonderful gospel messages. Rev. John H. Green, veteran member of the Western North Carolina Conference, was the evangelist. On the first Sunday night of the meeting people gathered for a covered dish supper followed by a program of music by "The Carolinians," a well-known radio and television quartet. They furnished music for the service which followed. Interest and crowds grew each evening.

Pastor and people of Grace Methodist go on record expressing heartfelt thanks to God for a wonderful time of refreshing. Rev. John H. Green has done a great service for our church. He has left us with a fine spirit of unity and a greater desire to win souls for Christ. We hope to have him back with us in the spring. Brother Green did not take appointment this year as he expects to give his full time to helping the pastors in evangelism. His address is: Rev. John H. Green, R.F.D. 3, Box 928, West Asheville, N. C.



# Interesting Methodist Matters

The man who piloted the X-15 research plane to a new world's speed recently is an active Methodist at Lancaster Community Methodist Church. He is Joseph A. Walker, 39, soft-spoken test pilot for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. One morning a few weeks ago Joe Walker took the X-15 up to 66,000 feet, and sent the craft hurtling through space at 2,196 miles per hour, breaking the record of 2,094, set four years earlier.

The Rev. Daniel D. Walker, 45, of Oakland, Calif., has been appointed pastor of the 3,500-member First Methodist Church, Santa Monica, by Bishop Gerald Kennedy. Mr. Walker, who takes over his new pastorate September 11, succeeds Dr. Kenneth A. Carlson, recently appointed by Bishop Kennedy to First Methodist Church, Glendale.

Among Methodists expected to participate in the 11th annual series of overseas preaching missions and convocations for Air Force personnel are the Rev. Dr. Marion J. Creeger, executive secretary of the General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel, Washington, D. C., and the Rev. Lawrence K. Whitfield of Temple Methodist Church, San Francisco.

Dr. Henry Burton Trimble, former dean of the Candler School of Theology at Emory, became associate minister at St. Mark Methodist Church September 1. Dr. Trimble was dean of theology for sixteen years, before retiring in 1953 to become associate director of development at Emory and dean emeritus of the school of theology.

The Rev. William J. Small, retired Methodist minister who observed his 96th birthday August 21, has become eligible to collect on his life insurance policy. Mr. Small, who resides at the Methodist Home for the Aged in Meadville, Pa., said he plans to give the proceeds of his policy to the Home.

New officers of the South Central Jurisdictional Board of Missions are the Rev. Dr. Wesley Hager of Grace Church, St. Louis, chairman; the Rev. Dr. Alva H. Clark, Omaha, Neb., vice-chairman; and the Rev. Dr. Virgil Morris, Baton Rouge, La., secretary.

Miss Mattie Lula Cooper who has served for 15 years as an editor on the staff of children's publications in the Editorial Division of the Board of Education in Nashville, has resigned to take a position with Centenary Methodist Community Center in Nashville.

The Rev. Dr. Corliss P. Hargraves, 81, died August 22 in Los Angeles. He was an executive of missionary education for many years in the former M. E. Church and headed the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education from 1940 to 1949.

The second annual workshop on evangelism sponsored by the General Board of Evangelism and Scarritt College was held July 25-August 19 at Scarritt in Nashville.

The Rev. Dr. William C. Hanson, 93-year-old retired pastor and former Methodist Publishing House book store manager in Kansas City, Mo., died August 26. After his official retirement in 1942, he developed two new churches into large congregations.

During a recent three-month period, 15,000 persons from 48 states and 35 foreign countries signed the guest register at the *Upper Room* chapel in Nashville, Tenn. In that period 242 groups met in the chapel.

The Rev. Dr. Waights G. Henry, 81, who had been a member of the Judicial Council for 22 years before his retirement, died August 25 in Anniston, Ala.

## Heard at Recent Methodist Meetings:

We are trying to relate the total life of men and women to Jesus Christ as Lord, to the total Christian ethic and to total Christian belief. In this endeavor we must try to avoid the mistake of thinking of people as statistics.—BISHOP K. VERNON MIDDLETON, speaking at the Appalachian Missionary Conference sponsored by 10 annual conferences at Buckhannon, W. Va.

Methodist college students of the southeastern states gave Nixon a small majority over Kennedy in a straw vote for President at a church-training conference at Lake Junaluska. The vote, an informal side activity of the conference, was 160 for the Nixon-Lodge ticket and 133 for Kennedy and Johnson.

It is intellectual dishonesty to say that alcohol is a food, for there is no storage, no growth repair or development, and it decreases the performance.—DR. LESTER KEYSER, director of medical services at Southern Methodist University, speaking at the National Youth School of Moral Concerns, Oklahoma City.

The decisive battle of our time is not being fought in the realm of missiles but in the realm of missions.—THE REV. MURRAY DICKSON, superintendent of Methodist work in Bolivia, at the South Central Jurisdictional Missionary Conference, Fayetteville, Ark.

The Christian church faces no more serious temptation than the temptation to conform to the ungodliness of our time.

—THE REV. DR. ROY L. SMITH of San Diego, Calif., retired publishing agent and lecturer.

We Christians need to remind ourselves daily that things have value only as they are related to persons.—THE REV. DR. EDWIN KIMBROUGH, Birmingham, Ala., district superintendent.

Prayer remains the only common denominator that the world-wide church possesses.—THE REV. DR. JAMES L. ROBERTSON, pastor of the Clarendon Methodist Church, Arlington, Va.

## Carolina Briefs

☞ **HOMECOMING DAY** will be observed at the Mills River Methodist Church, Sunday, September 18. Rev. Herman Duncan, a former pastor of the church, will preach at 11:00 o'clock. After the service, lunch will be served in the new fellowship hall. All former pastors, members and friends are invitee to attend.

☞ **THE REV. JOHN A. PETTY**, pastor, began a revival at the Locust Methodist Church, Stanly County, September 4. Rev. Benny T. Myers, pastor of Kernersville Methodist Church and a former pastor of the Midland charge, did the preaching.

☞ **MOUNT PLEASANT METHODIST CHURCH**, near Greensboro, observed homecoming last Sunday, with Mr. Charles W. Phillips as speaker. After service, lunch was served in the educational building and a period of fellowship was enjoyed. Rev. Joe Ervin is pastor.

☞ **JOYCE VIRGIL EARLY, JR.**, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. V. Early of Rockingham, received his A.B. degree in history from the University of North Carolina July 19, and has volunteered for the U.S. Army. He is presently stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C.

☞ **FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**, Rockingham, observed "Off to College" Sunday Sept. 4 for the 36 young people from the church who will attend college this fall. Recognition was also given to 11 servicemen from the church.

☞ **THE NORTH CAROLINA** Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications has elected Rev. D. L. Fouts, of Mount Olive, chairman, and Rev. J. V. Early, Rockingham, as registrar. Correspondence should be addressed to the registrar.

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## FROM AN OLD MAN TO YOUTH

Never be afraid to be different.

The best pleasures and treasures are at Gods' right hand.

A good person is God's greatest miracle.

Any good deed, word, or life will never die.

The poorest food, received as God's gift, becomes heavenly manna.

Never fear, or line up with the devil.

Dwell on, talk about, practice every good thing you know.

Jesus never hated anybody. He hated only evil.

Every sacrifice, made through love, saves the world.

No man is perfect; no man is entirely bad.

When we find truth, we find freedom.

It is better not to go wrong at all than to go wrong and have to come back.

—SNEED OGBURN

Charlotte, N. C.





# Woman's Activities



## Dedication Of Methodist Student Center Set

By MARY GARDNER

Dedication ceremonies for the new Methodist Student Center at East Carolina College, Greenville, scheduled to be held on Sunday afternoon, September 25, at 12:30 o'clock, are expected to attract a record attendance, including Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va., a representative of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, a number of officers of the N.C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, and others.

The new modern brick building housing the Center opened its doors at the beginning of the fall academic quarter 1958. Completed in August of that year at a cost of approximately \$115,000, the new Methodist Student Center is on the site of the old and inadequate building housing the Center for a number of years. It is equipped throughout with modern furnishings provided by the N.C. Conference WSCS.

A project of the Woman's Division of Christian and the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Student Center serves as a "home away from home" for Methodist students at East Carolina College. Its Wesley Foundation program includes, among other things, counseling, Bible study, discussion groups, and social activities.

The Building Committee for the new Methodist Student Center was composed of Mrs. W. J. Taft, Greenville, chairman; Mrs. Pierce Johnson, Weldon; Mrs. H. I. Glass, Durham and Lake Junaluska; Mrs. J. H. Churchin, Whitakers; Mrs. Gurney P. Hood, Raleigh; Mrs. L. C. Vereen, Durham; Mrs. H. A. Davis, Raleigh. Also, the Rev. M. W. Howard, Jr., then pastor of Jarvis Memorial Church, Greenville; Mrs. J. H. Rose, M. K. Blount, J. H. Waldrop, all of Greenville, and Dr. J. D. Messick, then president of East Carolina College.

Deaconess Mamie J. Chandler has served as the Student Center's director since 1944.

### Tour United States

Following a six-month official visit to the Methodist Church in the United States, ten representative women from Methodist and Methodist-related churches in eight countries overseas have recently returned to their respective homes. Their visit was sponsored by the Department of Work in Foreign Fields of the Woman Division of Christian Service.

Each of the ten Methodist leaders holds positions of great responsibility in their various areas of service. Dr. Hamako Hirose, of Japan, is president of Hiroshima

Girls' School (Methodist-related); Mrs. Chong Hee Pang, of Korea, is executive secretary of the Home and Family Life Committee of the Korea National Christian Council. Mrs. Margrethe Askholm of Denmark is the presiding officer of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Danish Methodist Church. Miss Zikkah Soule of India serves as principal of the Hawabagh Teacher Training Colleges (Methodist) in Jabalpur, and as field correspondent of the Madhya Pradesh Methodist Conference. Miss Irene Sant Masih, also of India, is principal of the Adams Methodist Girls' Higher School in Almora.

From Chile came Miss Lidia Vargas, manager of the Protestant book store in Wesleyan Service Guild of the Chilean Santiago, and an active member of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Olga Vanderghem of Peru, a teacher for many years at the Lima Methodist High School in Lima, is now the school's principal. A new board of the Philippine Methodist Church, the Board of Missions, was represented on the tour by its first executive secretary, Mrs. Elisa Ocera. Miss Flora Knight of Malaya, principal of the Treacher Methodist Girls' School in Taiping, has also served as an officer in the Woman's Society in Malaya. Another Japanese leader, Dr. Asa Yumoto, is principal of the Methodist-related Seibi Girls' School in Yokohama, a medical doctor, an educator, and a member of the Yokohama Board of Education.

Miss Soule, Miss Masih, and Miss Knight are former Crusade scholars.

The group's itinerary in this country included sessions of the General Conference of the Methodist Church in Denver, Colo., the annual meeting and interfield consultations of the Board of Missions, a United Nations seminar. They also visited and addressed a number of jurisdictional and conference meetings of the Woman's Societies and Wesleyan Service Guilds in various parts of the country. Individually they visited centers or institutions related to their work overseas, and while in Washington, each visited the embassy of her country.

### Miss Griffith Resigns Post

Miss Jean Griffith, rural worker in the Glendon area for the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, has recently resigned to become director of religious and recreation activities at the Methodist Home for Children in Raleigh.

Coming to the N. C. Conference in the fall of 1958 direct from a six-weeks U-S-2

training as a rural worker, Miss Griffith has demonstrated a life dedicated to her Lord and to her work. While in the Glendon area, Miss Griffith directed various types of Christian education and social service work, some of which the local people will be able to carry on, she says. There is still a vital need for a rural worker in the area, however.

The N. C. Conference WSCS is also sponsoring a rural worker in the Pembroke area. She is Miss Rebecca Modellmog.

## WNC Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



## Your Concern . . . And Mine

By MRS. GARLAND STAFFORD

You would be concerned for your church if you had no preacher to serve it. We should be just as much concerned that many other positions of service in the church are now vacant.

Recently we had an urgent request from a district in our conference for a young woman to do rural work as a church and community worker. The Town and Country Department of the Woman's Society of Christian Service had no worker available.

"Go — Tell" is the task assigned to missionary personnel. The personnel needs of the church run into the thousands and cover over seventy professions. The Board of Missions alone, in its three divisions, needs 798 new missionaries in 1960.

Presenting the needs of young people and getting them trained for the jobs cannot wait for a more convenient day. We would be more concerned if we shared the sense of urgency and concern expressed by returning missionaries.

God can use you, if you are truly concerned, to help some young person find his life work in the church for service at home or overseas. Each of us might ask how many from our church have gone into church-related vocations recently, or ever! It is not too much to hope that every church would have someone entering full-time Christian service annually. Perhaps you know of some young person or young adult who might be challenged to service. This cannot be done casually.

It is not enough for the secretary of Missionary Personnel to be informed about the personnel needs of the church. Every member of the Woman Society of Christian Service should know, or know where to find, the information, the types of church-related vocations, the training needed for each, the personal and religious requirements, the salary and other support which a candidate may expect.

Every young person who expresses an interest in or makes a commitment to a church-related vocation should be encouraged and strengthened in his or her decision. Often young people are inspired to decide on a church vocation, but through lack of guidance, drift away from such a commitment.

Let us seek God's guidance in this matter and begin to do something about this now!



(Mrs. Stafford is secretary of Missionary Personnel of the Woman's Society of the W.N.C. Conference.)

### **This is How We Rate— Jurisdiction-wise**

As she looked over the recent report of the Woman's Society of the Southeastern to the attention of Mrs. S. Ray Lowder of Jurisdiction, some interesting figures came Lincolnton, Conference secretary of promotion. She calls attention to these.

The Woman's Society of the W.N.C. Conference stands first in the number of new societies, 24 in all; in net gain in membership, 1,628; in installation services, 644; in pledge services, 641; in officers' training day, 426; in the number of missionaries, deaconesses and field workers, 406; and in the use of audio-visuals, 1,101.

The Conference stands second in total membership of the Woman's Society, 44,988; and in district and conference meetings attended, 222.

We are in third place in the number of new members, 3,123; in courses on the work of the Woman's Division, 90; and in districts one hundred percent organized.

We are in fourth place in districts reporting one hundred percent.

### **Miss Ethel Bost to Attend District Meetings**

Miss Ethel Bost, missionary to Japan now on furlough, will be the guest speaker at each of the 13 districts in the Western North Carolina Conference at the spring meetings to be held in 1961.

Her itinerary is being arranged by Mrs. S. Ray Lowder. As soon as dates are arranged for each district meeting, the schedule will be announced.

Miss Bost arrived home on August 1st from Japan. Her home address is Box 141, Cornelius, N. C. She plans to be at Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn., for the fall and winter quarters. In the spring she will be happy to share her time to churches in her home conferences, "speaking at the Woman's Society of Christian Service, district and conference meetings, young people's assemblies, local churches—anywhere I am invited," she says.

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### **L. E. Griffith Assigned To Tunisia**

The Rev. Lester E. Griffith of Cleveland, Ohio, young Methodist missionary who was a prisoner of the Algerian nationalists for forty days in 1958, has returned to North Africa to resume his ministry among Arabic-speaking people.

Because of the political-military crisis still prevailing in Algeria, Mr. Griffith did not return there but has been assigned to neighboring Tunisia. He will do social and evangelistic work in the capital city of Tunis, where the Methodist church has a church and social center. He was accompanied by Mrs. Griffith and their three children.

### **Board of Publication In Regular Meeting**

The Methodist Board of Publication met Wednesday, September 7, at 11:00 a.m. in the editor's office at the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE in Greensboro. The main purpose was to confer with the new editor concerning policies and procedures in the publication of the CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, president, presided. Other members attending were Dr. A. J. Hobbs, New Bern; Mr. W. B. Hall, High Point; Mr. L. W. Routh, Greensboro; Mr. N. E. Edgerton, Raleigh; Mr. J. N. Hackney, Wilson; Mr. T. C. Hoyle, Greensboro. Members not present were Dr. Charles E. Jordan, who was on a trip to Europe; Dr. H. G. Allen, who with Mrs. Allen, is on a world mission tour; and Rev. O. K. Ingram, who was on a business trip to Atlanta. The board discussed a number of matters in connection with the publication, assuring the new editor of its full support in carrying on the work. The matter of the campaign for new subscriptions was presented and given full endorsement. Meetings with the two conference groups are scheduled, at which time the plans will be revealed and the campaign will be officially launched. It was agreed that the ADVOCATE should go into the home of every official of the church. At least 10,000 new subscriptions are sought in the immediate future.

### **Thomasville District Holding Three Workshops**

The Rev. John H. Carper, district superintendent of Thomasville District, is holding three district workshops to deal with the various causes and programs in the work of the church. The first, held at Mocksville, was deemed a fine success. This was on August 28. The second and third will be held September 11 and 18. After devotions and announcements, those present are assigned to classes or groups. Judge L. Roy Hughes directs the group in the work of the Church Lay Leader; Rev. W. W. Blanton, executive secretary of the Town and Country Commission, leads in the work of the Official Board and duties of chairmen; Dr. D. C. McWhorter gives the outline for the work of Certified Lay Leaders; Mr. Carson M. Cox and the Rev. Barrett Wilson have charge of the group dealing with the function and duties of a Methodist Men's Club; Rev. C. Marvin Boggs, pastor of Wesley Memorial Church, Statesville, and Rev. Orion N. Hutchinson present the organization of the Commission on Missions in the local church; Rev. Arthur Pearce and the district superintendent direct the group for district Every Member Canvass for pastors, chairmen of Commission on Stewardship, and district stewards. This program is to be put on February 26-April 30. These workshops begin in the afternoon at 1:45 and run till 3:00. After a 15-minute recess a second period begins at 3:15 and runs till 4:15, when another recess of 15 minutes is taken. From 4:30 till 5:30 all classes are combined and plans for every member canvass, and visual aids, together with turnover charts are presented.

### **Dr. Harry Denman to Hold Revival at Roseboro**

Dr. Harry Denman will hold a revival in the Fellowship Tabernacle in Roseboro, September 18, 19 and 20.

This meeting is sponsored by the 27 churches of the Clinton Sub-District Two years ago the ministers of the sub-district discussed the idea of inviting Dr. Denman at one of their fellowship dinners. After getting in touch with Dr. Denman it was learned that it would be nearly two years before he could come. However, the ministers decided to proceed and the meeting will be September 18-20.

After having a meeting with our Conference Director of Evangelism and interested laymen of the churches, it is the hope of the group to have an intensive follow-up of the revival. It is the prayer of the churches that many will be challenged to accept Christ as their Saviour and many will be challenged to become "fishers of men."

Services will be held at 2:30 and 8:00 p.m. on Sunday and 10:00 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday night.

### **Two N. C. Young People Enter Mission Work**

New York—Ben Rouse, 414 North Pollock Street, Kinston, N. C., is one of 21 young men and women who are beginning this fall two years of home mission service for the Methodist church. Mr. Rouse will give missionary service at the Wesley Community Center in Oklahoma City.

Born in Kinston, Mr. Rouse spent his early life there and attended High Point College, High Point, N. C. He was graduated this year with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology.

While in college, Mr. Rouse was chaplain of the Student Council, vice-president of Kappa Chi (pre-ministerial fraternity), and a member of the Student Christian Association. He is a member of the Queen Street Methodist Church in Kinston and has been president of its Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Miss Betty Elaine Frick, rural route 1, Richfield, N. C., is also one of the 21 young men and women who are beginning this fall two years of home mission service for the Methodist church. Miss Frick will do rural church and community work in Dade County, Tenn.

Born in Lexington, N. C., Miss Frick spent her early life there and near Richfield and was graduated from the Richfield High School in 1956. She studied four years at Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, N. C., and received the bachelor of arts degree in Christian education this year.

While in college, Miss Frick was treasurer of the Christian Education Fellowship, secretary of the Methodist Student Fellowship and a member of the Missions Club and the Women's Chorus. She is a member of the Richfield Methodist Church and has been a church school teacher and member of the Commission on Education.

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Prayer is a cumulative life of friendship with God.—Fosdick.



## Louisburg College Completes Opening Plans

Plans for the 1960-61 academic year at Louisburg College are completed, according to President Cecil W. Robbins. Freshmen students arrived on September 6 and the orientation program got underway at 7:30 o'clock that evening. The annual faculty reception was held on Wednesday evening. Second year students registered September 8 and freshmen on September 9th. Classes will begin September 10.

The Faculty Workshop-Retreat was held September 2 and 3. Dr. Ralph W. Decker of Nashville, Tenn., director of educational institutions of the Methodist Church, was the leader. The theme of the workshop was "College Influence on Student Character." Several members of the faculty participated.

New faculty for the year include Dr. Sarah I. Davis, English; Miss Sarah Richardson, dean of women and English; Norman A. Chadwick, biology; Meade Nehrig, history; Avery Dennis, chemistry and mathematics; Dr. Gunter Sommer, religion; and Mrs. Betsy L. Pernell, business. New staff members are Mrs. L. V. Harris, house counselor for the girls' dormitory and Mrs. Lala Moon, college nurse.

Enrollment is expected to be near the 500 mark.

## Emory University to Hold Faculty Retreat

The faculty and staff of Emory University will hold their annual retreat September 23-25, according to the Rev. Sam L. Laird, director of religious life. The camp will be held at Roosevelt State Park near Pine Mountain, Ga., Mr. Laird said.

Discussions on the theme, "Our Relationships and Responsibilities as an Individual and as an Institution," will be led by faculty and staff members.

Some of the topics for discussion suggested by the theme are "Emory's Relationship and Responsibilities to the Church and Board of Trustees," "Emory's Educational Responsibility," and "Emory's Civic Responsibility."

## Retired Colonel To Head Pfeiffer Economics Program

*Misenheimer, N. C.*—A retired Air Force Colonel, James L. Williams, who has served as comptroller for three Air Force commands, was director of Public Relations for the American Military Government Command in Germany, and in civilian life in the early 1930's originated the famed Old Gold Cigarette blindfold test, has been named head of the Department of Economics at Pfeiffer College.

Pfeiffer president, Dr. J. Lem Stokes, II, in making the announcement of Col. Williams' appointment, said that the new department head would bring to the economics and business administration program at the college a rich background in modern management systems, electronic accounting procedures, and applied economics.

## Wesleyan College Plans Faculty Week Sept. 13-18

*Rocky Mount* — The plans for Faculty Week, September 13-18, at North Carolina Wesleyan College were announced today by President Thomas A. Collins.

All faculty members will report to the campus on Tuesday morning, September 13. The same morning, the faculty members will leave for a Faculty Retreat at Atlantic Beach near Morehead City.

The Faculty Retreat will be a two-day study of the general theme, "The Role of the Faculty Member in a Christian College."

Dean Jack W. Moore will lead the discussion session on the following divisions of the theme: a) "What is a Church-related College?" b) "The Church-related College as a Community;" c) "The Relation of the Christian Faith to Course Contents."

Upon the return to Rocky Mount on Wednesday evening, there will be a faculty-staff picnic.

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, the faculty will share in a workshop on the campus. The workshop will begin on Thursday with a discussion conducted by President Collins on the theme, "The Aims of North Carolina Wesleyan College." The discussion will continue as each faculty member relates the aims of the college to his or her particular course as to contents and methods.

Friday the organization of the faculty will be completed and business meetings conducted. Saturday the final detailed plans for student registration and orientation procedures will be made.

This will conclude the preparations, anticipating arrival of the freshman class on campus Monday morning, September 19, for registration and orientation.

## A New Idea . . . "Inside Government Seminars"

In answer to the growing desire of persons to understand our democracy, *Inside Government Seminars* has been organized to encourage and develop serious Christian citizenship study. This non-profit organization has as its purpose assisting groups of all sizes in effective studies of government.

*Inside Government Seminars* Director John W. Eyster has called attention to the . . . appalling ignorance of government in the average American home. We are too content with talking about *them* politicians and fail to realize that politics is the means by which we make the decisions that effect how we live and how we die in our democracy.

Youth and adult groups of churches, service clubs, fraternal organizations, and educational institutions have found the experience offered them through an *Inside Government Seminar* stimulating to a better understanding of the problems of our democracy.

*Inside Government Seminars* has just released a brochure entitled, "Why not an Inside Government Seminar?" It is available from: Inside Government Seminars, Box 349, The American University, Washington 16, District of Columbia.

## Methodist Scholarships For Emory Students

Eight Emory University students have been awarded National Methodist Scholarships by the Board of Education of the Methodist Church.

They are Gary Lee Broaderick, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Broaderick of 509 N. View Ave., Dalton, Ga., a freshman; Wilburn James Cowell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn J. Cowell of 1057 N. Willett St., Memphis, Tenn., a junior; Elizabeth Carroll Enochs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Enochs, Athens, Tenn., a sophomore; Virginia Myrtle Faircloth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Normai Faircloth of 528 W. Church St., Fort Valley, Ga., a freshman; Samuel Whitfield Memory, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessy N. Memory of 802 Fern St., Waycross, Ga., a freshman; Elbert Hubbard Seymour, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Seymour of Royston, Ga., a freshman; Samuel Earl Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. John I. Wood of 1136 Bailey Ave., Macon, Ga., a freshman; and James Hoyt Young, son of Mrs. Russell Young of 111 E. Henderson St., Ocilla, Ga., a freshman.

National Methodist Scholarship awards cover tuition and fees up to \$500 and are granted on the basis of superior academic standing, leadership ability, active churchmanship, character, personality and need.

About 500 such awards are given annually by the Methodist Board of Education in its nationwide scholarship program. More than 5,000 National Methodist Scholarships have been granted since the program was started in 1945.

Funds for the support of National Methodist Scholarships are received from local Methodist churches on the basis of a church-wide offering on Methodist Student Day, the second Sunday in June.


## Scarritt College Appoints Rev. Henry Koestline

*Nashville, Tenn.* — The Rev. Henry Koestline, minister of education, Pasadena Community Church, St. Petersburg, Fla., has been named director of public relations for Scarritt College, Nashville, which was effective September 1.

The announcement was made by Dr. D. D. Holt, president of Scarritt College. Scarritt is owned by the General Conference of the Methodist Church. It is primarily a training center for full-time lay workers in the church.

Mr. Koestline has been minister of education at Pasadena Community Church since 1957. The Pasadena Community Church is famous for its "drive-in" services which are attended by more than 8,000 persons on a typical Sunday morning in the winter.

He was for seven years managing editor of *Motive* magazine.

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## **Pfeiffer Will Expand in Three Areas for New Year**

Misenheimer, N. C. — Pfeiffer College will expand its emphasis in the field of physics, foreign languages, and the humanities during the college year opening September 12, Academic Dean Cameron West reports in a review of plans for the coming year.

"The college will continue its emphasis upon the ideals of sound scholarship. The 17 new faculty members joining the instructional staff are individuals with excellent academic preparation, a fact which reflects the determination of the Board of Trustees to maintain a quality faculty," Dean West said.

An expanded program in physics will be directed by Harold P. Stephenson, new head of the college's Physics Department. He comes to Pfeiffer from the Duke University faculty and will guide the expansion of course offerings and physics laboratory facilities.

Freshmen foreign language students will be introduced to the college's new \$20,000 modern language and speech laboratory which was completed in the spring. The laboratory has 30 individual booths with tape recorders and is one of the most modern to be found at any college in the eastern United States. Dr. Warren Gates, assistant professor of languages, is director of the laboratory.

Dr. Daniel G. Leidig, chairman of the Division of Fine Arts, will teach two courses in a newly-created Department of Humanities. The courses will offer a unified view of representative expressions of architecture, sculpture, painting, music, philosophy and literature with the goal of pointing out relationships between the arts and ideas in the Western cultural heritage.

New students reported to the Pfeiffer campus September 6, while resident students will return on September 11. An enrollment of over 800 students is expected.

## **Laymen Have the Answer, Tennessee Leader Says**

A Methodist layman from Dyersburg, Tenn., believes that dedicated Christian laymen offer the answer to problems of integration, juvenile delinquency and world communism. R. H. (Red) Bond, lay leader of the Memphis Conference, gave the keynote address at the 3rd Laymen's Advance Conference of Western North Carolina at Lake Junaluska August 20. "As integration moves into our southland," he said, "I have just one concern: I must be Christian. The things that were good enough in the past are not good enough any more." Bond said the answer to juvenile delinquency boils down to this: "We need more Christian daddies." He said one answer to world communism is dedicated Christian laymen who believe in and practice their faith. A former telephone lineman, Bond likened faith in God to a lineman learning to use and trust his safety strap when climbing high poles. "We need to learn to lean our whole weight on God and trust Him," he said.

## **'Year of the Laity' Planned in Cuba**

The Cuban Methodist Conference has voted that the coming 2 months will be a "Year of Laity" and has set goals in the fields of evangelism, Christian education and lay service in the church. Reports indicate that the churches there have pledged more than \$100,000 (Cuban), which had been sought to launch the "forward movement" voted at the 1959 conference. During the "Year of the Laity," Cuban Methodists will be asked to reach these goals: 50 new local (lay) preachers, 500 laymen who will pledge to try to win five persons each to church membership, and 500 persons who will try to take 10 children to Sunday school regularly.

## **South Central Group Hears Dr. Denman**

Dr. Harry Denman of Nashville, Tenn., general secretary of the Board of Evangelism, was the keynote speaker for the South Central Jurisdictional Conference on Evangelism at the Western Methodist Assembly on Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark., Aug. 15-18. Some ministers, laymen and youth from the eight-square-state region shared in the meeting, which was sponsored by the general and jurisdictional boards of evangelism. The Rev. Dr. Cecil R. Culver of Pine Bluff, Ark., is secretary of the Board of Evangelism for the jurisdiction.

## **Fill More Vacancies**

Four more ministers have been appointed to fill vacancies left by the recent election of men to the episcopacy. The Rev. Dr. J. Walter Browers, Oklahoma City district superintendent, has been appointed to the pastorate of Travis Park Church, San Antonio, Texas, left vacant by the election of Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland. Succeeding Bishop Paul V. Galloway at Boston Avenue Church, Tulsa, Okla., is the Rev. Dr. Finis A. Crutchfield of Norman, Okla. The Rev. Dr. Ben B. St. Clair, superintendent of the Maryville (Tenn.) district, has been named pastor of West End Church, Nashville, succeeding Bishop James W. Henley. New pastor of First Church, Glendale, Calif., where Bishop Everett W. Palmer served, is Rev. Dr. Kenneth A. Carlson, minister of First Church, Santa Monica, Calif.

## **WNC Board of Pensions Special Meeting Sept. 21**

The Board of Pensions of the Western North Carolina Conference is sponsoring a meeting to study a reserve pension plan for the Western North Carolina Conference on September 21, 2:30 p.m., at First Church, Charlotte, N. C. All ministers and interested laymen are invited to attend.

Dr. Charles Calkins, executive secretary of the General Board of Pensions of the Methodist Church, will be present to explain the pension reserve plan of the Methodist Church.

## **"That You May Grow" 1960 Rally Day Theme**

The 1960 church school Rally Day program, "That You May Grow," has been written by the Rev. Cedric M. Powell, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Chillicothe, Illinois, and is available for use in Methodist churches in September.

The suggested program is designed for use in local churches on Rally Day to help interpret the program of Christian education. It presents a church family at home discussing the place of religion in everyday life. It may be adapted for use in churches of all sizes. Guidance material for planning Rally Day is provided in the printed booklet and an alternate service of worship for the day's observance is available for churches not wishing to make use of the program.

Church School Rally Day is observed annually to emphasize the importance of Christian education. It is one of the "special days" specified by the General Conference to be held in every Methodist Church, large or small. The date is set by the annual conference. An offering is to be taken for the support of the program of Christian education in the conference.

## **Mt. Tabor To Dedicate Fellowship Hall**

Homecoming and dedication services will be conducted at Mt. Tabor Church, Bahama Charge, September 25th. The Rev. Wilson Nesbitt of Durham will preach at 11:00 o'clock. Following a picnic lunch on the church lot the Bacon Fellowship Hall will be dedicated in services in which the Rev. W. K. Quick, a former pastor, now of Zebulon, will preach. Members, former pastors and friends of the church are cordially invited to attend.

## **Chaplain Glover Attends Officers' School**

The Rev. Murrell K. Glover, a member of the North Carolina Conference, has just completed his fourth summer at Army chaplains school, Fort Slocum, N. Y., graduating Sept. 1 from the chaplain officer advanced course, making him eligible for command and general staff school. Mr. Glover will move his family from Chapel Hill to Laurinburg, where he will be professor of chemistry and head of the chemistry department in Presbyterian College. He was born in Maryland and received his A.B. from Bridgewater College, Virginia, his A.B. from Duke University, his M.A. from East Carolina College, and attended the University of North Carolina. He was ordained in the Church of the Brethren in 1932 and again by the Methodist Church in 1951. He served several charges in eastern North Carolina. He was commissioned as chaplain on June 22, 1951 as a captain, and has been stationed at Fort Bragg and Fort Jackson, and is now attached to the 1st BG, 119th Inf., 30th Div. N.C. ARNG. He now holds the rank of major.





# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## Room for Elizabeth

When the burning of the orphan asylum made it necessary to "farm out" the little inmates until new quarters could be found for them, Mrs. Bennett consented rather hesitantly to take seven-year-old Elizabeth, for she felt that the noise and disorder a child would bring into the house might disturb her husband, a studious man, who greatly valued the quiet of his leisure hours. However, she finally decided to open her home to the little girl.

"May I pretend you're really my aunt?" asked Elizabeth the first morning at breakfast.

Mrs. Bennett looked at her husband with a questioning smile.

"Of course you may," he answered for her, "and I'll be your uncle temporarily."

"What's temporarily?"

"For a while," replied Mrs. Bennett.

"Is it two weeks?"

"Well, maybe, dear; we'll see."

"I'd like to have it to be two weeks."

After a short pause, "And do we have oranges every day?"

"Yes, dear."

"Sallie Connors, she has an aunt and an uncle, and they come to the 'sylum' and bring her candy and apples, but they ain't rich enough to have her visit them. They've got lots of children of their own. You haven't got any, have you?"

"No. Now, Elizabeth, eat your oatmeal."

"Yes'm, I'm eating it. It's funny God didn't send you any little children, when this is such a nice place, and oranges every day. And syrup—Oh, goody! We most never had syrup at the 'sylum.'"

Mr. Bennett looked at his wife and smiled. "Put it on thick, Dora," he said.

One cold morning when the house was chilly, Mrs. Bennett tied a little plain shawl around Elizabeth's shoulders. Much to her surprise, the child burst into tears.

"Why, what is the matter, my dear?" she asked.

"I don't look like a girl—with an aunt—when I got this shawl on. I look like—a 'sylum girl,'" the child managed to say between sobs.

"Why, bless you, child, I wore it when I was little," said Mrs. Bennett, as she put her arm around her.

"Were you an orphan?"

"No, but I wore that little shawl, and thought it was pretty."

"I don't. I hate it!"

"Don't make her wear it, Dora," quickly interposed Mr. Bennett. "Elizabeth isn't a 'sylum girl' now; she's with us." Then turning to the little girl, he said, "Come here, youngster, get on my lap, and we'll take off that shawl. And

## Nothing Else To Do

Folks saw we do a lot of things

We hadn't ought-a had;

We never mean a bit of harm,

Nor do them to be bad.

But when a chance just comes along

With fun a-peekin' through,

We take it mostly just because

We've nothin' else to do.

Boys are an awful problem,

All the grown-up people say;

But honest, all we really want

Is just a chance to play.

And all us boys from country towns,

And from the cities, too,

Will quit what you call mischief

If you'll show us what to do.

—CLIPPED.

today Aunt Dora shall buy you a new bright little sweater."

"Uncle John," said Elizabeth, as her arms went 'round his neck, "I wish you and Aunt Dora weren't just 'nick' uncle and aunt."

"'Nick,' child — what is that?"

"Why, uncle and aunt are only nick-names for you. I wish they were really and truly names."

"What do you think, Dora?" Mr. Bennett's eyes glistened above the curly head on his shoulder. "Would you rather be 'nick,' or really and truly?"

"Oh, I'd rather be really and truly," cried Mrs. Bennett, and slipping down on the floor at her husband's knees, she clasped both his hand and Elizabeth's in her own.

Many happy days went by, and before long Elizabeth came to understand that she was not to be sent back to the "sylum." One night, after her bedtime prayer, as Mrs. Bennett bent down to kiss her goodnight, she said, "I guess God didn't send you any children so there'd be room for me."—Exchange.

(Editor's Note: The above story was written in the days of the "orphan asylum," and reflects something of life as children

found it then. Today homeless little ones are cared for in "Children's Homes," where the rooms are clean and bright, the food is wholesome and good, including plenty of oranges, apples and syrup, and where little girls wear gay dresses, and bright sweaters instead of shawls. But always there are little girls and boys who are hungry for "really and truly" folks, who have "room" for them.

## A Little Story

On a warm day a very small boy holding a large broom knocked at our door. He asked if we would like to have the sidewalk swept. I asked the young businessman how much he would charge for the job. He replied it would be a dollar.

"A dollar!" I exclaimed, looking at the ten feet of sidewalk leading to the door.

At that the little fellow looked up at me and answered timidly, "Or a nickel, or a dime, or a penny." — Christian Science Monitor.

## DID YOU KNOW THAT

From your chin down, you are worth about a dollar and a half a day?

From your chin up, there is no limit to what you are worth?

## TODAY'S CHUCKLE

A small boy hurried home from school one afternoon and announced to his parents that the class he was in was about to split up into two divisions. "I'm in the top one," he explained, "and the other one is for backward readers."

"But," he went on confidently, "we don't know who's going to be in the other one, 'cause there isn't a kid in the room that can read backwards."

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## Some More Bible Characters

1. She came from afar with banners unfurled,  
To visit the wisest man in the world.
2. Her good deeds live forevermore—  
This woman of Joppa who sewed for the poor.
3. Looking back was her greatest fault;  
They say she was changed to a pillar of salt.

## Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. King Belshazzar—Daniel, 5th chapter
2. Boaz—Ruth, 4th chapter
3. Lazarus—John, 11th chapter



## Sunday School Lesson

FOR SEPTEMBER 25

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### WHAT IS REAL RELIGION?

*Background Scripture:* The Book of Micah.

*Lesson Scripture:* Micah 6:1-8

This is the final lesson in our series on the great prophets of the 8th century B.C. Micah is a man of the soil, a rural preacher who is sure that true religion is most often neglected, if not rejected, in the great cities. This fact was illustrated in last Sunday's lesson in which the leaders of the nation who lived in Jerusalem were charged with bad leadership.

In today's lesson we have the picture of a gigantic trial in which God is the judge, Micah the prosecuting attorney and Israel the plaintiff. The courtroom is surrounded by the ancient mountains which have been the silent witnesses to the many centuries of Hebrew history in which the chosen people have more than once proved disloyal to their God. The charge against the people is that they have sinned against the love and grace of God. History is brought in as evidence. Great events, such as the deliverance of Egypt, are recalled. Furthermore, it is shown that God followed up this stupendous act of deliverance with the gift of great leaders such as Moses, Aaron and Miriam. We might also recall the sacred covenant at Sinai, the giving of the law and sending of the prophets—all of which testified to the steadfast love and concern of God for his people. These "means of grace" had too often been spurned by the people, who had frequently forsaken the law and turned a deaf ear to the pleadings of the prophets.

The second part of the lesson deals with the various possibilities of atoning for the disobedience and unfaithfulness which had characterized the history of Israel. So the question arises: "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?" First, there is suggested the possibility of animal sacrifice—one of the traditional methods of worship practised by the Hebrews and other nations as well. This the prophet represents God as rejecting. As a matter of fact, the Hebrews found later that they could worship their God in exile without the elaborate animal sacrifices of the temple. In the words of a modern rabbi: "Prayer took the place of sacrifice."

Another suggested means of appeasement for obtaining God's forgiveness is human sacrifice: "Shall I give the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" This has been practised by the Hebrews at various times as we can see by referring to 2 Kings 16:3 and 21:6. The offenders mentioned are two of the kings of Judah, Manasseh and Ahaz. This practice seems gruesome and revolting to us as we look back on it from this distance in time. But before we judge the Hebrews too harshly we ought to recall that modern nations have sacrificed their finest youth upon the altar of the god of war time after time. Furthermore, consider the bloody human offerings we make

to the god of speed upon our highways year after year.

Micah's answer to the question of the proper kind of worship has been quoted down through the centuries: "He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?" In this famous definition of religion the prophet catches up the main themes of three of his distinguished predecessors. Amos stressed justice (see Amos 5:24) and Hosea emphasized kindness (see Hosea 6:6) while Isaiah pleads for humility (see Isaiah 2:11 and 6:5). Hyatt, writing in the International Lesson Annual, reminds us that some scholars think that the first two lines of Micah 6:8 should be translated as follows: "Man has showed you what is good: but what does the Lord require of you?" This translation would be in harmony with the teaching that is so prominent in all the prophets we have studied this quarter, namely, that true religion consists, not in ritual, but in righteousness.

### Bishop Garber to Head Methodist Board

*Cincinnati, Ohio* — Bishop Paul N. Garber of Richmond, Va., has been elected president of the Methodist Church's Board of Education.

The 91-member board's two-day meeting ended Sept 7th. Bishop Garber succeeds Bishop Fred P. Corson of Philadelphia, who has served as president for 12 years.

Vice-presidents are Bishop John Wesley Lord of Washington, Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Des Moines, Iowa, and Bishop Nolan B. Harmon of Charlotte, N. C. George Fenstermacher of Upland, Ind., was elected secretary and Miss Elizabeth Talbot of Nashville, Tenn., was elected assistant secretary.

### Methodist Group Elects Slate of Officers

New officers for the 1960-64 quadrennium for the North Carolina Inter-Conference Commission on Methodist Student Work were elected Sept. 7 at a meeting at West Market Street Methodist Church.

They are: Dr. W. Arthur Kale, professor of Christian education in Duke Divinity School, chairman; the Rev. L. A. Brown of Greensboro, superintendent of the Greensboro district of the N. C. Conferences, central jurisdiction, vice-chairman; and Dr. C. P. Morris of Durham, executive secretary of the board of education of the N. C. Conference, southeastern jurisdiction, secretary-treasurer.

The Rev. W. M. Wells of Greensboro was re-elected as state director of the Methodist Student Movement.

Elected to the executive committee were Dr. Carl H. King of Statesville, the Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr., of Ourham, Herbert Hitch of Charlotte, the Rev. James T. Jones of Durham and Mrs. Taylor Long of Blanche.

The commission is composed of representatives from the three Methodist conferences in the state.

### Rev. Leo Thompson Miss Karen King Wed

The Rev. A. L. Thompson officiated at his son's wedding Friday, August 19, at 8 p.m. in the Duke University Chapel when Miss Karen Wells King became the bride of the Rev. Leo Clifford Thompson.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. King of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., is a graduate of Fort Lauderdale High School and Duke University where she was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

The bridegroom is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Thompson of Roxboro. He attended Broughton High School in Raleigh and graduated from New Hanover High School in Wilmington. He is enrolled in Duke Divinity School.

Doug Franklin, Raleigh, organist, and Frank Jordan, Thomasville, soloist, presented a program of music for the double-ring ceremony.

Miss Martha King of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., sister of the bride, was maid of honor.

Miss Betty Thompson, sister of the bridegroom, of Durham, Miss Nancy Bost, Concord, and Miss Martha Eller, Winston-Salem, were bridesmaids.

The flower girl was Miss Ann Wood of Salisbury.

Everett Thompson of Roxboro, brother of the bridegroom, served as best man. Shearon Thompson of Roxboro, brother of the bridegroom, the Rev. Henry A. Justice, Asheville, the Rev. Thomas O. Fulcher, and the Rev. Samuel D. McMillan, both of Durham, were ushers.

Following the ceremony the bride's parents gave a reception in the Crystall Ballroom of the Washington Duke Hotel.

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# A Christian's Interest in World Government

By REV. WM. M. JEFFRIES

In these days of shrinking distances in the world and of increasing interdependence among nations, it is helpful to know that there is a religious sanction—even a mandate—for international cooperation.

Isolationism has often been defended by citing anti-heathen and anti-foreign injunctions of some of the nationalistic Old Testament prophets. However, the greatest prophets, who did the most to teach the Hebrews the true nature of God, pointed out God's judgment upon all nations alike, including Israel as well as her enemies, and spoke of God's universal concern for the well-being and salvation of people in all nations. These principles are enunciated by Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, and Jeremiah; and in the Book of Jonah we see a "100 percent Israelite" running away from God's promptings to have dealings with a foreign nation.

When we consider these lessons, and take note of the universalism of Jesus and of Peter, Paul, and the other Apostles, we need not be afraid, and should not be reluctant to look for methods of cooperating with other nations to seek goals that will benefit all mankind.

Furthermore, our Christian compassion for potential victims of future wars, calls us to take the steps necessary to end world anarchy by strengthening world law and working for more potent international machinery to enforce it. We should no more tolerate or continue the present system of enormous armaments with each nation a law unto itself, than we would advocate a return to the lawlessness of the gun-toting days of the Old West, or to the medieval feudal system of private armies and robber barons.

Some present steps that need to be taken include: revision of the pre-atomic United Nations Charter so as to limit or eliminate the veto and to require a permanent, civilian, truly international, United Nations police force; greater use of existing U.N. agencies, and ceasing to bypass the U.N. by unilateral actions in international crises; greater recourse to the International Court of Justice, and removal of the Connelly Reservation by which we in the U. S. arrogate to ourselves the right to be both judge and jury in any important case involving ourselves as litigants; and steps towards making the United Nations representative of the entire world, including China.

Support is growing today for eventual world government by federation, patterned somewhat on the idea of the federal government which we have among the states in the United States, or of the earlier Articles of Confederation. The United World Federalists have advocated such a course for years, and in the light of events during the past decade, this position seems to be growing in realism and plausibility. The present U. S. Government has high officials, including the President and the Attorney

General, who favor removal of the Connelly Reservation (and they need the support of us and our Senators). Persons close to the Presidential candidates of both parties are interested in world federation.

North Carolinian George Allen, director of the United States Information Agency and veteran diplomat, speaking at the Seventh Annual World Affairs Institute at Blue Ridge Assembly (sponsored by the American Freedom Association, the Committees on World Peace of both N. C. Methodist Conferences, and other voluntary organizations), emphasized a need for world law.

When our Biblical faith, the consensus of major denominations, the critical situation of the world in which we live, and the readiness of our national leaders, converge to demand greater and more serious action for world order, we cannot sit idly enscathed by our two shrinking oceans and our Strategic Air Command, but must answer the challenge of today in terms relevant to the world as it now exists.

## Dr. and Mrs. Roderick Dail Will Go To Argentina

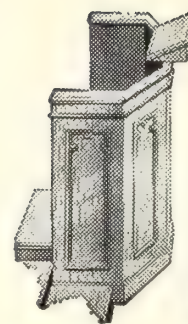
New York — A Methodist missionary couple, the Rev. and Mrs. F. Roderick Dail, of White Plains, N. Y., and Decatur, Ga., who were originally scheduled to go to India, now are bound for Argentina.

Dr. Dail will teach in the field of Christian education in the noted Union Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires, which trains the professional workers of the Methodist church and several other Protestant denominations. Mrs. Dail will do writing for the Methodist Board of Missions. They left the United States August 19 with their two children for San Jose, Costa Rica, where they will study Spanish 10 months before going to Argentina. The Dails were originally scheduled to go to Leonard Theological College, Jabalpur, India.

For the last two years, Dr. Dail has been associate pastor of the Memorial Methodist Church in White Plains, N. Y. Previously he had been pastor of Methodist churches in North Carolina. Mrs. Dail formerly was associate secretary in the Department of Work in Foreign Fields, Woman's Division of Christian Service, Methodist Board of Missions.

Dr. Dail is a graduate of East Tennessee State College in Johnson City, Duke University Divinity School and Columbia University (where he received the doctor of philosophy degree). Mrs. Dail is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Lee of Decatur, Ga., and a graduate of Piedmont College, Demorest, Ga.

The Dail family will be supported financially by St. John's Methodist Church, Anderson, S. C., through the Advance Specials program of the Methodist Church.



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## New Shiloh Church Lays Cornerstone Sept. 25

The cornerstone will be laid for the Shiloh Methodist Church, one of the older churches of Davidson County, on Sunday, September 25, at 2:00 p.m. The Rev. John H. Carper, the district superintendent, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. J. Max Brandon, Jr., and the Rev. C. E. Ridge, a former pastor, will have charge of the service. Beginning at the 11:00 o'clock service and continuing through the week there will be special services with former pastors and a former district superintendent bringing the messages. At 11:00 o'clock the Rev. Clegg Avent will preach; Monday night, Rev. Glenn Madison; Tuesday night, Rev. Eugene Lamb; Wednesday night, Rev. C. E. Ridge; Thursday night, Rev. Grady N. Dulin; Friday night, Rev. M. Teague Hips. Open house will be observed from 3:00 till 5:00 o'clock on Sunday, September 25. All friends and former members are welcome to all the services.

Shiloh Church was organized in 1856. The first service was conducted by Daniel Potts. After the close of the Civil War a frame structure was built at a cost of around \$1,000 (less than one room in the new building would cost today). There were six charter members. Sunday school was held with one class, and the only literature available was the now-famous Blue Back Speller. In early 1909 the congregation was forced to erect a larger building, and in 1926 an educational building was added. It has become a custom to honor the oldest man and woman who are members, and to present a New Testament to the youngest child present, in memory of Mr. W. J. Berrier. A Fellowship Hut was built in 1951. Under the pastorate of the Rev. Clegg Avent a building fund was begun, and the present pastor has followed through. During March 1959 a financial campaign was conducted and a building committee elected, consisting of Hollis Lanning, chairman; Wyatt Cope, Grady Everhart, Paul Leonard, and Prather Koonts. Work was begun on the new church the last of August, 1959. The church has a seating capacity of 425, an educational building with 16 classrooms, ladies' parlor, pastor's study, library, and rest rooms. The cost of building and furnishings was \$180,000. The present membership is 455. The Rev. J. Max Brandon, Jr., is the present pastor.





# CAROLINA BRIEFS

☛ **GARNER METHODIST CHURCH**, Rev. J. L. Joyce, pastor, will have three visiting ministers representing important Methodist institutions on separate Sundays soon. Rev. C. Wade Goldston of Louisburg College will preach Sunday, September 25; Rev. Thomas A. Collins, president of N. C. Wesleyan College, will preach October 16; and Rev. S. J. Starnes, editor of *THE NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE*, will preach October 30.

☛ **HOMECOMING SERVICES** were held Sunday, September 4, at the Mt. Zion Church, about eight miles south of Garner, N. C. The morning worship service was conducted by the Rev. Hiram K. King, retired. After a brief meditation the Sacrament of Holy Communion was observed, and following this lunch was spread on the church grounds. Mr. King was assisted by the new pastor, Rev. Wiley S. Jones.

☛ **THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE** Committee on Publishing Interests, of which Rev. R. H. Eason is chairman, met at Westover Church, Raleigh, September 15. Dr. George M. Curry, associate publisher of the Methodist Publishing House, met with the group and spoke. The committee acts in cooperation with the Board of Publication in promoting the work within the bounds of the Conference.

☛ **BISHOP PAUL N. GARBER** will preach at 11:00 a.m., September 25, at Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church, Greenville. This will be a joint service of Saint James and Jarvis Memorial Churches. Bishop Garber will also dedicate the new Student Center building. On the preceding evening at 8:30 there will be an informal reception at the Student Center honoring Bishop Garber.

☛ **PLANS ARE UNDERWAY** for a homecoming service at Biltmore Church, Asheville, to be held September 25. A brief history of the church will be given at the 11:00 o'clock service, and in the afternoon a memorial service for deceased members will be held. Former pastors and friends are invited. The church was founded in 1895.

☛ **MRS. FANNIE COOK FELMET**, 76, a faithful member of the Haywood Street Church, Asheville, died Saturday, September 3, and was buried Monday, September 5. Funeral was held at 3:00 p.m. at Haywood Street Church, and she was buried in Riverside Cemetery. She is survived by her husband, one daughter and two sons.

☛ **THE OFFICIAL BOARD** of Grace Church, Wilmington, sponsored a reception held at the church Sunday evening, September 11, from 7:30 to 9:30 honoring the new pastor and his family. Rev. Russell S. Harrison is much loved by his people. The reception was held in the White Memorial Building Fellowship Hall.

☛ **HOMECOMING DAY** was observed at the Concord Methodist Church, Lewisville, N. C., Sunday, September 11. Rev. J. W. Vestal, former pastor, preached at 11:00 o'clock service. A history of the church, dating back to 1870, was given. A picnic

lunch was served, and a song service in the afternoon. Rev. John R. Little is pastor at Concord.

☛ **HOMECOMING SERVICES** will be held at Mt. Tabor Church, Bahama charge, on October 2, at 11:00 o'clock. The Rev. Leon Hall, a former pastor, now of Durham, will bring the morning message, and a picnic lunch will be served on the church lawn. Members, former pastors and friends of the church are cordially invited.

☛ **CENTENARY CHURCH**, Greensboro, will observe homecoming Sunday, October 9, with Rev. Julian Lindsay of Statesville, a former pastor, preaching at the 11:00 a.m. service. Lunch will be served, and in the afternoon a memorial service for those who have passed away will be held.

☛ **REV. J. H. BRENDALL, JR.**, a former pastor, was the speaker at the annual homecoming services at Old Union Church near Sophia September 11. A picnic lunch was served on the grounds and a song service conducted in the afternoon.

☛ **DR. JOHN A. LOWDER**, pastor of Biltmore Church, Asheville, spoke at the first chapel service at Allen High School, Asheville. This school is sponsored by the Woman's Division of the church, and is serving about 175 Negro girls, mostly from western North Carolina.

☛ **DR. ALLEN P. BRANTLEY**, executive director of Christian Higher Education, spoke at the Trinity Methodist Church, Wilmington, at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, September 11. Dr. Brantley will be guest minister at Grace Church, Wilmington, on September 18.

☛ **THE LAYMEN** of the Gastonia District held a Laymen's Rally September 15 at 6:30 at the Brackett's Cedar Park. It was a banquet supper, with tickets at \$1.50. Judge James C. Farthing of Lenoir was the speaker for the occasion.

☛ **THE MARION DISTRICT WSCS** held a district workshop on missions Sunday afternoon, September 11, at 2:30. The meeting was for members of the WSCS and secretaries of missions, and was held in the Methodist Church at Spruce Pine.

☛ **SHILOH METHODIST CHURCH** observed homecoming on September 18th. The Rev. J. B. Fitzgerald of Mocksville was the guest preacher. Picnic dinner was spread on the church lawn, and there was a large crowd in attendance. Shiloh Church has recently been painted, and much progress is being made.

☛ **BURKE COUNTY TRAINING SCHOOL** will be held the week of September 25-29. There will be courses for parents and teachers of youth and children. Dr. C. E. Rozzelle will teach a general course on the "Teachings of the Prophets."

☛ **FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**, Graham, observed homecoming day September 18. Rev. J. Clyde Auman of Winston-Salem, a

former pastor, preached the sermon, and a picnic lunch was served. Former members and friends attended.

☛ **DR. L. STACEY WEAVER**, president of Methodist College of Fayetteville, will speak at First Church, Charlotte, at the Church School Rally Day program September 25 at 9:30 a.m. He is a son of Dr. C. C. Weaver, former minister of First Church.

☛ **WESTFORD METHODIST CHURCH**, Concord, observed homecoming day September 18. Rev. W. Penny, pastor, preached at the 11:00 o'clock service, and dinner was served in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m., followed by a period of recreation and fellowship.

☛ **THE YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES** Class of the Glenwood Methodist Church, Greensboro, along with their teacher, Mr. Henry Gibat, visited the Children's Home in Winston-Salem Sunday, September 11.

☛ **HOPEWELL METHODIST CHURCH**, Peachland charge, held its Harvest Day for the "Lord's Acre Program" on Sunday, July 17. The total offering was \$1,086.20, which added greatly to the budget of the church.

☛ **THIS WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19-23** is being observed as Arts and Crafts Week at the Methodist Home at Charlotte. Everyone is invited to visit and inspect the arts and crafts exhibits by residents of the Home.

☛ **THE ROCKINGHAM COUNTY** Training School for Christian Workers will be held at Main Street Church, Reidsville, beginning Sunday night, October 2, at 7:30.

☛ **THE RANDOLPH COUNTY** Leadership School will be held October 16-20 at First Methodist Church, Asheboro. A good faculty and proper courses for all are being arranged.

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# EDITORIALS



## THEME FOR THE WEEK

*"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."*

—Psalm 91:1.



## Let Us Pray

It has been suggested in a proclamation by the President of the United States that the American people assemble in their churches on Wednesday, October 5, and engage in a season of prayer for world peace. Some other of the major denominations, as well as smaller groups, are taking action on this matter and co-operating in this request. As Methodists, we have always majored in personal experience in religion. We believe in prayer, and while we may not have been as faithful in its use as we should have been, we still regard it as our supreme privilege. Truly, "more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." Most of us can give testimony out of a personal experience. There are times when we realize there is no other source to which we can turn for help. The Psalmist said, "This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and delivered him out of all his troubles." And what works for the individual will work for the nations. Some of us remember 1918, when the first world war was raging in Europe. It looked dark, and no man knew what was to be the outcome. They said it was important that every individual be actively engaged in some activity that would contribute to the success of the armed forces. And yet, in the face of that need, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation calling upon the American people to assemble in their places of worship and offer earnest prayers for divine guidance that peace might be restored. It was not long from that July day in 1918 until November 11 of the same year when the armistice was signed and peace reigned again. Somewhere in one of Shakespeare's plays it is said, "The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, but in ourselves that we are underlings." Perhaps we can find the reason for our present world tensions in the fact that we have neglected our high privilege of communion with God and have trusted too much in human wisdom to solve our problems. Let's not forget that "man's extremity is God's opportunity." If world peace is to be achieved it is our belief that it will

come through an application of the principle of human brotherhood living under the Fatherhood of God. "If my people, which are called by name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." This promise of God to Solomon in the long ago places responsibility squarely upon the shoulders of the people. What shall we do about it? Wednesday, October 5, should be a great day in America. Brethren, let us pray!

## Religion and Politics Are Related

Many charges and counter-charges are being made in the present political campaign. That is to be expected in a political race where two major parties are seeking the ascendancy. But sometimes we fear that both Democrats and Republicans let their enthusiasm for party run away with their better judgment. The religious issue has been brought into the present campaign, whether we like it or not. A prominent political leader recently said: "In no case that I know of has a Catholic in the United States who is a public official violated his oath to support the Constitution, betrayed his country to the enemy, or put his duty to the church above his duty to the government and the public." That may be true. We are not questioning it. And we are not presuming to suggest how anyone should vote in the election, except to say we should all do what we honestly think is best for the country. And if we are guided by the divine spirit we will want to do that. There are many fine people in our Methodist church, as well as in other Protestant churches, who are members of either the Democratic or the Republican Party, and they have a responsibility in seeking to use their best judgment in casting the ballot. This country was founded upon religious freedom and we have recognized it. A man can worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience. We believe in the separation of church and state, but we also recognize that the welfare of the one is related to the welfare of the other. We need to apply the principles of our religion if we would render the highest service to the state or be the best kind of citizens. Too many people want to emphasize religion only on Sunday, but leave it out of the practical affairs of life. And that leads us to raise a question about what is implied in the last part of the quota-

tion above . . . that a man should not put his duty to the church above his duty to the government and to the public. It seems to us that is counter to our tradition and in contradiction to our earliest religious teachings. Joshua said in the long ago, "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve . . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." And Jesus indicated that if one should be more loyal to others than to the Christian faith he could not qualify as a disciple. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." When the first world war was declared, a newspaper editor referred to it and said, "the die is now cast; it is my country, right or wrong." Next day the minister of the Methodist church took issue with the editorial by saying, "I yield to no one in my allegiance to America. I want to be a loyal American, but I have a higher loyalty: if my country is wrong, I still want to be right." All we are saying is that if more of us put our duty to the church and the kingdom of God above our loyalty to a political party, we wouldn't have so many problems, and the chances are we would elect better officials for every office. Religion should not be divorced from our political actions.



## Youth Activities Week at Centenary, Smithfield

The Centenary Senior MYF in Smithfield held its Youth Activities Week August 21-26 with an average attendance of 32. The theme, "Seeking the Christian Perspective in the Space Age," was developed in the areas of personal decisions, the community, country, and the international scene. Young people responsible for developing an evening's program were Diana Bess Montgomery, Lib Holland, Marc Wallace, Harold Ogburn, Dewey Lawson, and Jane Boyette.

Features during the week included drama, pantomime, buzz, and discussion by the youth; a panel consisting of a Democrat and a Republican and moderated by a young lawyer member of Centenary Church on party platforms in the current Presidential election campaign, and a discussion of a Christian's responsibility in politics; the taped message Missionary Joe Davis gave at the Youth and Missions Conference on the Congo, followed by a lecture and discussion on "Colonialism: New Found Freedom—Problems and Perspective" by a Centenary member who has served abroad with the U. S. State Department. Recreational features were a "stunt and talent show" and a "fun and frolic festival."

The week was closed with a Christmas banquet on the theme, "Will there always be a Christmas?" with everyone bringing supplies for a missionary in Korea, and a dedication service led by the pastor, the Reverend Charles Mercer.



# A Gift Too Great To Accept

By BISHOP GERALD KENNEDY

*"The only way to deal with a gift too great to accept, is to share it," says Bishop Kennedy in this communion meditation and appeal for the Fellowship of Suffering and Service. World-wide Communion Sunday will be observed in Methodist churches and in churches of many other denominations on Sunday, October 2.*

King David was encamped in the stronghold of Adullam and had grown weary of the stale water of the storage tank. In a moment of longing he said, "O that someone would give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem which is by the gate." Though the Philistines were encamped at that village, three brave men broke through and brought the king fresh water from the Bethlehem well. But when David realized they had risked their lives to fulfill his wish, he poured out the water as a sacrifice unto God. "Far be it from me before my God that I should do this," he said. "Shall I drink the lifeblood of these men? For at the risk of their lives they brought it." (I Chronicles 11:19, RSV).

The early Christians were overwhelmed with the greatness of the sacrifice Jesus had made for them. They could never express adequately what God's gift meant. That the Son of God should offer his life for them was beyond all their deserving. Listen to the words of our Lord at the Last Supper: "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many." (Mark 14:24). St. Paul summed it up perfectly when he wrote: "But God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8). There was never any assumption that they were worth dying for, but only a wonder that they were offered a gift too great to accept. The Christian, like King David, can only turn to God in humility and joy, that the water of life is brought to us by One who gave His life for us.

On World-wide Communion Sunday let us remember:

## *The Gift*

Most of our life is receiving. It is more blessed to give than to receive, partly because it is a much rarer privilege. We receive so much more than we are ever allowed to give, that we grow insensitive to the truth that our life is always out of balance. God gives us life and love. Our parents give us home and protection. Society gives us education and work. Friends give us encouragement and understanding.

Once a man starts thinking of all he receives, he will find satisfaction in counting his blessings and being thankful at the close of every day. He will certainly stop feeling sorry for himself and the waves of self-pity which roll over too many people, will recede. Like David we will be humbled by the risk men take to give us our life. Like the Christians through the years, we will come to the Lord's Table for the gift which is almost too great for us to receive.

Let us consider

## *The Cost*

In our time there is too much cheap giving. We have grown so conscious of income tax deductions, that we keep one eye on the financial advantage of our giving. A vast amount of charity is at the expense of the government and costs the giver very little. We are hard put to find some trinket for the man who has everything.

We have too much. In the summer of 1959, Adlai Stevenson visited John Steinbeck in Somerset, England. The novelist was working on a book about King Arthur and he talked about the simple goodness and heroic struggle of that period. When Steinbeck returned to the wealth and luxury of America in November, he wrote a letter to Stevenson and talked about Christmas. He told of the simple joy of a child opening his single gift because it meant love and sacrifice from his parents. Then he spoke of the gifts piled high, the wrappings hastily torn off, and the child saying, "Is that all?" Listen to this bitter word: "If I wanted to destroy a nation, I would give it too much and I would have it on its knees, miserable, greedy and sick."

Let me consider the cost of bringing food to me. Let me remember the men who died to bring the water from the mountains. Let me not forget the heroes who gave me my country. But above all, let me not forget all the blessings which whose death is my life.

come directly from the crucified Christ in

We ought to consider how wonderful is

## *The Acceptance*

Let it not be done thoughtlessly. Men sometimes have long, sad memories when they recall how they took their parents' love without thanks. Marriage grows stale and unprofitable whenever we forget that love is the greatest gift anyone can bestow. We will acknowledge our civic duties if we keep fresh in our minds all that we owe to those whom we have never seen. Religion is right only when it is centered in the God who takes the initiative and seeks us before we know His name.

Nothing will change our life more than to accept the gifts of life seriously. I have seen the shining eyes of a child when he took a gift so wonderful he could not find words to express his feelings. The man whose love is returned unexpectedly, takes on a new dimension of greatness. Believe me, God becomes very real when a man begins to speak his thanks in his prayers.

A Negro mother held her little girl high above the crowd so she could see Abraham Lincoln's funeral procession go by. "Take a long look, honey," she said. "He died for you." When we come to the Communion Service, we need to take a long look, indeed. We come like David to receive a gift



BISHOP GERALD KENNEDY

for which men risked their lives. How does one accept the treasure of the Crucifixion? There is no other way but to dedicate our lives to God!

Finally, we must consider

## *The Debt*

This is cause for fear. It is the end of my selfish independence, and I do not want to give it up. The debt destroys my pride; how shall I be content to live humbly? Any thought of personal worthiness is ended and I feel myself no longer my own man. Was David ever quite the same after men had risked their lives for him? I do not think so.

Yet in Christ, our fear turns to joy. John Newton described this experience in his hymn:

"'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!"

For the consciousness that somebody cares is enough to restore our courage and renew our strength. To experience the love of God is the final assurance we need. So the Lord's Supper has been the center of the Christian's strength through all the centuries. There we experience what John Bunyan described as Christian's final vision: "I see myself now at the end of my journey; my toilsome days are ended. I am going to see that head that was crowned with thorns, and that face that was spit upon for me."

On World-Wide Communion Sunday, Methodists join with Christians of all churches and all countries in their *Fellowship of Suffering and Service*. Through our offering, we make it possible for the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief to help our brethren when war, floods, and famine bring distress. We help the Commission on Camp Activities to give assistance to churches near military establishments as they perform a special ministry for the men serving their country. We support the Commission on Chaplains, which gives guidance and supervision to the Methodist preachers serving with the Armed Forces and in institutions. Some of these people are risking their lives for us and all of them are those for whom Christ died. The only way to deal with a gift too great to accept, is to share it.



## Bishop W. Angie Smith Reports on Visit

Both criticism and warm feelings toward the U. S. were found in Latin America by Bishop W. Angie Smith of Oklahoma City on his recent four-week visit there. "The warm feelings came during the two-week tour of earthquake-stricken Chile," he said, "while in other parts of Latin America the people felt the U. S. had neglected them." Bishop Smith had been assigned to allocate relief funds from U. S. Methodist churches for rehabilitation and rebuilding of destroyed church properties in Chile. "Everywhere I went in the quake area, great affection and gratitude for America was shown by the people," Bishop Smith reported.

## "Behave as Brothers" Faculty Conference Told

*Lake Junaluska, N. C.* — The Southern States Faculty Conference closed here with an address urging all attending to prove to the world their "unswerving purpose to behave as brothers to all."

The speaker was James G. Leyburn, a sociology professor at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.

About 150 college and university faculty members attended the annual meeting August 29 to September 2. It was sponsored by the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., and the Board of Education of the Methodist Church, in cooperation with the Faculty Christian Fellowshipship.

Theme of the conference was "Christian Dimensions of World Citizenship."

In working toward unity in the world, the first step is to "proclaim our faith in a God of love, whose sons we all are, no matter what our race or culture or creed," Dr. Leyburn said.

"This first step must be followed by the crucial second step," he said. "It is to prove to the world that from this time forth we shall show our unswerving purpose to behave as brothers to all the sons of God."

Several other speakers addressed the meeting, and there were seminars on various subjects, including Basic Christian Beliefs, World Political Tensions and Christian Responsibility, and Confrontation of Christianity and Communism.

## Homecoming at Puett Church

Homecoming was observed on Sunday, September 11, at the Puett Methodist Church on the Dallas-Cherryville highway.

The Rev. E. O. Queen is pastor. Rev. J. S. Gibbs of Stoney Point, former pastor of the church, preached at the morning worship service.

A picnic dinner was served on the church grounds at noon.

Guests for a musical program in the afternoon included the Southerners of Hickory, Melody Quartet of Lincolnton, Rythmaires of Belmont, and the junior choir of Landers Chapel. Former members and friends attended the dinner and services.

## Dr. Gross to Speak at Bennett Vespers

Dr. John O. Gross, of Nashville, Tenn., will speak at the opening formal vesper service at Bennett College, Sunday, September 25, at 4 p.m. in Pfeiffer Chapel.

Dr. Gross is general secretary of the division of educational institutions of the Board of Education of the Methodist Church.

October vesper speakers will include the following:

Oct. 9—The Rev. Julius T. Douglas, pastor of St. James Presbyterian Church, Greensboro;

Oct. 16—The Rev. John L. Bryan, director of religious activities of the college;

Oct. 23—Dr. Evelyn Berry, executive secretary of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, New York City;

Oct. 30—Dr. Harry V. Richardson, president of the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Ga.

## Invitations Are Issued For DS Convocation

Invitations have been sent to 575 district superintendents and some 300 other officials to attend the Convocation of District Superintendents in Chicago November 18-20. All of the 44 active bishops in the U.S. are expected to attend the meeting which will immediately follow the semi-annual session of the Council of Bishops. Invitations have been signed by Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, Texas, general chairman, and the Rev. Dr. E. Harold Mohn, Chicago, general secretary of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, which is sponsoring the quadrennial meeting. In addition to bishops and superintendents, those attending will include chairmen of Commissions on Promotion and Cultivation and Commissions on World Service and Finance in the annual conferences, staff members of general boards and agencies, and editors of Methodist publications throughout the nation.

## Illinois to Conduct Evangelistic Mission

*Nashville, Tenn.* — A state-wide Methodist evangelistic mission will be conducted in Illinois October 14-18, with an expected 1,000 Methodist ministers and laymen from other states assisting Illinois Methodists.

Before the mission, the annual meeting of the national Methodist Council of Evangelism will be held October 11-15 in Bloomington, Ill. About 2,000 Methodist ministers and laymen, half of them from Illinois, are expected to attend the meeting, which will be primarily a preparation conference for the evangelistic mission.

The mission, which is expected to involve every church of the denomination in the state, will stress home visitation by ministers and laymen. Its theme will be "Methodism's Witness for Christ in Illinois." The slogan will be "Christ for You, Too!"

Closing events of the mission will be "victory meetings" in every district Tuesday morning, October 18. Bishop Charles W. Brashares, Chicago, will address the meetings by a telephone hookup.

Director of the mission will be the Rev. J. Henry Cox, Bloomington. He is director of evangelism of the Central Illinois Methodist Conference and a member of the Council of Evangelism, which is an auxiliary of the General Board of Evangelism.

The Council of Evangelism cooperated in a similar mission in Southern California and Arizona last fall, and it resulted in about 13,000 commitments to Christ and the church.

Principal speakers at the Council of Evangelism meeting at the Scottish Rite Temple in Bloomington include Methodist Bishop Edwin E. Voigt, Springfield, Ill.; the Rev. Dr. Harold A. Bosley, pastor of First Methodist Church, Evanston, Ill.; and the Rev. Dr. George A. Fallon, pastor of Lakewood (Ohio) Methodist Church and president of the Council of Evangelism.

Among other leaders will be the Rev. Dr. Edgar A. Potts, Lynchburg, Va., superintendent of the Lynchburg Methodist District; the Rev. Albert J. Dredde, pastor of the Methodist Church, Berlin, Md.; the Rev. Dr. Kermit L. Long, pastor of Central Methodist Church, Phoenix, Ariz.; the Rev. Dr. Ray W. Ragsdale, pastor of First Methodist Church, Whittier, Calif.; the Rev. Dr. Charles W. Grant, pastor of Christ Methodist Church, Memphis, Tenn.; and the Rev. Dr. M. B. Howell, pastor of Polytechnic Methodist Church, Fort Worth, Texas.

## Victory For Conservatism

The Japanese riots, which resulted in the cancellation of President Eisenhower's projected state visit to that country, caused many people to believe that Japanese sentiment is strongly anti-American, and that the new Japanese-American treaty of alliance is overwhelmingly unpopular.

A subsequent event provides a very different kind of picture. In the words of an AP dispatch, the ruling conservatives of Japan recently "rolled up another smashing provincial election victory"—their third in a month—"over a left-wing opponent who campaigned against Japan's new alliance with the United States."

The election was for the governorship of the province. The conservative, pro-American candidate gained a majority of nearly two to one over his socialist and communist-backed adversary.

Why, then, did the riots occur and on such a scale? The answer is that the communists are masters of organization. They are thoroughly trained in the arts of taking advantage of ignorance, emotion, poverty and all the other problems and weaknesses the human flesh is heir to. In Japan, for instance, they made the most of neutralist and nationalist sentiment among the students. And the upshot was to create an appearance of communist power and influence which was out of all proportion to the real thing.

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He who gives his heart will not deny his money.—*Proverb.*



# Interesting Methodist Matters

The Rev. Dr. Laton E. Holmgren, Methodist clergyman who is executive secretary of the American Bible Society, New York, has been elected vice-chairman of the United Bible Societies and a member of its permanent standing committee. The United Bible Societies is a world fellowship of 23 national Bible societies. He was elected at its recent meeting in Grenoble, France.

Prof. J. D. Scott of Little Rock, Ark., has been named acting president of Philander Smith College there, according to an announcement made by Bishop Matthew W. Clair of St. Louis, chairman of the school's board of trustees, and the Rev. Dr. Ewing T. Wayland, Little Rock, chairman of the board's executive committee. Prof. Scott will serve until a permanent successor is secured for the former president, now Bishop Marquis Lafayette Harris of the Atlantic Coast Area.

Nineteen Methodist hospital administrators and administrative associates were inducted into the several degrees of the American College of Hospital Administrators at its recent 26th annual convocation in San Francisco.

The crowded schedule of Retired Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta, Ga., indicates that invitations from various parts of the country will keep him busy for many months with evangelistic crusades, laymen's rallies and other services.

Methodist Manor, a \$2,183,000 home for the aged at West Allis, Wis., is nearing completion and will be dedicated October 1. The Rev. Dr. George H. Palmer, the home's executive director, said it will have facilities for 226 persons.

The Rev. Hampton W. Anderson of Atoka, Okla., superintendent in the Indian Mission Conference, has been appointed to the Oklahoma State Advisory Committee of the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights.

Construction has begun in Asheville, N. C. on the Brooks-Howell Home, a major new national project of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. The \$400,000 home will provide living quarters for 60 retired deaconesses and missionaries.

The Rev. Dr. Arthur P. Whitney, a member of the New York East Conference and vice-president of Drew University, Madison, N. J., since 1957, has been named executive secretary for national distribution by the American Bible Society, New York.

## SO THEY SAY . . .

In Europe the church rests upon her antiquity; in America the church tends to take pride in her size. Each has its place but neither holds the answer to vital Christian influence. It is found in the spiritual vitality of her members. Here the small church as well as the large has a witness to bear.—BISHOP W. RALPH WARD, of the Syracuse (N. Y.) Area, in a recent sermon at tiny St. Paul's Union Chapel, Dutch Neck, Maine, one of the places of his ministerial beginnings.

We must revolutionize ourselves as a church and get down where the people live. And we must realize that there is no longer such a thing as a Christian West. Can we deny that our god and our idol is our standard of living?—PROF. JAMES H. PYKE, of Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, at the Appalachian Missionary Conference, Buckhannon, W. Va.

The Rev. Willard H. Blue, 71, former Nashville, Tenn. pastor and district superintendent, died August 21 in Nashville.

## Carolina Briefs

☛ BOB GIBBONS has become minister of music and director of youth work at Davis Street Church, Burlington.

☛ DR. J. S. HIATT, a former pastor, now retired, preached at the morning service on August 28 at Burkhead Church, Winston-Salem.

☛ HOMECOMING will be at the Archdale Methodist Church, September 25, at the 11:00 a.m. worship hour. The Rev. E. M. Jones, organizer and builder of the Archdale Church, will be the guest minister. You are invited to come and worship and fellowship with the members of the church.



## A LITTLE PUSH AND PULL

- A little push when the road is steep  
May take one up the hill;
- A little prayer when the clouds hang low  
May bring the soul a thrill;
- A little lift when the load bears down  
May help one to succeed;
- A little pull when the will slows down  
May help one gain his speed.
- A little clasp from a hand that's kind  
May lift from crushing care;
- A little word from a voice that's sweet  
May save one from despair;
- A little smile when the heart is sad  
May bring a sunbeam in;
- A loving word when the spirit droops  
May help one rise and win.
- A little love for a soul that's lost  
May help him seek God's grace;
- A little tear and a "God bless you"  
May brighten someone's face;
- A little deed from a Christian's heart  
May bless a weary soul;
- A little boost when the battle's hard  
May take one to his goal.

—REV. WALTER E. ISENHOUR  
Taylorsville, N. C.

## Elizabeth City District Holds Family Picnic

The ministers of the Elizabeth City District and their families met in the lovely Kiwanis Park in Elizabeth City for a district picnic on Labor Day, September 5, 1960. After a bountiful meal, the ministers and the wives met in separate meetings to transact the items of business relating to the work of the district after which the train rides, swings, and swimming in the pool was enjoyed by the young in heart.

Rev. R. L. Jerome, district superintendent, presided at the meeting for the ministers group in his usual resourceful and dignified style, as he led in the areas of the church's program. Mr. John Griffin was introduced and he presented the new rider which the Blue Cross is making available to member ministerial families which provides extended coverage on their present insurance. Rev. James Auman presented the missionary cause for the year and spoke briefly to explain that he would be glad to come to any group meeting in the district and speak and show slides of his recent around-the-world trip in inspection of the World Mission program of the church. Rev. Irvin Cook spoke on the program of evangelism in the district and introduced Rev. C. F. Heath, our Conference executive secretary of evangelism, who offered his services in explaining our program of work, to any group in the Conference as he expects to spend 36 weeks this year in the field working with the churches. Rev. Owen Fitzgerald spoke on the Youth Work in the district and the plans for a fruitful year in the youth program. Rev. A. D. Byrd, Jr., presented the report for the CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE and explained the campaign this fall to secure seven percent of our total membership and all elected officials of the local churches as subscribers to our church paper. The Rev. Mr. Jerome outlined the plan of work for the year to the ministers and it was quite evident to all present that the work of the Elizabeth City District was well organized and in capable hands as we move into high gear for our fall program in the total work of the church in the district.

The ministers' wives re-elected Mrs. Earl Richardson as president, and Mrs. N. H. Byrd as secretary, and enjoyed a fellowship priod together as each person was introduced to the group and the new families welcomed.

—A. D. BYRD, JR., District Reporter

## Establish Dawson Scholarship

Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas, has established the Bishop Dana Dawson Foreign Student Scholarship program. A \$10,000 endowment fund has been started in honor of Bishop Dawson, who recently retired after serving 12 years in the Kansas Area. In announcing the establishment of the fund, President C. Orville Strohl said Bishop Dawson was being honored in this way "because Southwestern greatly appreciates the help and interest of Bishop Dawson in Christian higher education and also because we know that he has had a great passion for the mission fields of our church." The Dawsons now live in Shreveport, La.



## Raleigh's Newest Church Organizes WSCS

The ladies of Cokesbury, Raleigh's newest Methodist church, met Wednesday, evening, September 7, at the home of Mrs. Curtis Yarborough in the Raleigh Club Apartments to organize a Woman's Society of Christian Service.

After a devotional theme entitled "How beautiful upon the mountains are the Feet of Him that bringeth good tidings" by the spiritual life leader, Mrs. J. H. Thompson, the following officers were elected: Mrs. Paul Hill, president; Mrs. John Bowling, secretary; and Mrs. Larry Maiden, treasurer. Mrs. J. W. Mobley was elected secretary of promotions. Monthly dues of \$1.25 were adopted and prayer partners were chosen. Church projects of toys for the nursery and altar furnishings for the sanctuary were also adopted. The business meeting was followed by the serving of refreshments and a social hour.

Present at the meeting and not named above were Mrs. Gordon Peed, Mrs. Sam Moore, Mrs. Robert Fortenberry, Mrs. Don Fader, Mrs. Bill Barker, Mrs. Sam Tuggle, Mrs. Don Helsabeck, and Mrs. Robert Hall.

After accepting the invitation of Mrs. Fader to hold next month's meeting in her home on Friar Tuck Road, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Helsabeck. Rev. Sam S. Moore is pastor of this new church.

## "The Invisible Fire" at First Church, Charlotte

The following notice is taken from the weekly bulletin of First Methodist Church, Charlotte, and is passed along to our readers for information:

WANTED: 1,000 persons to see and hear "The Invisible Fire." On Sunday evening, September 25, the Chancel Choir will present the Methodist oratorio "The Invisible Fire." This oratorio was presented at the recent General Conference of the Church in Denver, and has been rather widely discussed across America. It has to do with the beginnings of Methodism and has been received with vigorous comments—pro and con—across the country. Our Choir is going to do "The Invisible Fire" for us on Sunday evening, September 25, to what we hope will be a packed sanctuary.

## Course on New Testament Over WUNC-TV, Channel 4

Beginning Monday, September 19, and running from 11:30 a.m. till 12:15 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, Dr. Bernard Boyd of the University of North Carolina will give lectures on "Introduction to the New Testament Literature." The course is known as Religion 81 TV. Those who are interested are invited to tune in at these hours and keep up with the lectures of Dr. Boyd for the several weeks they will be on the air.

## Miss Betty Jean Hodge Rev. Fred Macon to Wed

Rev. Fred Keith Macon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Michael Macon of 5845 High Point Road, Greensboro, and Miss Betty Jean Hodge of Greenville, Pa., have announced their engagement, the wedding to take place in the summer of 1961. Mr. Macon is a graduate of Summerfield High School and High Point College. He is presently a student in the Boston University School of Theology, studying under a Senior Honor Scholarship from the American Theological Association. He is a member of the Western North Carolina Conference. Miss Hodge is a 1960 graduate of Boston University's Sargent College, and is employed as a teacher of elementary physical education in the public schools of Weston, Mass. Her parents live at Greenville, Pa.

## Calvary, Near Littleton Observes Homecoming

The annual homecoming service for Calvary Methodist Church, near Littleton, was held Sunday, September 4, with an estimated 250 people present. Rev. John D. Aycock, pastor of the Saxapahaw Church, in the Burlington District, was guest speaker. He used as his subject, "Strong Words for Life." Five points brought out in this sermon were, "my love and my God," "there's no place like home," "my task," "I love you," and "hope in Jesus Christ." Rev. William Bobbitt, associate at Myers Park Church, Charlotte, offered the morning prayer.

The junior choir used for its special "He Lives," and the senior choir sang "The Valley of Peace." Rev. John Pool Elliott of Richmond, Va., gave the benediction.



*Participating Ministers—These four ministers participated in homecoming services at Calvary Methodist Church, near Littleton, Sunday. They are, left to right, Rev. John D. Aycock, Saxapahaw; Rev. William B. Bobbitt of Charlotte; Rev. John Pool Elliott of Richmond, Va., and Rev. A. W. Winstead of Littleton, pastor of the church.*

## Survey Completed in Central Congo

Led by Bishop Newell S. Booth, the first missionaries to re-enter the Central Congo Methodist Conference area since the evacuation of missionaries July 12-13 have completed a survey of Methodist centers. On returning to Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, after the five-day survey, Bishop Booth cabled the Board of Missions in New York: "Completed Central Congo survey. Conditions and spirits excellent. Property in perfect order." The Rev. Moise Ngandjolo, a leading African evangelist, has been named administrative assistant to the bishop in the Central Congo. Indications are that the missionaries may be returning to the Congo, in limited numbers, within the near future. The return will be on invitation of the African Christians.

The Rev. Mr. Aycock and the Rev. Mr. Bobbitt went out from Calvary Church into the ministry. Rev. Mr. Elliott is the son of Mrs. Myrtice Myrick Elliott, a former member of Calvary Church, and the grandson of the late Tom Myrick. He is a Baptist minister. The Rev. Marvin Y. Self of Littleton, a former pastor, returned thanks before the picnic dinner was served.

Guests were present from Richmond, Va., Norfolk, Va., Roanoke, Va., Rocky Charlotte, Saxapahaw, Columbia, Rocky Mount, Williamston, Lincolnton, Halifax, Roanoke Rapids, Bowling Green, Va., Scottsville, Va., Macon, Norlina, Silver Springs, Md., Littleton, Springfield, Va., and other neighboring churches.

The Rev. A. N. Winstead is pastor of Calvary Church.



## Youth Urged to Use God's Gifts Properly

Oklahoma City, Okla. — Persons who put a label of "evil" on any natural products have to prove the logic of their thinking, according to the Rev. Donald Kuhn, admissions counselor at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill.

The first "resource person" to speak at the National Youth School of Moral Concerns meeting at Oklahoma City University August 22-28, Mr. Kuhn said that God called His creation "good," not "evil."

He explained that God created man to use the universe and control it, but that manipulating God's creations can lead to their control of man. Alcohol in alcoholism is an example, he said.

"Some people have called wine evil, but it is not evil in itself," he said. "However, the way man uses this creation of God may be evil, and certainly highway tragedies emerging from the use of beverage alcohol cannot be blessed as good."

Presenting a theological background for the young delegates' study of the use of alcoholic beverages and the role of sex in Christian living, Mr. Kuhn explained that God created sex as a part of man's nature.

Mr. Kuhn led the group in a discussion and study of three topics, "Who Am I?" "What Is My Relationship to God?" and "What Is My Relationship to Man?"

Mr. Kuhn said that Christ brings the love of God to Christians, who base their actions on this love. He pointed out that "persons become most conscious of this love when society says 'you've broken our rules' and everyone around them should be punishing them and when at the same time the members of the church put their arms around them, loving while demanding that they live responsible lives."

## Earl R. Brown, Former Mission Administrator, Passes

The Rev. Earl R. Brown, D.D., former executive secretary of the Division of National Missions, Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, died on September 3, after a brief illness, at his home in Lakeside, Ohio. He was 73 years of age.

For thirteen years, before retiring in January, 1957, Dr. Brown was the chief administrator of the home missions program of Methodism, responsible for the entire programs of home missions and church extension on the national level.

As a former chairman of the Division of Home Missions of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., Dr. Brown headed the interdenominational mission program of twenty-four constituent home mission societies. The church administrator was an authority on problems created by the post-war shifting of America's people. Dr. Brown was in charge of developing the plans for overcoming new barriers of economic levels, race, differences of language and education in mission work at home.

Dr. Brown was prominent in the Northwest Ohio Conference of the Methodist Church for a number of years.

## Take Time For Thought, New Radio Series

*Take Time For Thought* is a new radio series sponsored by the Presbyterian Church, U. S., and scheduled to begin the week of September 11, 1960.

The series features two complete 15-minute programs each week and presents outstanding speakers who have appeared previously on the world-famous Protestant Hour radio network.

The first speaker, Dr. John A. Redhead, Jr., Greensboro, N. C., sparked the greatest listener response in the history of the Protestant Hour when over 30,000 requests for reprints were received from people who had heard his sermon entitled, "The Problem of Grief."

Another renowned speaker slated for an early appearance on *Take Time For Thought* is Dr. William M. Elliott, a past moderator of the General Assembly, Presbyterian Church, U.S., and a popular participant on the Protestant Hour program.

Many stations are planning to use the program as a Monday-Wednesday or Tuesday-Thursday feature series as a part of their public service broadcast schedule. No charge is made for the program, which is produced in the studios of the Protestant Radio and Television Center, Atlanta, Ga.

## VOTING IN AN AGE OF CRISIS

This is the election year in the United States of America. The two political parties have held their respective conventions and now the fight is on, looking to the election in November. My observation is that every paper—secular and religious, every magazine, every book, and every imaginable voice in the land has tried to emphasize the fact that we are passing through a time of unprecedented and perhaps even unimaginable crisis. Nor has this cry been mere surface stuff. There has been rather a depth of feeling, a strength of conviction, a note of assurance, a suggestion of alarm that we are threatened with an upheaval in the world that will be more calamitous to the human race than has been experienced since the morning stars sang together. Surely, in such an hour we must put forth every possible effort to place only our very best men in places of leadership. Surely again, it is no time for buying and selling votes. It is no time for "politicking" in the old fashioned use of that word. It is rather a time when every man and woman in the land should search his and her soul to its very depths, get the honest-to-goodness truth about every candidate, and then cast his or her vote in the fear of God.

—W. R. CULLOM

Wake Forest, N. C.

## Given Added Duties

Bishop W. Angie Smith of the Oklahoma-New Mexico area has accepted assignment to supervise the church's work in Hong Kong and Formosa for a one-year term, ending August 1, 1961. Named to the post by the Council of Bishops, he will leave late in September for a supervisory tour of the area and will preside at the annual conference there.

## Protestant Churches Send Medical Aid to Congo

New York — Drugs and other medical supplies valued at \$8,925.00 are being rushed to the strife-ridden Congo by U. S. Protestant churches acting through Church World Service.

Donated in the emergency by U. S. manufacturers of pharmaceuticals, the medicine will replenish stocks in government and mission hospitals and clinics which have reached a dangerously low level.

An initial air-lift of 1,000 lbs. of these drugs leaves Idlewild Airport today to meet the most immediate needs.

The shipment consists of 500 vials of adrenalin contributed by the Upjohn Company; 4,000 vials of penicillin and streptomycin; 3,840 cathacillin tablets contributed by Merck and Co.; and 263 pounds of Declomycin contributed by Lederle Laboratories. In addition, Smith, Kline and French Overseas of Philadelphia has contributed five cartons of drugs worth \$1,031. Additional contributions from these firms are being packed for shipment by fast ocean freight.

## "Talk Back" Programs Used In Foreign Countries

Nashville, Tenn. — The Methodist Church's "Talk Back" television programs are now being used on several Canadian stations and are expected to be telecast in Australia and Norway soon.

This was announced by the Rev. Dr. Harry C. Spencer, Nashville, general secretary of the Methodist Television, Radio and Film Commission, which produced the series in cooperation with the National Council of Churches.

The half-hour programs consist of a filmed dramatic presentation of a problem and a live panel discussion. No solution to the problem is given in the drama, and the panel seeks to give a Christian solution to it.

Scripting has begun on a third series of "Talk Back" films, which will bring the total number of programs to 39.

Ninety-five U.S. television stations have used the programs.

## Homecoming and Revival at Hickory Grove Oct. 9th

Homecoming Sunday for the Hickory Grove Church, in Rockingham County, near Pelham, has been set for Sunday, October 9. The traditional dinner on the grounds will be enjoyed and each family is invited to bring a picnic lunch.

Revival services will begin on Thursday, October 6, at 7:30 p.m. A friend and former pastor, Rev. G. Howard Allred, will be present as the guest preacher. He will preach for the revival services and at both the Pelham and Hickory Grove Churches on October 9. The public and friends of Hickory Grove are invited for the revival services and Homecoming Sunday.





*The Role of Sex in Christian Living* is the subject of this television presentation featuring participants from the recent National Youth School of Moral Concerns at Oklahoma City, Okla., which was sponsored by the Division of Temperance and General Welfare of the Board of Christian Social Concerns and the Youth Department of the Board of Education of the Methodist Church. Left to right are: Tom Paxton, Oklahoma City television station WKY-TV personality who moderated the panel discussion; Jack Leonard, Ponca City, Okla., president of the Oklahoma Confer-

ence MYF; Miss Jeanne Burwell, Greensboro, N. C., Citizenship chairman of the Western North Carolina Conference MYF; and the Rev. Dale White, Methodist minister from Stoughton, Mass., who spoke to the National Youth School of Moral Concerns on the subject, "Cultural and Sociological Influences on Sexual Behavior." The program was one of a series of interpretive radio and television broadcasts planned by the Methodist Television, Radio and Film Commission (TRAFCO) during the NYS-MC sessions on the campus of Oklahoma City University, August 22-28.

## Pfeiffer President Calls for Academic Excellence

*Misenheimer, N. C.* — The 75th opening of Pfeiffer College was marked Monday with a statement from its president, Dr. J. Lem Stokes, II, emphasizing the college's commitment to the ideas of Christian higher education and academic excellence.

"As we enter our 75th year, our faculty and staff will strive to offer students new dimensions in quality academic instruction and personal attention in a setting conducive to Christian thought and action," the president said.

Opening college activities included a reception given Monday night by President and Mrs. Stokes honoring members of the student body. Deans of the college and faculty leaders were formally introduced to the student body which for the 1960-61 session will exceed 825 students.

On Sunday the memory of the founder of the school which was to become Pfeiffer College, Miss Emily Prudden, was honored with a massive display of flowers on the altar of the Pfeiffer College. Miss Prudden in 1885 founded Oberline Home and School near Lenoir in the interest of Christian education and the promotion of Christian missionary enterprises.

## Four New Members on Curriculum Committee

*Cincinnati* — Four new members of the Curriculum Committee of the Methodist Board of Education were elected and six others re-elected by the board as it organized for the denomination's 1960-64 quadrennium in a meeting here September 6-7.

The Curriculum Committee determines the curriculum of Methodist church schools (Sunday schools and other educational activities of local churches).

Elected for four-year terms were the Rev. Dr. James C. Hares, Dallas, Texas; the Rev. Clifford C. Knight, Des Moines, Iowa; the Rev. Dr. William F. Case, Kansas City, Mo.; and the Rev. Dr. Lester Rumble, Atlanta, Ga.

Re-elected for four-year terms were Dr. Charles Dent, Austin, Texas; the Rev. Dr. Francis E. Kearns, Wauwatosa, Wis.; the Rev. Dr. Donald M. Maynard, Boston, Mass.; the Rev. Dr. Charles B. Copher, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Maurice D. McKean, Niles, Mich.; and the Rev. Dr. Harvey H. Potthoff, Denver.

In addition, the committee has several ex-officio members and many advisory members.

## Pelham WSCS Achieves "Standard of Excellence"

A special honor was achieved by the Pelham WSCS during the year 1959-60 when they attained and received a "Standard of Excellence" at the annual conference meeting of the Society at Lake Junaluska. A most active society, under the able leadership of Mrs. Henry Duncan, worked faithfully to fulfill 28 out of a possible 33 requirements, which was necessary to earn this award. The society is diligently working for a "repeat performance" for the coming year.

During the past summer the Pelham WSCS honored two of its members, Mrs. Louis McKinney and Mrs. Jake Baise, by presenting to them life memberships in the society.

The activity and work of the Pelham WSCS is a real example and challenge for continued progress during the coming year.

## Dr. Runyon Preaches at Inter-Seminary Conference

Dr. Theodore Runyon of the Chandler School of Theology at Emory University preached at the Inter-Seminary Conference of American Seminaries which met in Denver, Colorado, September 8-12.

Dr. Runyon is an assistant professor of systematic theology. He preached three sermons to over 500 students from many denominations.

"Jesus Christ in Man's Conflicts" was the conference theme. The final service was a celebration of the liturgy of the Church of South India. The church was formed around 1950 as a union of Protestant denominations.

## Churches Raise \$26,600,000 For Building Purposes

Three annual conferences and 266 local churches raised more than \$26,600,000 for needed building programs under the leadership of the professional fund-raising staff of the Board of Missions during the past fiscal year. The Rev. Dr. Alton E. Lowe, Philadelphia, chief of the 15-man staff, said that amount was more than six million dollars in excess of the \$20,439,000 raised in campaigns directed by the staff in 1958-1959. The fund-raising service is officially called the Department of Finance and Field Service of the Division of National Missions.

## Brazilian Methodists Report Growth

Reviewing the work of their church during the last five years, Brazilian Methodists learned at their recent General Conference that since 1955 their church has had a net membership gain of three per cent annually. A new church school has been organized every two weeks. A new church building has been completed every 20 days. The Methodist Church in Brazil is an autonomous body, affiliated with the Methodist Church in the United States.





# Woman's Activities

## W. N. C. Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



### "Tillie's Back!"

Mrs. Arthelia Brooks of Burnsville, N. C. began her work as a rural worker for the Methodist churches in the Yancey County area this month.



MRS. ARTHELIA BROOKS

A few years ago Mrs. Brooks, affectionately known among her friends as "Tillie," was employed in this area as a community worker under the Woman's Division of Christian Service. She left this field to do newspaper work and to teach for about four years. Now she has returned to her original work and the refrain that Methodists in the county are singing is, "Tillie's back!"

She will work with the Methodist Group ministry in Yancey County, which includes four ministers serving nine churches. Her fellow workers are the Rev. O. L. Brown, pastor of Higgins Memorial Church in Burnsville; the Rev. J. R. Dawkins, pastor of the Newdale charge, which includes the churches at Celio, Martins Chapel and Windham; the Rev. Hugh Gowan, pastor of the five churches on the Bald Creek charge, Pensacola, Bald Creek, Concord, Elk Shoals, and Boring's Chapel; and the Rev. J. E. B. Houser, of Weaverville, retired minister who is serving as associate pastor of Boring's Chapel.

Mrs. Brooks will help plan and carry out a fuller program of work for the rural churches, which will include work with the youth groups, the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and the church school groups, "extending the services of the Methodist Church beyond its present

reach," said Dr. Robert G. Tuttle, superintendent of the Asheville District.

Her work will include working with other community agencies to help families in need. She says, "I plan to help where my help can be used to benefit the people of our county."

Mrs. Brooks is a native of West Virginia. She received her A.B. degree from Morris-Harvey College in Charleston, W. Va., and her master's degree from Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn. For three years she was a rural worker in the Scarritt Rural Center, working with the late Miss Mable K. Howell of Asheville, who is said to have trained more missionaries and deaconesses than any other person. She was in Yancey County in the same type of work for three years.

After her resignation, she worked with the Burnsville newspaper and with the local radio station. She also was fifth grade teacher at the Spruce Pine School. All of her activities kept her closely identified with the Methodist Church and its progress in the county.

She makes her home in an attractive place 12 miles from Burnsville. Her great delight is to "make this a place of beauty and delight to those who behold it." But she plans her time so that she can keep close companionship with the three daughters, Paula, 16, Maryla, 14, and Dena, 12.

Her husband died a few years ago.

With the addition of Mrs. Brooks to the fold, this makes five rural workers who are busily employed in the Western North Carolina Conference, Miss Laura Wells at Hayesville in Clay County; Miss Anita Benoy in the Great Mount Airy Parish; Deaconess Vera Falls at the Cherokee Methodist Center, and Miss Virginia Miller of Newland, Avery County worker.

## Supply Work—Second Quarter Needs

The cash for Supply Work during the second quarter will be sent to the Home Department, says Mrs. H. J. Wise, Conference secretary of Supply Work.

Each district has been assigned its quota for supplies. The places where the funds will be sent include eleven separate projects: the Bethlehem Centers at Charlotte and Winston-Salem; the Rural Work projects in Avery, Cherokee, Mount Airy, Clay and Yancey Counties; supplies for Pfeiffer College at Misenheimer; the Holston Valley Rural Work project in Johnson City, Tenn.; Brewster Methodist Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla.; Boylan Haven Mather Academy in Camden, S. C., and Wood Junior College in Mathiston, Miss.

In addition to the askings for these projects, Mrs. Wise states that there is a great need for good, clean used baby clothing at the Bethlehem Center in Charlotte, and for all kinds of old woolen material to be used

by the Cherokee women in weaving rugs. The Wesley Community House at 1520 Eighth Avenue, Meridian, Miss., would like to have pieces of upholstery material for use in their craft work.

With the work on the new \$600,000 unit of the Brooks-Howell Home for Retired Missionaries and Deaconesses in Asheville any group wishing to furnish a room in the new home may do so for about \$500.00. Further information about this may be secured from Mrs. Wise, Route 2, Box 40, Gibsonville, N. C.

## Supply Work—Wesleyan Service Guild

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Western North Carolina Conference gave a total of \$749.26 to their Supply Work during the first quarter. This was above their regular budget items, which amounted to \$6,896.

The first quarter Supply money went to foreign projects. These included \$156 to Tokyo Woman's Christian College and Japan International Christian University Library; \$62.50 for Angola, Africa; \$23 for Pusan Community Center; \$263 for Bombay, India Conference work, Puntamba Hospital and Bolivia; and \$156 for magazine and picture fund.

Miss Mary Bright of Charlotte, Guild treasurer, reported that the Love Offering given by the Guilders at their communion service at Lake Junaluska in June amounted to \$2,653.44.

## NC Conference

By MARY GARDNER



### Quadrennial Emphasis Subject of Talk

Raleigh District Woman's Society of Christian Service held its first district-wide officers training at the Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, on September 7.

Mrs. H. A. Davis of Raleigh, treasurer of the southeastern jurisdiction WSCS and newly-elected member of the General Board of Missions of the Methodist Church told the 180 women that the four-point quadrennial emphasis for 1960-64 might be presented in two parts. The first three: The Faith that Compels Us; Factors that Confront Us, and Frontiers that Call Us present a program of study. The fourth, The Program that Unites Us in Witness and Service, is the action stemming from the first three.

"Too often our faith in proclamation has been strong, but in performance it has been watered down to keep us comfortable," she declared. "There is no doubt about the capacity of the church to carry out God's will, but faith loses its compulsion when not exercised to its fullest.

"Many *Factors that Confront Us* are on our doorsteps: tension in cultural and racial relations, new patterns in family life, increasing problems of labor and management. Women are challenged to put principles into practice to show that the gospel is for every person in every place.



"Truly there are *Frontiers that Call Us* which may require more heroism in our local communities than may have been expected of missionaries who explored strange lands and crossed geographical boundaries decades ago. Today lay people of the church must have, along with fervor and faith, a consciousness of culture."

Mrs. Davis cited the program of the three divisions of the Board of Missions: the Woman's Division of Christian Service, the Division of National Missions, and the Division of World Missions.

The WDCS' particular concerns are developing the spiritual life, studying the needs of the world, strengthening the local church, and securing funds to support the work at home and abroad. The Division of National Missions' program includes deepening an understanding of America as a mission field; developing the work in Hawaii as a showcase of the Christian community; redoubling the effort to win Puerto Rico for Christ; obtaining support for an adequate program of church expansion, and strengthening the mission in Alaska with special concern for the building of Alaska Methodist University. The Division

of World Missions seeks the increasing of the momentum gained through "The Call to Witness and Decision" during 1956-1960, and emphasis upon the work in the four new lands of decision: Argentina, Pakistan, Southern Rhodesia, and China in Dispersion.

The three divisions of the Board of Missions are united in their efforts to carry on the program of each. "This four-year study of 'Our Mission Today' can become a creative and powerful experience, and I believe that it will," Mrs. Davis asserted. "An honest appraisal of the conditions we confront in our total world will demand objectivity which could lead us into strange new frontiers. Such a study might shed new light on the policies and program of the Board of Missions."

The Rev. Vernon C. Tyson, associate pastor of the host church, led the opening devotional.

Following the group sessions in which the district officers conducted clinics on their respective lines of work, a question and answer period was held.

Mrs. P. C. Perdue, district president, presided at the general sessions.

## Historical Series to Run Twelve Weeks

We are this week beginning a series of twelve brief sketches of persons, places, and events in early North Carolina Methodist history, prepared especially for us by Mrs. Keneth Stahl. She is the librarian and archivist of the World Methodist Building at Lake Junaluska, treasurer of the American Association of Methodist Historical Societies, member of the Executive Committee of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Historical Society, and an authority on early Methodism in this state. The articles will later be published in booklet form and distributed by pastors of the state by this periodical.

These articles will appear each week under the head *LEST WE FORGET*. Each one will deal with a bit of Methodist history in North Carolina which should be of interest to all.

### Lest We Forget

By LOUISE STAHL

#### I. Who Came First?

Who were the first Methodists in North Carolina?

That depends upon what we mean by the word "Methodists."

George Whitefield was a member of the original Oxford Holy Club group, who were called Methodists. He came seven times to America, and he and his converts were called Methodists, though he broke with John Wesley over predestination and he was buried in a Presbyterian Church at Newburyport, Massachusetts.

Whitefield passed through the colony of North Carolina several times. He was at New Bern as early as 1739, which was twenty years before preaching began in Maryland or New York. He organized no societies, however.

In 1760, says the historian of North Carolina Methodism, Rev. James Reed wrote from New Bern, "The Methodists are ignorant, censorious, and uncharitable," and the following year he said that "the Methodists have given me a good deal of trouble" but he believed "the little ground they had gained" would soon "be totally lost."

So there were people *called* Methodists in the state long before any of John Wesley's preachers arrived. They were "Whitefield Methodists." They had no churches or organized societies but whether or not they were the genuine article they certainly paved the way for the great Church we have today.

Watch for next installment.

#### Services Will Be Broadcast

Regular Sunday morning worship services at Tabernacle Methodist Church in the new Albemarle District, will be broadcast over Radio Station WZKY each Sunday morning during this month, according to an official of the church this week.

Rev. Joe R. Morris, pastor, will bring the messages and special music will be given by the church choir under the direction of Mrs. L. A. Mason.

## METHODIST MEN AWAKE AT CALVARY



Soon after our arrival at Calvary the Methodist Men, at a regular meeting, took up the matter of beautifying the parsonage. It was voted that the men paint the structure inside and out and ask the church to pay for the paint. This was done and the group proceeded to paint the inside first, doing it mostly at night. This was done on one Saturday by 25 men who did a swell job. On the ladder you see them bunched up for a minute to accommodate the photographer but soon they were spread out, and how they spread paint!

The good ladies of the church prepared a grand dinner for the men which was greatly appreciated and was quickly used up!

The present parsonage is in the picture to be moved, or torn down possibly, and relocated. When the debt on the educational building, which was built last year, is erased, the church will launch into this next project. It will be paid by the end of next year or before.

These good folks just could not let us live in the parsonage as it was, though this change will be made in the near future.

Many other men who could not work at the job because of their daily duties would have gladly helped. This is one of the many things the church is doing in an outstanding way. The Guild is sponsoring painting the sanctuary of the church at a cost of near \$1,000.



## Pastor Receives Car

## The Warm Heart of Wesley

By D. W. CHARLTON

Roy Smith tells of the janitor who greeted him one Sunday morning: "Any fresh news from God this morning, doctor?" Following that searching query, the sermon seemed to have found new authority. The secret of John Wesley's preaching and power was that he had some fresh news from God, a vision and voice out of his heart-warming experience.

Methodism came to England as a fresh and warming breeze in a stale and cold atmosphere. A cold intellectualism had stifled the spirit and warmth of genuine religion. As an episcopal bishop once said: "When Methodism left the Church of England, the stove was taken along."

Cold-blooded animals, we are reminded, assume the temperature of their surroundings. Like the frog that sinks into the mud and remains until the breath of spring that blows it into new life. Many people seem to be cold-blooded spiritually.

Wesley combined the head and heart in religion. Over-emphasis of the intellectual may leave us without spiritual warmth. As someone remarked about the man with a glass eye: "The artificial eye shows more feeling for others than his natural eye." On the other hand, the feelings alone may run riot in emotional vagaries.

With the warm heart, Wesley had a firsthand experience in religion. As was said of Job whose religion passed from rumor to reality: "Once I knew God by hearsay; now I see Him." More than mere hope and reason, Wesley had a sense of certainty in his faith. He believed in the testimony or witness of God's spirit.

The shaky foundation of Wesley's early faith was realized in his fearful encounter with the stormy sea. While the Moravians were unruffled in their calmness and peace, Wesley was disturbed. The query of Peter Bohler on the tempestuous sea voyage pierced his soul: "Do you know God?" Wesley was well steeped in the theology of his day, but it remained for him to find certainty and authority in coming face to face with God.

In Trinity Church, Boston, there is a statue of Christ with His hand reaching forth to touch the shoulder of the great preacher, Phillips Brooks. His power as a preacher was undoubtedly due to his vital contact with Christ. At Aldersgate, Wesley had a close contact with God, and discovered fresh news of Him.

But John Wesley was far more than a dreamer and mystic of the warm heart. He came to grips in his thinking with the practical issues of every-day life. The fires of concern and compassion were kindled in the soul of Wesley. As a result of his preaching something happened in the lives of people. "Bad men became good; drunkards became sober; religion wrote itself in changed lives everywhere." (Bishop Nolan B. Harmon). His message so wrought reforms in his day that it was said: "He saved England from a bloody revolution."

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He gives little who gives much with a frown. He gives much who gives little with a smile.—*Talmud*.



Catawba Methodist Church, on Sunday, September 11, showed its devotion to Rev. M. C. Ellerbe, above, center, by giving to him a new four-door Biscayne Chevrolet, the keys being presented to him by Wayne Lowrance, chairman of the Official Board, at the conclusion of services Sunday morning.

Mr. Ellerbe, in his third year at Catawba, has given much of his time and effort to community affairs and needs, along with fulfilling spiritual needs of the church.

Along with Rev. Mr. Ellerbe and Mr.

Lowrance in the above picture are, left to right, Mr. Henry Setzer, whose suggestion started the drive; Judith Ann and Mrs. Ellerbe, daughter and wife of Rev. Ellerbe; S. O. Maguire, superintendent of the Sunday school; and Henry Elmore, steward and trustee of the church.

Rev. Mr. Ellerbe and the church board wish to extend their deep appreciation to all of the church and community who took part in the work and donations that made the gift possible. Also to Mr. Clyde Abernathy of Abernathy Chevrolet Co., for the help which he gladly gave.

insurance executive. Other committee appointments made by the president were Doug Marshall, Charlotte, alumni chapters; Mrs. John Sherrill, Salisbury, alumni publications; Richard Clark, Monroe, nominations; Ed Stephenson, Charlotte, Alumni Day; William Latimer, Camden, S. C., campus alumni room; and J. K. Reese, Mooresville, Distinguished Alumni Award. Mrs. L. B. Eller, Raleigh, immediate past president, will serve as general advisor.

## Appreciation

Through this medium I wish to express my abiding appreciation to the ministers, churches and friends across this state who let us know of their love and sympathy for us in the passing of Lucille who loved the Methodist Church, its ministry and its members.

—CHARLES D. WHITE

## Expanded Alumni Program Planned by Pfeiffer Group

Misenheimer, N. C.—An expanded program of alumni affairs is planned by the Pfeiffer College Alumni Association. Plans were developed at a recent meeting of the Association's Board of Managers presided over by Wayne Mabry, Albemarle group president.

Mabry said the group would seek to interest additional Pfeiffer alumni in supporting the college. "We believe that in this age when more and more demands are being placed upon private colleges such as Pfeiffer, alumni must offer all possible means of assistance to help the college meet these demands."

Named chairman of the Projects Committee was Robert W. Redwine, Charlotte

## Cupid at Work

Two members of the mechanical staff of THE ADVOCATE were married over the week-end. Mr. Robert Tate, make-up man for the paper, was married Friday, Sept. 16, to Miss Donna Basham.

Mr. Wayne Basham, a recent addition to the press room staff, was married Sunday, Sept. 18, to Miss Linda Wilson. Both couples are living at 4213 Harvard Avenue, Greensboro.

☐ HOMECOMING DAY services will be held at Bessemer Methodist Church, Greensboro, Sunday, September 25, at 11:00 a.m., with Rev. C. F. Womble, former pastor, guest minister. All former members and friends are invited to attend.



# LETTERS

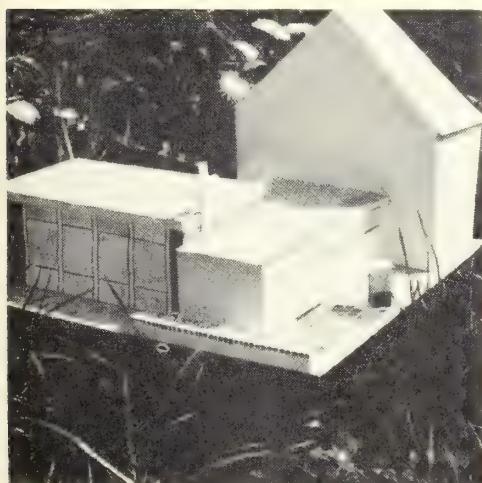
Dear friends:

During two years I have experienced the graciousness of American Methodists and their willingness to help in a practical way for the cause of Christ and the church we serve. This experience encourages me to write this letter.

Since 1958 I am pastor of four small congregations in the area of Braunschweig, very close to the Iron Curtain. About 10 years ago, we had no Methodists at all in this area, for a long time our efforts had been in vain. Now we are so glad to work here and hopeful signs of a good development in the future can be seen. However, all our work is severely hampered by lack of own rooms.

So far, three of our four congregations worship and work in rented rooms and houses. But now we have to leave soon, because city and private offices want to occupy these rooms. So where to go? We do not know, for no good rooms are available for us, thus we ask for your prayers and help.

We have plans to build a chapel in Wolfsburg, a fast growing city. You see a picture of the model we hope for, herewith.



But our members there are all refugees coming from different parts of East Germany. Being in the process of establishing a new home, they can contribute financially only to a certain limit. Our courageous people will try all they can, but hardly will they be able to realize their plans without help of others. Thus we ask, if your people might be willing and able to help.

The project, "Wolfsburg-Germany" is listed now at the Mission Board, New York as a mission special, thus your church will receive credit for it.

Please excuse my asking in this way, but I am not asking for me, but for the people I serve with the hope that in this way Christ's Cause might be strengthened in this part of the world, where the Methodists are a minority church. God's blessings with you.

Sincerely your friend,

—R. BROSE

Braunschweig, Germany

To the Editor:

Knowing what I do in regard to Roman Catholicism I wouldn't vote for a Catholic for President of the United States for all the money that fills our great banks. To sell one's vote would be equal to selling one's country. If and when Catholicism takes over in the United States it will only be a question of time until we will cease to sing,

*"My country, 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty."*

Our liberty, as a Protestant people, will be gone within a few more years and we will be under bondage to Rome. We know that Catholicism is an avowed enemy to all Protestant denominations, and does not believe in the separation of church and state. Once she has the reins of our Government in her hands sufficiently we shall no longer have religious liberty, freedom of speech and of the press. These are pearls of great price and let's not sell them for fair promises, for money and liquor, nor for the sake of party affiliation. God help us save our beloved country for which our forefathers, founding fathers suffered, bled and died.

—WALTER E. ISENHOUR

Taylorsville, N. C.

Dear Sir:

"Are You A Christian?" by W. W. Reid, September 1, 1960 issue of our CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, brought to my mind a similar question put to me several years ago.

An evangelistic preacher of another denomination who was passing through town dropped into my office as a patient. He was a total stranger to me. Out of a clear blue sky he pointed his finger at me and said, "Are you a Christian?"

It took me a few seconds to tighten up my "thinking" gear. My reply was, "Do you mean am I a member of the Disciples of Christ Church, a Christian in that respect, or am I a true follower of Christ?"

"A true follower of Christ," was his reply.

"Well, if I told you that I am a true follower of Christ I would liken myself unto the Pharisee, who went up into the Temple to pray. He did no wrong. He gave here; he gave there. He was not like that lowly Publican by his side. But the Publican had a far different slant on his goodness. Lowering his face toward the ground, he prayed, 'Lord have mercy upon me, a sinner.' So, why not put me in the same category as the Publican, Lord have mercy upon me, a sinner. Does that answer your question?"

"Very much so," was his reply.

I do not know the name of the author of the following few lines, but it sure would help good Christians to become better Christians.

*"Every morning lean thine arms awhile  
Upon the window sill of heaven,  
And gaze upon the Lord—  
Then with that vision in thy heart  
Turn strong to meet the day."*

—ROBERT E. GANDY, D. O.  
Wilson, N. C.

## Book Reviews

**The Art of Soul-Winning** by M. W. Downey.  
Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan.  
Price \$3.50.

This book was written out of many years experience in personal evangelism, and in teaching others how to win souls to Christ. It is not a book of theories, but of warm hearted Christian guidance. Part One deals with preparation for soul-winning: its importance, conditions, and the assurance and life of victory which are absolute necessities to the soul winner.

Part Two has nine vital chapters dealing with participation in soul winning under nine alliterated headings: Dealing with children, the concerned, the confused (two chapters), the careless, the carnal, communists, Catholics (two chapters).

Part Three gives important information on four of the cults most commonly found in our country, and also very valuable assistance in dealing with them.

A careful study of this book would prove invaluable to all persons engaged in lay evangelism. — V. T. Crawford.

**The Waiting Father** by Helmut Thielicke.  
Harper and Brothers, New York, N. Y.,  
Price \$3.75.

Dr. Thielicke, who is professor of theology at the University of Hamburg, enjoys the distinction of preaching to a congregation of 4,000 people twice every Sunday at St. Stephen's Church.

In this delightful book, he has given us sixteen masterful sermons on the main parables of Jesus, beginning with the "pearl of all parables," that of the Prodigal Son, on which he gives us two messages. The so called "hard" and mysterious elements are dealt with faithfully and imaginatively, so that none of their native charm is lost, and at the same time their timeless spiritual teachings are never lost in dry exposition. The translation was made by Dr. John Doberstein of Philadelphia, who has succeeded in bringing the powerful preaching of Dr. Thielicke into the vernacular of the average American reader. An excellent book for preacher and laymen. — V. T. Crawford.

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# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## The Middle-Sized Boy

Three houses stood in a row on Ash Street, and a boy lived in each house.

"You boys are like the three bears," laughed Peter's daddy one day. "You, Peter, are the middle-sized bear. Billy is the little bear, because he's only four. And Don is the big bear."

"Don's almost in high school, and he's the best basketball player in the whole neighborhood," said Peter proudly. "He can skate, and jump over the high picket fence. When I get big, I'm going to be just like Don!"

Little Billy was peeking through the fence. "I goin' to be just like Peter," he piped in his tiny voice. Peter laughed, but he didn't pay much attention to Billy. After all, Billy was much too small to bother playing with anyway.

Peter always watched when Don practiced shooting baskets on the side of the garage. Peter has even put up a basket on his daddy's garage and practiced throwing the ball through it just as Don did.

One evening Mother called, "Peter, bring your toys in. I think it's going to start raining."

But Peter called back, "Not now, I'm busy!" So when the rain suddenly came, Mother had to run out and help him.

When Mother called Peter for lunch the next day, he was leaning over the fence watching Don re-string his tennis racket. "Wait a minute, Mom," he said. "I don't want to come right now." "After all," thought Peter, "if I'm going to be just like Don when I'm a big boy, I'll have to watch how he does things now."

When Peter came out after lunch, Don was not around. But on the other side of the fence, Billy was lying in his sandbox. Just then Billy's mother called, "Billy, it's time to come in for your nap."

But Billy whined, "No! I don't want to!" When his mother called again, Billy said, "Peter tells his mommy 'No!' and I going to be just like Peter. Peter doesn't come when his mommy calls. I not goin' to come when my mommy calls, either."

Peter's face turned suddenly red. He was so ashamed he would have liked to crawl away and hide. For he realized at once that little Billy had been looking up to him as he, Peter, looked up to Don. "And what a bad example I've set for Billy!" he thought.

"Hi, Billy," Peter called over the

fence. "I'm going in to see if I can help my mother with something now. Suppose you go in and nap for a while. And when you're all done, you can come over and ride in my wagon."

Billy smiled all over his little face. At that moment, Don came out to work on his tennis racket again, and Peter looked his way longingly. But he squared his shoulders and walked toward the house.

"I've got to set a good example now," he said to himself. "That little fellow's watching me." — **Selected.**

## THE SWEET STORY OF OLD

I think when I read that sweet story of old,  
When Jesus was here among men,  
How He called little children as lambs to  
His fold - - -

I should like to have been with them  
then.

I wish that His hands had been placed on  
my head,

That His arms had been thrown around  
me;

And that I might have seen His kind look  
when He said,

"Let the little ones come unto Me."

Yet still to His footstool in prayer I may go,

And ask for a share in His love;

And if I thus earnestly seek Him below,

I shall see Him and hear Him above.

—By JEMINA T. LUKE

## Which Mud Puddle?

One wet day, a group of children were walking with their teacher along a rather muddy road. Judy lagged behind to try out a certain mud puddle.

"Miss Mary," the teacher, explained to her why she should not step in the puddle, and then said, "Now do you understand what I mean, Judy?"

"Yes'm," she replied, and soon caught up with the other children.

Presently the little girl got behind again, and when Miss Mary looked around, there she was in another puddle.

"Judy, didn't I tell you not to step in a mud puddle?"

"Yes'm," Judy replied frankly.

"Well, why did you do it again?" asked Miss Mary.

Looking up innocently, she said, "But Miss Mary, you didn't tell me not to step in this puddle."

Now I ask you, what does one do in a case like that????

## Prayer for Children in School

O God, our Father, our children have gone to school today, and are away for a while from our watchful care. Keep them safe from all that would hurt them in body or harm them in mind. Help them to be happy at school, and to know the joy of learning and playing together with other boys and girls. Help them to learn well, that they may grow up to stand on their own feet, to earn their own living, and to serve Thee and their fellow-men. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

—Adapted from **Prayer** by William Barclay.

## CHUCKLE

When dessert was served, young Jimmy finally reached what threatened to be his limit of expansion. He reached for his belt buckle, and explained, "Guess I'll have to move the decimal point two places."

A small boy hurried home from school one afternoon and announced to his parents that the class he was in was about to split up into two divisions.

"I'm in the top one," he explained, "and the other one is for backward readers."

"But," he went on confidently, "we don't know who's going to be in the other one, 'cause there isn't a kid in the room who can read backwards."—**Copied**

"Now, children," said the Sunday school teacher, "I have told you the story of Jonah and the whale. Willie, you may tell me what this story teaches."

"Yessum," said Willie, "it teaches that you can't keep a good man down."

## Bible Quiz

What or who do these remind you of?

1. A raven and a dove\_\_\_\_\_
2. A rooster\_\_\_\_\_
3. Five lamps without oil\_\_\_\_\_
4. A campfire on the lakeshore\_\_\_\_\_
5. Locusts and wild honey\_\_\_\_\_

## Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Queen of Sheba
2. Dorcas
3. Lot's wife



# Sunday School Lesson

FOR OCTOBER 2

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## THE GREATNESS OF GOD

Background Scripture: Psalm 8; 104

Lesson Scripture: Psalm 8:1-8;  
Psalm 104:1-4

This is the first lesson in the fourth quarter and with it we begin a new study the general theme of which is "Passages of Spiritual Power." We shall take the first eight lessons from the Psalms. DeQuincy called the Bible "the literature of power," and indeed it is. The Psalms, for example, touch the deepest levels of religious feeling and have been read more widely than any other part of the Bible. That is because they appeal to man's emotions; and religion without emotion is unthinkable. It has been said that the Psalms portray somewhere every emotion of which the human being is capable.

The title of our lesson recalls the well-known lines from Sidney Lanier's poem, *The Marshes of Glynn*. Think carefully of their meaning, as you read:

"As the marsh-hen secretly builds on  
the watery sod,  
Behold I will build me a nest on the  
greatness of God:  
I will fly in the greatness of God as  
the marsh-hen flies,  
In the freedom that fills all the space  
'twixt the marsh and the skies:  
By so many roots as the marsh-grass  
sends in the sod  
I will heartily lay me a-hold of the  
greatness of God."

We might say that the Psalmist, rather than "laying ahold of the greatness of God" is *laid hold of* by the greatness of God, as he contemplates the beauty of the oriental night from the flat roof of his dwelling. This ancient poet knew the power of nature to "chasten and subdue." It is said of Ralph Waldo Emerson that when he looked up at the stars they seemed to be saying to him: "Why so hot, little man?" And it was the great philosopher, Immanuel Kant, who wrote: "Two things there are which, the oftener and more steadfast we consider them, fill the mind with an ever new and ever rising admiration and reverence: the starry heavens above, and the moral law within."

Are we, in our age of science, with its emphasis on the practical, losing our sense of wonders? Are we like the modern child portrayed in this rewording of the old nursery rhyme?

"Twinkle, twinkle little star  
I do not wonder what you are;  
What you are I know full well,  
And your component parts can tell."

Will there be more children of whom it can be said: "Children's faces looking up, holding wonders like a cup?"

Whether or not we shall ultimately lose our sense of wonder only time can tell. This much is certain, however: no wonder, no

worship. With proper guidance the child's innate sense of wonder may grow easily into worship. The writer recalls a conversation with one of our preachers who was relating some of his childhood experiences. Though he came from a home poor in material things, yet he was rich. This was so because he had a mother who helped him to develop his sense of wonder and of worship. He related how they would look for long periods of time at the clouds floating in the sky, or would often go out and look at the stars.

Our lesson deals not only with the work of God in nature; it raises (and answers) one of the fundamental questions of life—what is man? The King James Version says (see verse 8) "Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels." But the Revised Standard Version translates the phrase: "Thou hast made him a little less than God." The reason is that the Hebrew word "Elohim" (used in this verse) is the same word that is used for God in the first verse of Genesis. It is good for man to know that he is "a little less than God" but it is also good for him to remember *why* he is thus exalted: "For *Thou* hast made him." In other words, when man forgets that his importance is derived from the fact that he is God's creature, he may then begin to try himself to "play God." He thus attempts to assume a knowledge and a power that does not belong to him. The empty thrones of arrogant kings and the dishonored graves of ambitious dictators are ample testimony to the truth of this.

What, then, is the "glory and honor" of man? It is that he is made in the image of God; that, and that alone, is his glory and honor. When he mars the image by yielding to the demonic forces about him he not only dishonors himself, but grieves the heart of his Creator.

## In Memoriam

**SHEPHERD.** — The members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Bethesda Methodist Church wish to pay this tribute of love and respect to the memory of Mrs. Nelson B. Shepherd who passed away May 7, 1960, at the age of 54 years.

Mrs. Shepherd was a devoted Christian worker, a Sunday School teacher for years and took active part in all phases of church work and community activities.

Because of her faithfulness and loyalty to her church, honor was paid to her memory by naming one of the circles, "The Billie Shepherd Circle."

Her influence will live on as a shining light to all who knew her as we bow in submission to our Father's will.

W.S.C.S.  
Mrs. Clara Smith  
Mrs. Fred Springer

**HOLT.** We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Princeton Methodist Church, wish to pay loving tribute to the memory of one of our most faithful members, Miss Leona Holt, whom God removed from our midst June 12, 1960.

As long as her health permitted she was an active member of her church and was an inspiration to all the members. She served as

Treasurer of the Official Board of the Church for over fifty years. One of the Circles of Woman's Society of Christian Service was named "The Leona Holt Circle" in honor of her. She also served in many other offices, giving of her means and talent. Her devotion to the Church will always be remembered.

Therefore, be it resolved that we express our deepest sympathy by sending a copy of thees resolutions to the family, a copy to be recorded in the minutes of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, a copy be recorded in the minutes of the Official Board, and a copy be sent to the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

Mrs. Sally Hinton, Chairman  
Respectfully submitted,

**DARDEN.** — On December 18, 1959, the Goshen Methodist Church (Goldsboro District) suffered a great loss in the passing of Brother O. Whitt Darden. He was a life-long resident of the house of his birth, thus his passing from our midst is felt even more than had he come to us in adult life.

Brother Darden was active in every phase of the program of the church, having served in the following capacities: Steward, Trustee, Chairman of the Official Board, Chairman of the Commission on Finance, Treasurer of the Church Building Fund, and as a charter member and officer in the Methodist Men's Club.

It would be hard to determine just where Brother Darden was of most value to our church; yet, in certain areas, there will be memories of him as long as the present generation lives. During the building program of Goshen Church, which began in 1952, he served as treasurer and financial advisor as well as working on the Building Committee. When one who knew him enters the church grounds and buildings, in practically every direction which he chances to look, he will see reminders of Whitt Darden. Under his leadership in the financial department, the seemingly impossible (\$55,000) bill for materials and labor was paid-in-full and the beautiful rural church was dedicated within about four years from the time of the program's beginning. At the time of his passing, he was Chairman of the Commission on Finance; and, the thought that Goshen Church would not meet its monthly obligations was never entertained. His last great contribution to the church was that of program planning and keeping the books for the Harvest Day Program (about two months before his passing) which liquidated the indebtedness on our parsonage. Brother Darden was one Methodist who "supported and upheld his church by his prayers, attendance, gifts, and service" until the day of his departure.

We believe that this great life will be a reminder as to what our Savior can do for, and with, a man. Also, we believe that it shall inspire us to greater acts of service. A copy of this tribute will be handed to Mrs. Darden; a copy will be placed in the official records of our church; and, we request that the *North Carolina Christian Advocate* publish it that others, through the Christian life of O. Whitt Darden, might "believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing, they may have life through his name."

Signed, N. L. Daughtry, Chmn. Official Bd.,  
Goshen Methodist Church; C. W. Wooten,  
Pastor, Goshen Methodist Church.

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# Fourteen Christian Leaders Interpret Their Japan

(Editor's Note: A group of fourteen Japanese Christian leaders—pastors, college professors, and directors of service institutes—most of them educated in the U. S. A. or in Europe, recently addressed an open letter to "Dear Brothers in Christ"—their Christian comrades in America. In it, they endeavored to explain the recent demonstrations that have been interpreted as "anti-American." The text follows:)

We, the undersigned Christians, all have traveled abroad as students or in some other capacity. Because we feel a great responsibility to interpret recent events in Japan to our Christian brethren in other lands, we want you to know how these events have come to pass and to understand conditions which must seem very strange to you.

We in Japan have just passed a critical point in post-war development. The tension still remains, but with the automatic approval of the new Mutual Security Pact with the U.S.A. on June 19 (June 20 in America), it has been temporarily reduced. Basic problems underlying recent events have not been resolved and the tensions which afflict our nation will remain for some time to come.

Immediately let us say that these demonstrations, about which you have read, have been participated in by all kinds of people and all strata of society. We know that extremist elements, both left and right, have been active and have sought to use the social unrest for their own ends. They have sought to create a picture of anti-Americanism by attacking Mr. Hagerty's car and by the use of violence at the Diet building and the Prime Minister's residences. This picture falsifies the real nature of these demonstrations.

Popular protests were not primarily directed against America. Behind the general movement to oppose the Mutual Security Pact many complex psychological factors are at work. Fire raids and atomic bombs terrorized the childhood of those who are the young adults of today. This fear of being bombed still lives. Fear of nuclear destruction makes mothers and sons quake at the threat of rearmament and possible military draft. This fear is then compounded by indications of resurgent militarism and fascist groups. Disappointment over the failure of the Summit Conference, distrust aroused by the U-2 incident and the resultant heightening of international tension made the Japanese people very anxious about the possibility of being involved in a nuclear war which they do not want. Such anxieties and fears readily turned into opposition to the proposed treaty, which was looked upon as a limitation of Japanese independence, and resulted in antagonism against the stratagems of Prime Minister Kishi and his party.

Thus popular protests have been directed against the haughty and disdainful Kishi government which, while conforming in the main to democratic protocol, has reminded us of all that is obnoxious in Japanese bureaucracy and, by its attitudes and actions, called up widespread fears of militarism and the police state. We Japanese, by bitter experience, are inclined to

fear the fascist threat to democracy more than that of the communists. Since childhood we have been drilled in suspicion of Russia and communism; but the childhood days of many of us also were blighted by a war brought upon us by fascism and the police state mentality. Parents sometimes still elicit good behavior from children by threatening to call the dreaded police if they don't behave. We instinctively tend to distrust police as a form of rightist power.

The opposition movement to the Revised Mutual Security Pact largely seemed to have slackened by May 19 when the government party chose to close discussion on the bill. People believed that this action was taken in order that the pact would be ready for signature 30 days later when President Eisenhower was scheduled to arrive in Japan.

The government party sought to extend the Diet session. The opposition socialist party, which wished the Diet dissolved so the will of the people on the treaty could be expressed in new elections, were angered. Outnumbered in the Diet, they seated themselves before the speaker's door so that he could not reach the Diet chamber. The government called in 300 police, who removed the socialists bodily and cleared a path. Within 25 minutes the majority party had both extended the session and ratified the security treaty (an item not even on the agenda). This was done in total absence of the socialist representatives, who had boycotted the session.

Some Japanese favor the new pact; some are opposed to it. Many do not understand what it involves. But a great many were deeply offended by the Kishi government's maneuvers. Such people saw these maneuvers as unmasking the fundamental anti-democratic attitude of the Kishi government.

From that day on the move to induce resignation of the Kishi government mushroomed. People observed on their TV sets the Prime Minister's insolent refusal to answer opposition questions. His indifference to popular feeling and bureaucratic arrogance antagonized many besides leftists. People felt that such anti-democratic manipulation of democratic processes should not pass without protest. Since protests in the Diet were not being honored, people went into the streets to let their will be known.

This was the turning point. Popular demand for the resignation of the Kishi cabinet soon far exceeded opposition to the security treaty. The communist far left, though not many in number, was exultant at the turn of events and saw its own ends being realized. The Neo-fascists also fed on the popular confusion and sought to incite conflict.

The threat of violence was eminent. Most Japanese and all Christians deplored this trend. All the newspapers and most of the people therefore called for Kishi to step

down before violence occurred. But he refused. Demonstrations consequently became more and more aggressive and violence appeared in some quarters.

Under these conditions Japan did not feel capable of receiving President Eisenhower. The President's visit was intended to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Japanese-American relations. However, after May 19th, the opposition came to believe that Kishi had timed the ratification of the treaty so it could be accomplished on June 19th, the day of Eisenhower's arrival. Thus they believed Kishi intended to use Eisenhower's great popularity in Japan to strengthen his own shaky political position and to gain support for the Security Treaty. Many people objected to this. Even those who did not generally hoped Eisenhower would not come because of the possibility of personal danger from a small number of extremists, left and right.

In the spirit of editorials in many Japanese newspapers, we Christians deeply regret the violence directed against Mr. Hagerty by a small crowd of leftists. Also, we believe that the vast majority of the Japanese people regret deeply that the coming of President Eisenhower to Japan was prevented by these incidents which were totally unexpected.

Many reports of the participation in demonstrations of some students of Christian schools and of Christian pastors and laymen have been published in the West. These people are not communists; nor are they following communist leadership. They did not participate in violence, although several were injured by attacks from rightist groups while standing quietly near the Diet building. Those who participated did so as individuals, not as representatives of their schools or churches. The common bond uniting them with other demonstrators was opposition to war and rearmament, and to what they considered the undemocratic behavior of the government.

While democracy is still very young in Japan and its foundations are not yet secure, we are confident that it will survive assaults from the left as well as the right. We pray that our Christian brethren abroad will give to our country their prayers, their patience and their understanding. We are desperately praying for the guidance of God, the Lord of history, over our nation lest it be thrown into the same type of blind anti-communist despotism which Korea recently experienced. Your understanding will help us the more quickly to stabilize conditions here. The deep sense of Christian fellowship we feel with you abroad and the friendship which we have experienced in your churches, schools and homes, cause us to pray for the time when this friendship will not be subject to possible tension or misunderstanding.

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# CAROLINA BRIEFS

☐ **HOMECOMING DAY** was observed at the Mount Pleasant Methodist Church, Ellerbe Charge, on Sunday, September 25. Rev. Roger E. Garland, minister of the church, brought the message at the 11:00 o'clock hour. After the service, a picnic style lunch was served on the church grounds. In the afternoon a song period took place, directed by Mr. Marvin Key. All members, former members and friends were invited to attend. During the week of October 16 the Ellerbe Methodist Church will hold a fall revival. The preacher will be the Rev. J. V. Early, minister of First Methodist Church, Rockingham.

☐ **FLETCHER'S CHAPEL** Methodist Church will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, September 25. This church has an interesting history, having had its beginning in 1825. It is located on the Fletcher's Chapel Road, Durham, N. C., between Wake Forest highway and Fish Dam Road. The pastor, Rev. A. Morris Williams, will bring the message at the 11:00 o'clock worship service. After the service a picnic dinner will be served on the church grounds. All members, former pastors, friends and relatives are cordially invited.

☐ **GILES CHAPEL CHURCH**, in the High Point District, observed homecoming day and its 127th anniversary September 18 at the 11:00 a.m. service. The pastor, Rev. Bill Payne, preached, and a picnic dinner was enjoyed at noon. In the afternoon a song service was held, and at 7:30 the revival meeting began with the Rev. Nat L. Oliver, pastor of the Ward Street Methodist Church, High Point, as the revival preacher each evening through the week.

☐ **CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH**, East Laurinburg, Rev. B. P. Tyson, pastor, will observe homecoming day and dedicate the new sanctuary at the 11:00 o'clock service, Sunday, October 9. Rev. M. C. Dunn, superintendent of the Fayetteville District, will be the preacher for the occasion. Dinner will be served and a song service will be conducted in the afternoon. All former pastors and other friends are invited to attend.

☐ **HARMONY METHODIST CHURCH**, Concord, of which the Rev. Robert M. Varner is pastor, will observe homecoming services the first Sunday in October. The Rev. P. L. Smith, a former pastor, will preach at the 11:00 o'clock hour, after which dinner will be served picnic style at the church. All former pastors, members and friends of the church are cordially invited to attend. Out-of-town visitors are invited to be guests of the church for dinner.

☐ **FUNERAL SERVICES** for Lt. Jeter Alexander Allred, Jr., who was fatally injured in an airplane crash in Hamilton, Mass., on September 10, were held in Ellerbe Methodist Church, Friday, September 16, conducted by Rev. Roger E. Garland, pastor, assisted by a chaplain from Pope Air Force Base. Burial was in Ellerbe Cemetery with full military honors. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Allred of Ellerbe.

☐ **AT 11:00 O'CLOCK** Sunday, October 9, homecoming services will be observed at Ellis Chapel Church, Bahama Charge. The Rev. Paul Fenelt, pastor of Mt. Sylvan Church, will be the preacher of the morning. Picnic lunch will be shared on the church lot. Members, former pastors and friends of the church are cordially invited.

☐ **THE ASHEVILLE AREA** Training School will be held at Central Methodist Church, October 2-6, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The school will include classes for teachers, parents and other interested persons in three areas: children's work, youth work, and general Christian education. A special course for youth, ages 15 to 23, will also be offered.

☐ **DR. A. PURNELL BAILEY**, of Richmond, Va., last week conducted a spiritual life revival at Centenary Church, New Bern, of which Rev. J. W. Lineberger is pastor. The services ran from Monday, September 19, through Friday, September 23. Services were held at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

☐ **THE FORSYTH COUNTY** Training School for Christian Workers will be held at Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, October 9-13, 7:30-9:30.

☐ **HOMECOMING DAY** for the Mt. Pleasant Church, Winston-Salem District, will be observed October 16, with Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, district superintendent, preaching the sermon. Picnic lunch will be served. The first quarterly conference will be held in connection with the observance. All are invited.

☐ **REV. RALPH TAYLOR**, district superintendent of the High Point District, will be guest speaker at homecoming services at Hickory Grove Church, Charlotte, Sunday, October 9. Dinner and a fellowship period will be enjoyed after the service.

☐ **FRANKLINVILLE METHODIST CHURCH** began a series of revival services Sunday evening, September 18, with the Rev. H. R. Nicholson, pastor of Waynesville Methodist Church, as the visiting preacher.

☐ **GRAY'S CHAPEL CHURCH**, Marion District, began a revival meeting Sunday, Sept. 25, at 7:30, with Rev. Worth Sweet preaching each evening.

☐ **FAITH METHODIST CHURCH**, Gastonia, is engaged in revival services this week with Rev. Calvin Leonard, pastor of Bradley Memorial Church, as visiting preacher. Rev. W. R. Brantley is pastor of Faith.

☐ **REV. WILLIAM C. CLARK**, pastor of Bethel, Thomasville, has completed his educational work and is available for revival meetings if there are those who would like his services. His address is 703 Hardeman St., Thomasville, or phone 4644.

☐ **REV. PHILLIP H. GIBBS**, associate minister of Dilworth Church, Charlotte, delivered the sermon at Wesley Heights Church, September 11, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Walter R. Kelly.

☐ **MR. G. L. "SHINE" GOODSON** of Lincoln was the guest speaker for the Avondale-Henrietta Methodist Men's Club Ladies' Night Supper Meeting at Avondale Methodist Church. The theme of the September meeting was "Stewardship."

☐ **MRS. PIERCE JOHNSON**, of Weldon, immediate past president of the North Carolina Conference W.S.C.S., spoke to the women of St. Paul Church, Goldsboro, Monday, September 19. The executive board of St. Paul W.S.C.S. held a luncheon at the Goldsboro Hotel at 12:30 honoring Mrs. Johnson.

☐ **WHITNEL METHODIST CHURCH** observed homecoming September 25, with Dr. J. S. Hiatt, chaplain of Hugh Chatham Hospital at Elkin, bringing the morning message at 11:00 o'clock. A cordial invitation was extended all former pastors and friends to share this event.

☐ **MORRIS CHAPEL**, Winston-Salem District, organized a Methodist Men's Club Saturday night, September 10. The group of around 120 men and women enjoyed a banquet supper at which Dr. Ben Smith of Greensboro presented the charter, and the district superintendent, Dr. Lee Tuttle, installed the officers.

☐ **HOMECOMING** will be observed October 9th at Victory Church in Fayetteville. Brother O. C. Melton, a former pastor, will deliver the sermon at 11:00 o'clock. Dinner will be served at 12:00 noon. All former members and pastors are invited to "come home" for a day of fellowship and worship. Rev. I. J. Strawbridge is the pastor.

☐ **JORDAN MEMORIAL CHURCH**, Ramseur, will have a preaching mission November 13-17 with Rev. W. A. B. Culp of Asheville as visiting minister.

☐ **DR. J. E. CARROLL**, district superintendent of the Statesville District, is to be guest preacher in the Catawba revival, October 9-14. Miss Hunt, director of Bunker Hill Glee Club, will direct the singing. Quarterly conference will be held on Friday night, October 14.

☐ **MR. JAMES L. BRYAN** has assumed his duties as educational assistant at Trinity Church, Wilmington. He is a graduate of Duke University and holds a local preacher's license. He is married and has two children. He and his family now reside in Wilmington.

☐ **REVIVAL SERVICES** are in progress this week at the Advance Methodist Church, with Rev. W. Harold Groce of Ardmore Church, Winston-Salem, preaching each evening. Rev. Fletcher Andrews is pastor at Advance.

☐ **THE REV. S. J. STARNES**, editor of the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, preached at the homecoming service at Stokesdale Methodist Church, Sunday, September 18. The Rev. J. C. Grose, Jr., is pastor.

☐ **MR. ROY TURNAGE**, district lay leader of the New Bern District, was the speaker at the Methodist Men's Club at Beaufort Methodist Church, Thursday, September 22, at the 6:30 supper meeting.



☛ DR. M. LEO RIPPY, former director of Adult Department of the General Board of Education, was the featured speaker at an Older Adult banquet of the Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, Wednesday evening, September 21, at 6:30.

☛ HAY STREET CHURCH, Fayetteville, will observe Family Christian Education Night on September 28, with emphasis on Christian education week. A covered dish supper will be held at 6:45, with all the Methodist public school teachers of the city as special guests. Every family is urged to

☛ TRINITY CHURCH, Kannapolis, is accepting memorial gifts in memory of Mrs. Charles D. White, wife of the pastor, who died September 11. The gifts will be placed in a memorial fund and be used to place chimes in the church tower.

☛ THE REV. R. C. GOFORTH, associate minister of First Church, Hickory, preached at the Granite Falls Church Sunday, September 18.

☛ REV. W. R. STEVENS, pastor of Trinity Church, Wilmington, entered James Walker Memorial Hospital Sunday, September 11, suffering from gall stones.

☛ DR. J. E. GARLINGTON, superintendent of Wilmington District, had his preachers together for an overnight conference at the Good Shepherd Home at Lake Waccamaw on Friday and Saturday, September 16 and 17. The total program of the church for the current year was discussed.

☛ HOMECOMING DAY will be observed at First Methodist Church, Mount Olive, October 9. Former members, pastors and friends are invited.

☛ REVIVAL SERVICES are in progress at the Lowell Methodist Church with the Rev. Frank E. Blalock preaching each evening and the Rev. Reginald E. Cook, pastor of St. Johns Methodist Church, Gastonia, leading the singing. The meeting began Sunday, September 25, and will run through the week.

☛ HOMECOMING was observed at Branson Memorial Church, Durham, on September 25. A former pastor, Rev. E. C. Crawford, preached at the morning service. Following the service a picnic lunch was served in the fellowship hall. Rev. O. V. Elkins is pastor.

☛ THE FORSYTH COUNTY Leadership School will be held October 9-14. Morning sessions will be held at Burkhead Church and evening sessions at Centenary. Rev. Robert V. Martin will serve as director. Courses are planned for workers with all age groups, children, youth, and adults. Morning sessions will run from 9:30 to 11:30; evening sessions from 7:30 to 9:30.

☛ HOPE MILLS CHURCH will observe homecoming October 2, and also begin a revival meeting. Rev. Jack Crum is pastor.

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Prayer will make us leave off sinning,  
or sin will make us leave off praying.  
—Fuller.

## High Point College Has Student-Faculty Assembly

The first student-faculty assembly of the new academic year was held on Wednesday morning in Memorial Auditorium. Dr. Wendell M. Patton, president of the college, addressed the students in the form of a report on improvements at the college made during the summer and on other matters including the proposal of a theme for the future growth and development of High Point College.

Among these were the appointment of a director of guidance and counseling, whose responsibility it will be to assist the students in problems arising out of their work and studies here at the college. This post was one which has been greatly needed on the campus, and the administration is pleased to have found a man well qualified to fill it in the person of Mr. Grady Whicker.

Improvements in the building facilities on the campus include partial renovation of McCulloch Hall, dormitory for men on the campus. Also, Dr. Patton stated that the number one building priority on the campus is the construction of a new men's dormitory. No beginning date for this work has been set, but Dr. Patton stated that he would have more definite information on this project in the next few weeks.

Also in the improvement category is the paving of the existing parking lots on the campus. This in itself is a major improvement to the appearance of the campus as well as facilitating for more parking space on campus.

Other improvements and additions on the campus include work in the cafeteria and the addition of a part-time nurse for the college infirmary. She will assist the regular nurse.

In addition to Dr. Patton's remarks regarding the improvements on campus he also discussed the proposed new theme of the college. The theme of "Education for Leadership" was presented to the student body and is at present under study by the faculty. Although the theme has not officially been adopted by the college, Dr. Patton brought out some of the ideas and working action that would result from the adoption of such a theme.

"Many colleges have this theme as part of their program," said Dr. Patton, "but most of them only give lip service to it." He further stated that "if this theme is adopted by High Point College it must and will be a working through action theme and not just talked about as is true of most colleges."

The need for leadership to promote the moral and ethical standards in this age of scientific advancement has never been greater in the history of the world. Leaders of the future must supply this ability and nowhere can such training through the liberal arts be better accomplished than in the small colleges like High Point College.

Some professions such as teaching and the ministry require definite leadership qualities of its personnel right from the beginning, whereas the sciences and other areas usually delay such qualities in their personnel. However, eventually every man and woman who advances in their chosen

field of work will need leadership qualities.

Suh a program, if adopted by High Point College, would make available to its students as well as to the community of High Point and other surrounding cities an opportunity to better their position in life through leadership in business, home, church, civic groups and elsewhere. If adopted, High Point College will be the first college or university in America to put this program of "Education for Leadership" into action and could lead to making this college one of, if not the, most outstanding institution of higher learning in the south and the nation.

This newly-proposed program of education if approved by the faculty of the college will be presented to the Board of Trustees of the college for approval at its October meeting.

Dr. Patton concluded his address to the student body by asking for their ideas and suggestions on this proposed theme for High Point College.

## Public Welfare Management Course is Being Planned

Raleigh, Sept. 22—A three-day workshop on "Public Welfare Management" will be held in Chapel Hill October 5-7 at the Institute of Government, it was announced today.

Dr. Ellen Winston, Commissioner of Public Welfare, stated that this is the second annual workshop in administrative techniques for superintendents of public welfare. This year's program is under joint sponsorship with the Institute of Government and was planned by Donald Hayman, assistant director of the Institute.

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# EDITORIALS



## THEME FOR THE WEEK

*"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." — I Cor. 13:13.*



Next week's **ADVOCATE** will be a special issue devoted to the program of evangelism. Our space for other items will necessarily be very limited. We trust all will understand and be considerate.

## World-wide Communion

Methodists throughout the world will join with fellow Christians of all lands in the observance of World-wide Communion Sunday, October 2.

Offerings received at these services are directed by Methodists to a three-pronged ministry under the church's "Fellowship of Suffering and Service."

Included in the concern of Methodists as they pray and give on World-wide Communion Sunday are three agencies, ministering to human need: the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, the Commission on Chaplains, and the Commission on Camp Activities.

MCOR administers money to help those in need where war, floods, famine, earthquakes and other disasters have struck. The Commission on Chaplains works through ministers who serve the armed forces and their families, in hospitals, in correctional institutions, and in industry.

The Commission on Camp Activities is to assist churches near military establishments to provide "home away from home" for military personnel and their families.

Promotion of World-wide Communion Sunday observance is directed by the church's Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, and should be observed by every church. It is a good time to recognize the ties that bind us to our heavenly Father and to His family of believing children everywhere.

## Remember Rally Day

What Rally Day means to the church and its program will depend upon the preparation and emphasis given it within the next few days. It is important that the educational work of the church be understood and appreciated and there is perhaps no better way to do this than to observe Rally Day appropri-

ately, by presenting a program which portrays both the great need and the opportunity for religious growth. The Conference Board of Education stands ready to give any assistance it can in making this one of the most meaningful days in the church calendar. The time is short; the need is urgent; the opportunity is challenging; and the response should be generous.

## Let's Catch up Benevolences

According to an announcement released by Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, treasurer of the Council of World Service and Finance of the Methodist Church, receipts on benevolence and administrative funds for August 1960 are below the same period for 1959. Of the nine items included in the report only two show an increase over last year, those being World Service, up 3.96 percent, and General Advance Specials, up 27.75 percent. The decreases are shown in World Service Specials, One Great Hour of Sharing, Fellowship of Suffering and Service, Methodist Television Ministry, Episcopal Funds, General Administrative Fund Receipts, and Interdenominational Cooperative Fund. Some of the decreases are small, ranging from 2.51 percent up to 16.69 percent. One item not in last year's report is the Chilean and Pacific Basin Relief, which shows a total of \$723,711.65 to date. This may account for the decreases in other claims. However, local churches and annual conferences are urged to give attention to the funds showing decreases at the close of the first quarter. We should avoid becoming delinquent in these matters.

## Words of Appreciation

We have received so many, many words of encouragement concerning the **Christian Advocate**, its content, its make-up, and its spirit, that we are unable to answer all of them individually. We have no secretary to attend to our correspondence, or to attend to other matters that require time and energy. So when our time is required in writing editorials, editing all the various news items, looking after other matters in connection with our responsibilities, as well as preaching somewhere every Sunday, the hours and days slip by and much correspondence is left undone. We take this method of expressing our gratitude for the words of appreciation that have come from so many sources and individuals since we became con-

nected here. These kind words have indeed brought encouragement and challenge to us, and it is our purpose to continue to produce the best **Advocate** possible. Please continue to give us your prayers and support. For your kind words we send you herewith our sincere thanks.

## Advocate Campaign Begins To Produce Results

Subscriptions are already coming into the **Advocate** office in goodly numbers from several churches, and will be credited to the sending church on its quota in the current campaign. A few examples are First Church, Wilson, with 245; Raeford, with 198; Rose Hill, with 186; Morehead City, with 129; Bethlehem in Union County, with 61; Biscoe, with 22; Williamston, with 13; Richfield Charge, with 16; and quite a large number with smaller amounts, to be added to later. This is the kind of support that will insure a better **Advocate**. We have sent letters to the pastors and earnestly solicit a 100% response. There is no doubt but that we can have 30,000 subscriptions if our ministers and laymen will put real effort into this campaign. It runs through November 30, but the sooner it is done the better. All together for the greatest **Advocate** campaign ever!

## Facing the Same Problems

We have just read an editorial in one of our esteemed Methodist exchanges in which the editor is wrestling with the same problems we experience here, namely, the deadline for news items, and the cost of using so many pictures. We desire to print the news while it is news, but sometimes items are sent to us on Monday or Tuesday with the request that they be included in that week's issue. News items must be in hand not later than Friday morning of the preceding week if they are to appear the next week, for the simple reason that the paper goes to press early Monday morning in order to get it printed, folded, and mailed by Wednesday evening. The forms must be closed Friday. As to sending pictures, we like to run pictures, but it costs us \$3.00 to have the cut made. We have no hard and fast rule, but we do appreciate those who send the price of making the picture. We have no funds set aside for this and it puts us in the "red" to have to bear these expenses. The church paper to which we referred above does make a set charge for using "cuts" to take care of having them engraved. We will appreciate the consideration of our constituency in both of these matters.



## Bishop Harmon to Dedicate Mocks Church

Mocks Methodist Church, in northeast Davie County, will dedicate its new \$100,000 building on Sunday, October 2, with Bishop Nolan B. Harmon preaching the sermon at 11:00 a.m.



This 204-member congregation began building in 1958 with very little cash and a lot of donated labor. This labor, each Tuesday and Thursday night, and all day Saturday, continued for 26 months, and on Easter Sunday morning of this year, the first worship service was held in the completed, completely paid for, building. A fairly accurate record of donated labor was kept, and over 30,000 man hours of actual construction was donated. One man, Charlie Allen, who directed the project, personally recorded just over 3,000 hours alone. As many as 35 persons would be at work many times, and of course, as few as four or five showed up on some cold or stormy nights.

The new building contains a 400-seat main sanctuary, a basement assembly for 225 persons, 12 classrooms, two utility rooms, and rest rooms. Two more spaces were left unfinished for future use.

Constructed of sand-blasted brick, the church building has white plastered walls, cork tile in the sanctuary, vinyl tile on the other floors, and acoustical tile on all ceilings. It was furnished by Southern Desk with honey-blond oak furnishings. The altar rail and choir enclosure were built by Mr. Allen. It contains a new Hammond Organ.

All but \$6,100 (gifts of Duke and mission boards) was raised by the membership. The ladies of the church accounted for a good amount by sales, suppers, etc.

The Rev. J. B. Fitzgerald was pastor at the beginning of the project. He has since retired. Fletcher Andrews became pastor in June, 1959.

## Complete Plans For World Day of Prayer

New York, N. Y., Sept. 7—Plans for a major world-wide observance of the World Day of Prayer were finalized here recently by a group of leading Protestant church women.

In an all-day meeting at the Interchurch Center, 475 Riverside Drive, the "Committee of 75" of United Church Women also met the 15 organizing secretaries of its Prayer Fellowship teams here and overseas.

The teams will be at work in February in Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia, Hong Kong, Zurich, Switzerland, Lima, Peru, and Madras, India, prior to the 75th anniversary of the World Day of Prayer, February 17, 1961.

Plans were discussed at the meeting for the 32 Prayer Fellowships to be held in this country and Canada next January and February. The World Day of Prayer is observed by church women around the world from sun-up to sun-down beginning at the International Date Line. The day, however, becomes year-long in its resulting activities.

Mrs. Paul Moser, chairman of the anniversary program, explained that this will be the first time that groups of church women in designated areas here and overseas will meet simultaneously before the Day to study the relevance of prayer to world problems and to propose concerted efforts which women can undertake toward their solution.

"Church women are very conscious of the responsibility which women shoulder today for raising our ethical and moral standards," she declared. "Convinced of the power of prayer, church women have increasingly come to support the World Day of Prayer." She added that it is hoped to double the number of worship services, the number of those attending and the offering on the 75th anniversary.

## Religious Emphasis Week At Louisburg College

Religious Emphasis Week on the Louisburg College campus is being observed, according to Dr. Gunter Sommer, director of religious activities.

The Reverend Henry G. Ruark, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Louisburg, was the speaker. Using as a general theme, "A Christian Grammar," he developed sub-topics on "Noun and Adjective," "The Verb To Be," "The Active Voice," and "Present Perfect."

The meeting began on Tuesday evening, September 27, and ran through Friday evening, September 30, with sessions from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. each evening and from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesday and Friday.

Officers of the various religious organizations on the campus cooperated in the planning. These groups include the Methodist Student Fellowship, the Baptist Student Fellowship, the Canterbury Club, the Friendship Circle and the YM-YWCA.

A member of the North Carolina Conference, Mr. Ruark has served pastorates at Princeton, Tarboro, Red Springs, University Church in Chapel Hill, Weldon and Laurinburg. He is a member of the Louisburg College Board of Trustees. Widely known as a writer, he writes the Sunday Sermon for the *Greensboro Daily News* and is a contributor to the *Christian Century* and other periodicals.

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As Son of God, He knew the Father perfectly. As Son of man, He revealed the Father perfectly.—Bishop Westcott.

## Old Mount Tirzah Begins Sunday School

For the first time in about twenty-five years the old Mt. Tirzah Methodist Church conducted Sunday school. On the second Sunday in August of this year the above group was present for the opening of the Sunday school which had been closed for so many years.



The Mt. Tirzah Church is on the Mt. Tirzah Charge in the Durham District (in Person County). A recent religious survey revealed that about ninety persons in the community were interested in a Sunday school. The church was recently completely renovated. It now has a new hardwood floor, new ceiling, electric lights, and gas heat. The Sunday school classes presently are having to meet in the separate corners of the sanctuary. They hope soon either to erect partitions in the sanctuary or to construct some rooms to the back of the church building.

Those active in the new Sunday school are Mrs. Penn Noell, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tillett, Mrs. Elizabeth Howard, Misses Marie Howard, Willie Louise Noell, and Pamy Reade.

The Sunday school meets each Sunday morning at 9:00 o'clock and worship service is each second Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

## Pension Board Re-elects Bishop Reed President

The Board of Pensions, meeting in Chicago September 14, elected officers for the quadrennium, chose six members-at-large, and heard reports that funds administered by the board have increased by more than six million dollars during the past fiscal year. Bishop Marshall R. Reed, Detroit, was re-elected president of the 27-member board. Other officials, all re-elected for four-year terms, include the Rev. Dr. Harry V. Rankin, Tyler, Texas, vice-president; Edward A. Smith, Detroit, recording secretary; the Rev. Dr. Charles L. Calkins, of Chicago, general secretary; Vernon A. Sladek, Chicago, administrative assistant; and Donald R. McKee, Chicago, treasurer. Dr. Calkins said that funds administered by the board now total \$65,688,442, and that 52 annual conferences are now participating in some part of the Ministers' Reserve Pension Fund. The Detroit Conference is the first to move directly into the full transition program of the MRPF.



# Interesting Methodist Matters

Two more ministers have been appointed to churches left without a senior pastor by the summer elections to the episcopacy. The Rev. Dr. Winston Trever comes from First Church, Fullerton, Calif., to Mt. Lebanon Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., where Bishop W. Ralph Ward, Jr., now of Syracuse, N. Y., ministered. Successor to Bishop Paul Hardin of the Columbia (S. C.) Area in the pastorate of First Church, Birmingham, Ala., is the Rev. Dr. Denson R. Franklin of First Church, Gadsden, Ala.

More than 1,100 persons honored Bishop and Mrs. W. Angie Smith at a gala dinner meeting September 9 in Oklahoma City. Purpose of the occasion was to welcome the Smiths back to the area for another quadrennium and to launch a 10-year program of growth and service. Bishop Smith has served 16 years in the Oklahoma-New Mexico Area.

Earl Debord, a native of Iowa, has joined the staff of the Board of Hospitals and Homes, Chicago, after eight years service as assistant administrator of an Austin, Texas hospital and several years in Minnesota hospital posts. He will work on matters connected with the Harry R. Kendall Hospital and Home Fund and in the board's advisory services to hospitals and homes for older persons.

Arthur R. Farey, director of public relations at the College of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif., since 1946, has been selected as director of public relations and promotion for the San Francisco Area. Farey succeeds Winston H. Taylor, who had the San Francisco position since 1953 and is now associate secretary of Methodist Information and director of its Washington, D. C. office.

The Rev. Henry Koestline, minister of education at Pasadena Community Church, St. Petersburg, Fla., has been named director of public relations for Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn. He was for seven years managing editor of *Motive* magazine before going to the Florida church in 1957.

Three new members of the University Senate are President Willis M. Tate of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.; Dr. Charles F. Marsh, president of Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C.; and Dr. Stanley H. Martin, president of West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon.

Four new members of the Curriculum Committee, elected recently in Cincinnati, are the Rev. Dr. James C. Hares, Dallas, Texas; the Rev. Clifford C. Knight, Des Moines, Iowa; the Rev. Dr. William F. Case, Kansas City, Mo.; and the Rev. Dr. Lester Rumble, Atlanta, Ga.

George B. McKibbin, prominent Methodist layman who had served since 1952 as recording secretary of the Council on World Service and Finance, died Sept. 14 in his Chicago Loop law office following a heart attack.

The Rev. Wilbur Korfhage, Minneapolis,

for five years administrative director of the United Temperance Movement of Minnesota, has resigned to serve as field representative for the California Council on Alcohol Problems.

Bishop Sante Umberto Barbieri of Buenos Aires spok at a recent ecumenical service for Olympic Protestant athletes and their friends in Rome.

## SO THEY SAY . . .

The Christian doctrine of the Trinity does not mean that there are three separate individuals sitting side by side on three thrones. That would be too much like a committee, and we may be thankful the universe was not put together by a committee. — PROF. KENNETH J. FOREMAN of Louisville (Ky.) Presbyterian Theological Seminary, at a Southern States Faculty Conference, Lake Junaluska, N. C.



## Lest We Forget

By LOUISE STAHL

### II. Joseph Pilmoor

The first real Methodist sermon ever preached in North Carolina was by Joseph Pilmoor. It was at Currituck Courthouse in 1772.

Pilmoor and Richard Boardman were the first missionaries sent from England by John Wesley. That was in 1769. Soon after arriving Pilmoor secured St. George's Church in Philadelphia, now the oldest in America.

On his southward trip he preached in an Anglican chapel at Coinjock, for the Methodists were Anglicans then. In Currituck County he was entertained by Colonel Hallowell Williams, member of the Congress held at Halifax in 1776 and an active and devoted Methodist.

Colonel Williams traveled with Pilmoor to the Narrows Chapel, where on September 29, 1772, the latter preached to "poor, ignorant people who were greatly affected." One old man offered money and insisted that it be accepted by the preacher, who had at first declined the gift.

Pilmoor went through that whole area and to New Bern, where he was entertained at Christinas by Mr. William Ward. There he stayed a week and went to Wilmington and on to Charlotte. Along the way he was entertained by a Mr. Collier near Wilmington, a Mr. Morgatroyed near Philadelphia, a Mr. William Hill, and one or two others from the Methodist society in Philadelphia.

So there were Methodists in North Carolina at least a year before a society was formed.

## William B. Thomas Named Pfeiffer Music Director

Misenheimer, N. C.—The former director of choral music at Pfeiffer College for William B. Thomas, has been named director of choral music at Pfeiffer College for the 1960-61 academic year.

Mr. Thomas, who is in his 12th year as Minister of Music at Charlotte's First Methodist Church, will serve the college on a part-time basis, commuting the forty-mile distance on Monday and Wednesday. He will direct the Pfeiffer male chorus and concert choir.

He has sung with the Charlotte Opera Association as lead tenor for ten seasons, and is past president of and soloist with the Charlotte Oratorio Singers.

Mr. Thomas received his musical education at the University of North Carolina and Westminster Choir School.

Pfeiffer's president, Dr. J. Lem Stokes, II, said, "We at Pfeiffer delight to have an individual with Mr. Thomas' ability and outstanding musical background join our faculty. His appointment is evidence of Pfeiffer's continuing interest in developing high standards of excellence in all phases of the college's program."

## Bishop and Mrs. Kennedy on Trip to Europe

Los Angeles, September 7—Methodist Bishop Gerald Kenedy and Mrs. Kennedy flew to Frankfurt, Germany on September 12 to begin a six-week vacation-work trip in Europe.

The Los Angeles clergyman, president of the Methodist Councils of Bishops, will represent American Methodists at the Southern European Central Conference in Linz, Austria, October 11-16. Bishop Kennedy will preside and speak.

His schedule also will include visits to chaplains in Germany and Spain, dedication of a Methodist center in London, and a visit to the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean.

## National Council Names Director Town and Country

New York, Sept. 20—Dr. Henry A. McCanna of Kansas City, Kansas, has been named executive director of the Department of Town and Country of the National Council of Churches.

Announcement of Dr. McCanna's appointment, effective October 1, was made by Dr. Roy G. Ross, National Council general secretary. He succeeds the Rev. Dr. Richard O. Comfort, who is now secretary for Village Church Community Services of Agricultural Missions, Inc., a cooperating agency of the National Council.

Dr. McCanna comes to the Council from the faculty of Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Kansas, where he was professor of Social Ethics and Town-Country Church Leadership Training.

In his new post, Dr. McCanna will head a program which coordinates the work of twenty-one denominational rural church departments.



## Dr. Luther L. Gobbel On Travel Seminar

Dr. Luther L. Gobbel, president of Lambuth College, has been selected to be one of twelve Methodist college presidents to accompany Dr. Ralph W. Decker of the administrative staff of the General Board of Education on an educational mission to Russia, Germany, and other eastern and western European countries. The party will fly from New York on September 29.

This is to be a travel study seminar designed to bring a limited number of American educators into direct contact with the educational leaders' and developments in both eastern and western Europe.

The Lambuth board of trustees, at a recent meeting, approved the inclusion of Dr. Gobbel in this travel-study seminar and noted that the college has been significantly honored by the selection of its president.

Dr. Gobbel, president of Lambuth College since 1952, was president of Greensboro College from 1935 to 1952, and for fourteen years prior to that was executive secretary of the Board of Education of the North Carolina Methodist Conference, with headquarters at Duke University.

The itinerary has been planned to include major university centers and to allow first-hand observation of schools, colleges, theological seminaries, and universities. Day-long seminars with distinguished persons in the field of education are planned for Leningrad, Moscow, Prague, Frankfurt, Rome, Paris, Oxford, and Bath. Shorter interviews with leaders in the field of religion, culture, and politics will be arranged wherever possible. Emphasis will be placed on those localities associated with Methodist and other church history.

Dr. Gobbel's trip will begin in Washington, D. C., where on September 27 and 28 there will be briefing sessions planned by representatives of the Office of Private Co-operation, U.S.A., the Office of Cultural Exchange, Department of State, and the School of International Service of American University. Then next day in New York there will be a special briefing session on Russia and Eastern Europe provided by the Governmental Affairs Institute at the Information Center for American Travelers to the Soviet Union. These briefing sessions will attempt to give the latest information on the European situation and guidance on what to look for in each of the countries to be visited.

The itinerary includes brief stops in Copenhagen, Denmark, and Helsinki, Finland, followed by ten days in Leningrad, Kiev, and Moscow. Then after a day or two in Prague, Czechoslovakia, the group will have four days in Berlin and Frankfurt, Germany, three days in Rome, and a day or two each in Geneva, Paris, London, Cambridge, Oxford, Bath, Bristol, Edinburgh, and Glasgow.

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"Religion consists not so much in joyous feelings as in constant devotedness to God and laying ourselves out for the good of others."

## Peace Methodist Church Revival and Homecoming

Peace Methodist Church will observe homecoming October 2, preceded by a week of revival, followed by the dedication of an electric organ and a seven-ton air-conditioner, a brief session of the Quarterly Conference, and a period of fellowship with dinner on the grounds.

Revival services began Sunday evening, September 25, at 7:30, with the Reverend Ed Dunn, of Hallsboro, doing the preaching and the Reverend Wilford D. Wise, pastor, leading the singing. Services continue through Friday, September 30. On Sunday, October 2, homecoming will be observed. The district superintendent of the Wilmington District, Dr. J. E. Garlington, will be present to lead a service of dedication and to preside over a brief session of the Quarterly Conference. The organ was presented to the church by Mrs. Frances Sessions and Mrs. Elvira Baldwin, and the air-conditioner was a gift of Mr. Seymore High.

Following the benediction, dinner will be served on the grounds. Former pastors, former members and friends of the church are invited to join with the membership in this celebration.

## Adult Council Helps Plan Educational Program

*The Adult Council at Work*, an informative leaflet describing the organization and function of an adult council in local Methodist churches, is just off the press.

The adult council is composed of adult division leaders and representatives of church commissions and adult groups. Its major purpose is to plan and co-ordinate a broad program of Christian education for all adults within the total activity of the church.

The leaflet is available from the Department of Christian Education of Adults, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

## New Booklet on Work With Adults

Of interest to all who work with adults in local churches is a new booklet, *Adults Through the Middle Years*.

Included in the content are ideas on how to start adult study groups, a list of study units offered by the Methodist Church, and suggestions for group activities in various fields of Christian living. Listed are resource books, films and leaflets useful in starting and continuing a good program for adults.

The booklet may be secured from the Department of Christian Education of Adults, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn.

## WNC Town and Country Commission Meets

The Town and Country Commission of the Western North Carolina Conference held its annual planning session in the Conference Room of the Methodist Building, Statesville, N. C., Tuesday, September 13th. Forty-five members were present. The meeting, presided over by the chair-

man, Rev. E. H. Lowman, was devoted to evaluating the work being done by the Commission and to discussing goals for the quadrennium. Five major objectives were suggested by the group: The Town and Country Commission should (1) seek to develop a deeper understanding of the purpose and mission of the church; (2) develop strong pastoral charges; (3) explore ways of implementing the circuit program in the Methodist Church; (4) study ways of discovering and using lay leadership in the local church; and (5) to adopt certain specific projects as the need arises. The entire commission is to be divided into five committees to study each of these goals and to bring specific suggestions to the Commission at its next meeting. During the lunch hour the district directors met with Professor M. W. Nesbitt of the Duke Divinity School to discuss with him ways in which they could serve as contact persons in assisting charges in securing Duke Divinity School students to help in the summer program.

## Jurisdiction Implements Education Fund Plan

The Southeastern Jurisdictional Council, at a recent meeting in Atlanta, Ga., elected a committee to implement the "one per cent plan" for its ministerial education fund. Bishop Paul N. Garber of Richmond, Va., is chairman of the committee. The appeal will be for each church in the jurisdiction to contribute to the fund an annual amount equal to one per cent of its operational budget, starting with the 1961-62 conference year. Half of the money will go to the Duke and Emory University theological schools. The other half will be held within each annual conference to be administered as scholarships or grants-in-aid for ministerial students.

## Mrs. Wilkinson to Teach at Wesleyan Methodist

*Rocky Mount*—Officials of North Carolina Wesleyan College announce the appointment of Mrs. Eleanor Rankin Wilkinson as assistant professor of mathematics.

A native North Carolinian, she was bred on college math for her father is Dr. W. W. Rankin, mathematics professor at Duke University for many years.

Mrs. Wilkinson was graduated from Duke University with Phi Beta Kappa honors. She completed a Master of Arts program at the University of North Carolina in 1948.

She taught college math at North Carolina State College for two years and at the University of Maryland for three and a half years. She has worked as a mathematician two years with the Naval Ordnance Lab and Johns Hopkins Institute for Cooperative Research.

While teaching at Maryland she met and married Robert W. Wilkinson, engineering student. They have two children, aged 3 and 8.

The Wilkinsons are active members of the Methodist church in Baltimore. They have moved to Rocky Mount and are making their home on Timberlane Road.



## Mountain Grove to Observe Centennial October 9th

The Mountain Grove Methodist Church of the Table Rock Charge will observe its centennial anniversary on Sunday, October 9, 1960. An inspiring program is planned for this great occasion in the life of the church, the people, and the community. Bishop Nolan B. Harmon will preach the anniversary sermon at the 11:00 o'clock service of worship, and the choir from the First Methodist Church in Valdese will conduct the musical program at the afternoon service. A picnic lunch will be shared during the noon hour.

All of the former pastors and friends of the church are cordially invited to be present at this time, and help make this a great and memorable day.

## Hill's Chapel to Observe Its First Centennial

On Sunday, September 25th, Hills Chapel Methodist Church in Lowesville, N. C. observed its first centennial. Bishop Nolan B. Harmon preached at the 11:00 o'clock worship service.

The history of the church was read during the church school hour by Mr. Ralph Edwards, the church historian.

The traditional picnic dinner was held following the worship hour. Some of the former pastors and friends of the church shared in the activities.

In the evening, Rev. Carlton Alspaugh began a series of services for the spiritual enrichment of the congregation, and a spirit of revival was sought for all who attended. These services continued through Friday night.

Hill's Chapel is in its third year as a station church. It now has a membership of 190. It was one of the six charges moved into the Charlotte District at the last Annual Conference. W. E. Fitzgerald is the pastor.

## Lay Activities Board Picks Florida Leader

R. Howard Berg, Melbourne, Fla., was elected president of the Board of Lay Activities as it organized for the new quadrennium in Evanston, Ill., September 12-13. He succeeds Ray H. Nichols, Vernon, Texas, newspaper publisher. Berg, who is lay leader of the Florida Conference, will be presiding officer of the 41-man board which supervises the church's program of lay activities, including its department of stewardship and finance and the cultivation of some 13,500 chartered clubs of Methodist Men throughout the world. Dr. Robert G. Mayfield was re-elected general secretary of the board, which maintains headquarters in Chicago. Other officers elected included H. Owen DeWeese, Elwood, Ind., vice-president; William C. Patten, Albuquerque, N. M., recording secretary; and W. Rolfe Brown, Chicago, treasurer. Among several goals adopted by the board are a million members of Methodist Men in 15,000 clubs by 1964, a 25 per cent increase in the number of tithers in each local church and an increase of not less than 10 per cent in per capita giving for all purposes.

## Emory Expecting Its Largest Enrollment

Emory University's fall enrollment was expected to reach or pass last year's record-breaking 4,000 mark when registration opened Wednesday, September 21. About 2,000 of these are in the College of Arts and Sciences.

College board examination scores and high school grades of freshmen entering the college are higher than those of any previous class, according to Admissions Director L. L. Clegg.

There were 400 freshman men and 250 women in contrast to the near 50-50 split of last year's entering class. An orientation program for freshmen ran September 15-26, and classes began Tuesday, September 27.

President S. Walter Martin will speak at the opening convocation service for all students on Wednesday, October 5, at 10 a.m. in Glenn Memorial Auditorium.

## Helena and Mount Zion Begin Night Services

The Helena and Mount Zion Methodist Churches on the Mount Tirzah Charge in the Durham District have both recently started having night services twice a month. Their regular morning services are still at 11:00 o'clock twice a month. This gives these two churches out in the country a worship service each Sunday. The attendance at these night services is gratifying. The Helena Church has an average of around sixty, and the Mt. Zion Church around one hundred and sixty.

## New Salemburg Church to Observe Harvest Day

The Salemburg Methodist Church will observe Harvest Sunday on October 2. All friends of this new church are cordially invited to come for the programs of the day and spread a picnic lunch with members of the church.

The Reverend Thomas A. Collins, president of North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, will preach at the 11:00 o'clock service. Mr. Collins was instrumental in the organization and the erection of the Salemburg Church.

The Reverend Clyde S. Boggs, pastor of First Church, Clinton, will speak after the lunch hour. His topic will be on the 1960 European Caravan. The Rev. and Mrs. Boggs were counselors for the Caravan.

## Dr. Goodrich Chosen by South Central

The Rev. Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., pastor of First Church, Dallas, Texas, was elected chairman of the South Central Jurisdictional Council at its meeting in Oklahoma City September 13. He succeeds Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, new head of the Louisiana Area. Other officers include the Rev. Dr. W. E. Trice, Baton Rouge, La., vice-chairman; the Rev. Dr. Alva H. Clark, Omaha, Nebraska, secretary; and T. Russell Reitz, Manhattan, Kansas, treasurer.

## Religious Art Display At Pfeiffer College

Misenheimer, N. C.—Patrons of the arts are invited to share with Pfeiffer College students and faculty in viewing between Sunday, September 18, and early October one of America's finest collections of original contemporary religious art. This is the first exhibition in the 1960-61 Pfeiffer series.

This exhibition includes "The Windows" by the internationally recognized artist, George Grosz, and "Lazarus Come Forth" by Andre Racz which won first place in international competition in 1956. Twenty-two pieces are in the display known as the *Motive* magazine traveling collection.

Dr. Daniel G. Leidig, chairman of the college's Division of Fine Arts, has extended an invitation to the public to visit the exhibition which is located in the student center in the college administration building. It will be open week days from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

## Commission Launches Hymnal Revision

The Commission on Worship has tackled the heavy assignment of revising the 695-page Methodist Hymnal. Meeting in Chicago September 12-14, the commission elected officers and organized three subcommittees, which immediately set to work. Bishop Edwin E. Voigt of Springfield, Ill., was re-elected chairman, and Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, Charlotte, N. C., was named vice-chairman. The Rev. Dr. Paul Burt, Urbana, Ill., was re-elected secretary. The present hymnal, issued in 1935, was a revision of one published in 1905. Bishop Harmon heads the committee on texts of hymns. Dr. Austin C. Lovelace, minister of music in First Church, Evanston, Ill., heads the committee on tunes, and the Rev. Will M. Hilderbrand, Pasadena (Calif.) district superintendent, is chairman of the committee on ritual and readings.

## 150 Attend Briefing on Christian Social Concerns

Lake Junaluska, N. C. — Briefing on Christian social concerns for some 150 regional leaders of the Methodist Church in southeastern states was held here Sept. 13-15.

The sessions, concerned with temperance, world peace, disarmament, integration, and the aging, were sponsored by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Committee on Christian Social Concerns and southeastern representatives of the church's Central (Negro) Jurisdiction, along with the denomination's General Board of Christian Social Concerns.

The talks, discussions, and workshops were related to both regional and local church activity. The meeting at the Methodist Summer Assembly here was one of five such regional conferences across the nation this fall.



## Directory of Services for Mentally Retarded Children

By North Carolina Conference for Social Service

In response to a real need, the North Carolina Conference for Social Service has just released a Directory of Services and Facilities in North Carolina for Mentally Retarded Children.

This directory gives pertinent information regarding the state departments administering services for these children, the diagnostic centers, state schools for the mentally retarded, day care centers, private boarding homes, and private residential schools. There is a short section on public school classes for mentally retarded children and then a listing of state and national organizations which are sources of information regarding the mentally retarded.

The director is available, upon request, free of charge. Requests should be addressed to Mrs. Tom Grier, executive secretary, North Carolina Conference for Social Service, P. O. Box 532, Raleigh, North Carolina.

## International Honor Comes to Methodist Layman

Washington, D. C.—For his early leadership in the space race, new international honor has come to a Washington Methodist layman, Dr. Hugh L. Dryden, deputy administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

On October 19 he will receive the Elliott Cresson medal of the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, one of 23 scientists from several countries so honored.

Dr. Dryden, a long-time local preacher and member of Calvary Methodist Church here, was cited for his "personal contribution to the design and development of the world's first automatic radar homing guided missile." This was the "Robin," a glide-controlled bomb which made its first successful flight in 1942.

## Holiday Worship Services Available

The General Board of Education is making available two worship services especially for use during the holiday season. The artist for *Christmas Worship in the Home* is Fessler Ormsby of Abingdon Press. This service has been written by Mr. and Mrs. Arden W. Tiley.

*Thanksgiving Worship in the Home* appears in a four-color format this year using the well known picture of the First Thanksgiving which hangs in Independence Hall in Philadelphia. It was painted by J. L. G. Ferris. This service was prepared by Dr. and Mrs. John Johannaber of Scarritt College.

It is hoped that the use of these special worship services will encourage families to begin regular daily family worship.

The quadrennial emphasis on the family scheduled for 1962 will also stress the importance of family worship.

Price, \$2.00 per 100, 30 cents per dozen. Order from Service Department, Board of Education of the Methodist Church, Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee.

## 21 Young People Join Home Mission Staffs

The professional staff of several Methodist home mission projects throughout the United States will be strengthened this fall by the addition to their ranks of twenty-one young persons, who are giving two years to home missionary service.

The eighteen women and three men comprise the 1960 group of "United States-2 Years." They will be serving in community centers, mission schools, children's homes and rural parishes in all parts of the United States and in Puerto Rico. Most are beginning their special-term missionary service this month (September).

The US-2's will do various types of work, depending on the project to which they are assigned. Among the vocational fields are social work, teaching, Christian education, counseling, strengthening rural church programs, and working with children and youth.

For six weeks during the summer, the US-2's studied at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., in preparation for missionary service. They were trained in basic Christian beliefs, working with groups, Christian education, and arts and crafts. The director of the training program was Miss Ruth Ann Smith, a Methodist deaconess.

The new home missionaries represent sixteen states—Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Vermont, and Wisconsin. All will serve under the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Board of Missions.

## Alabama Minister Transferred to Africa

Nashville, Tenn.—The Rev. Robert E. Hughes, an Alabama Methodist minister who was jailed for four days when he refused to name informants for material he gave for articles about the racial situation in the south, has been transferred to the Southern Rhodesia Methodist Conference in Africa, it was reported by *Religious News Service*.

Mr. Hughes has been serving as head of the Alabama Council on Human Relations. He refused to turn over records to a Bessemer, Ala., grand jury, which indicted for criminal libel Harrison Salisbury, a *New York Times* writer who wrote the articles, RNS reported.

The 32-year-old minister was transferred to the Southern Rhodesia Conference by Bishop Bachman G. Hodge, head of the Birmingham Area of the Methodist Church, at the time of the North Alabama Methodist Annual Conference, which met September 6-11 in Birmingham.

According to RNS, Mr. Hughes said in a statement following his release from jail: "As a matter of conscience, as well as legal right, we did not intend to reveal the names of persons who might be injured by such disclosure."

Mr. Hughes is still in this country, according to the office of the Alabama Council on Human Rights, and is now on a two-week vacation.

## New Members Elected to University Senate

Cincinnati—Three new members of the University Senate of the Methodist Church were elected and eight others re-elected by the Methodist Board of Education in a meeting here.

Total membership of the University Senate is 21. Ten of the number were appointed by the Methodist Council of Bishops at the time of the Methodist General Conference, which met April 27 to May 7 in Denver.

The University Senate accredits Methodist educational institutions in the United States.

Elected to four-year terms on the senate by the Board of Education in its meeting here September 6-7 were Dr. Willis M. Tate, president of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas; Dr. Charles F. Marsh, president of Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C.; and Dr. Stanley H. Martin, president of West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, W. Va.

Re-elected for four-year terms were the following college and university presidents: Dr. James P. Brawley, Clark College, Atlanta; Dr. Harold C. Case, Boston University; Dr. Russell J. Humbert, DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind.; Dr. David A. Lockmiller, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio; Dr. William F. Quillian, Jr., Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Va.; Dr. Hubert Searcy, Huntingdon College, Montgomery, Ala.; and Dr. G. Herbert Smith, Willamette University, Salem, Oregon. The other one re-elected was Dr. William P. Tolley, chancellor of Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y.

The Board of Education met at the Sheraton-Gibson Hotel to organize for the Methodist Church's 1960-64 quadrennium.

## Revival Series for Randleman Circuit

The three churches of the Randleman Circuit—New Salem, Level Cross, and Worthville—have begun in earnest their Evangelistic Emphasis for the fall. Each church will participate in the annual fall revival service for each individual church, to be followed in April by a charge-wide revival.

The revival at New Salem began Sunday, September 18, and ran through Friday, September 23. Rev. Lloyd Hunsucker of Bethel Methodist Church in Graham, N. C., was the guest preacher.

The revival at Level Cross will begin Sunday, October 2, and will run through Friday, October 7. Guest preacher will be Rev. Paul Bruton of Pleasant Garden Methodist Church, Pleasant Garden, N. C.

The revival at Worthville will begin on Sunday, October 9, ending Friday, October 14. Rev. Jerry Faulkner of the Trinity-Lemon Springs Charge in Sanford, N. C., will be guest minister.

A prayer room is set up in each church for members to come ahead of time for prayer and meditation. The prayer room is equipped with tape-recorded hymns and beautiful worship centers. There will be special music during the weeks' services.





# Woman's Activities



## Coupon Campaign Continuing

By MARY GARDNER

Money derived from coupons donated to the Methodist Children's Home in Raleigh serves a two-fold purpose: the purchase of needed equipment, and increasing the student benefit fund.

Since the coupon campaign was inaugurated twenty-eight years ago the Home has been able to purchase several pieces of equipment for the kitchen which has lightened the work of the staff and children. Among these are an electric dishwasher, electric cooking equipment, steel tables. Also, from these funds have come some necessary replacements and repairs. The current project is payment of laundry equipment costing \$2,040.00. The amount due on this bill totals \$926.94.

The Student Benefit Fund receives cash from the coupons of Jones Sausage products and other products not advertised by Premium Associates. It serves to meet the immediate needs of students leaving the Home for further education.

Mrs. Gurney P. Hood, chairman of the coupon campaign for the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, in a recent report, revealed coupons collected from Premium Associates advertised products from January 1 through August 31 this year have totaled \$471.18, representing \$221.17 less than collected during the same period last year. The amount collected thus far this year from Jones Sausage is \$53.02, and from miscellaneous coupons, \$86.78—both amounts less than collected during the same period last year.

The coupons redeemable from Premium Associates advertised products include Borden's Milk, Pride of Illinois and Joan of Arc canned produce, Calumet Baking Powder, Austex canned produce, Skinner's raisin wheat, raisin bran, and spaghetti, Luzianne Coffee and Tea, Mrs. Fulbright's Margarine, Octagon Soap and detergent, Bonas and Jet Dog and Cat Foods.

The coupon campaign is a continuing project, and one in which every Methodist woman can participate. An alert coupon chairman in every local WSCS and WSG in the N. C. Conference can be a most valuable asset in collecting redeemable coupons for the Methodist Home for Children. Advertising materials and other information concerning the coupon campaign may be obtained from Mrs. Edward Russell, Methodist Home for Children, Raleigh, N. C. The coupons should also be sent to Mrs. Russell.

*Week of Prayer: Time of Sacrificial Living, Giving*

The annual observance of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial was instituted many

years ago by the Woman's Missionary Council of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South. It was incorporated into the structure of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at its organization twenty years ago. Each year the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial interests are different than in other years, but each year the observance by prayers for these special interests and sacrificial giving to meet their needs are the basic means of the week-long observance—always the last week in October.

The Woman's Division of Christian Service foreign projects chosen for study, prayer, and giving for this year are: ecumenical ventures, audio-visual, and literacy-literature program around the world, and international missionary service. On the home front the recipients will be urban work, Wesley community centers, San Antonio, Texas.

Several ways of observing the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial have been presented. These include observance in WSCS and Wesleyan Service Guild Circles, use of prayer cards, Quiet Day and programs in WSCS and WSG, all day meetings.

All women are not privileged to attend the program meetings and Quiet Day meetings, but every woman can study the needs of the projects and give of her prayers and self-denial offerings.

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## WNC Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

### Literature and Publications

By MRS. ARNOLD KIRK

The whole program of literature and publications is the undergirding strength and groundwork of all our activities in the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. It constantly lifts up the opportunities and avenues for service through the church's missionary interests, and in addition to sustaining the total program of the Woman's work, the knowledge and use of literature is of vital importance to all members.

Among the publications from literature headquarters are small and large pieces of reading matter that disseminate missionary information and stimulate interest, thought and action. There is much material available for growth to every officer and to every line of work, in that through faithful study and use, each officer is more efficient and all lines of work are made stronger.

intelligent planning of our work, and helps to develop society members with real. This is most important and essential to the knowledge and vision.

We are all aware of the need for proper tools in the success of any task—we must have the right tools before we can successfully plan our work and work our plans. Many good and effective tools for service can be found in the vast amount of literature at our disposal.

Today television, radio and movies are all good ways of telling a story or spreading the news, but there is still nothing to equal the printed word . . . The word of a mission may perhaps become mission work in itself.

The secretary of literature and publications in the local society is an indispensable officer. She is active and busy with her work, and through her faithfulness to her task, the materials available are circulated. She contributes in a very great way to the work of the other officers and lines of work, and she can be a good stimulus to the vigor and effectiveness of the whole society. In the words of Mrs. C. C. Long: "The secretaries of Literature and Publications and all who handle literature are really publishers of good news—the good news of our missionary enterprises."

There is so much in our many different publications that it is thrilling and satisfying, and if we will avail ourselves of the good reading that comes regularly from the Woman's Division, it can be a tremendous challenge to our hearts and minds. The effectiveness of literature is dependent upon the use that is made of it, and our work grows in value and extent as we learn more about the mission program of the Methodist Church and participate in it.

(Mrs. Arnold Kirk of Cooleemee is secretary of literature and publications for the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference.)

### Burnsville WSCS Observes Anniversary

The Woman's Society of Higgins Memorial Church in Burnsville observed its 20th anniversary of the organization of the Woman's Society of Christian Service on September 1st by having a special program in the new educational wing of the church.

The program was planned to pay tribute to the founders of the great Methodist society. Mrs. Arthelia Brooks, rural worker for Yancey County, told of her work with one of the founders while she was a student at Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn. Mrs. Garland Wampler gave a devotional message and the entire group participated in a prayer service for all our missionaries.

After the program, a birthday cake with 21 candles on it was presented to the group—one candle for each of the years in the organization—and "one to grow on." Mrs. T. M. Tyner, president, lighted the candles and gave a challenge to the group to recruit more women into membership.

One member said, "If we live up to the purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, then in the twenty-first century people can reminisce about what we did to meet the challenge of today, while the women of the new day restudy their mission and prove their witness, testing it by the same chart and compass we are using now."



## Bishop Garber Speaks at Methodist College Opening

"Let us always have here this characteristic—the ability to dream dreams and see visions," Bishop Paul N. Garber declared as he spoke during the formal opening of Methodist College at Fayetteville.

Bishop Garber, president of the South-eastern Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church and resident bishop of the Richmond Area, addressed approximately 300 students, faculty members and guests at the Student Union building for the historic occasion.

The campus began to assume a college atmosphere with the American flag flying near the Raleigh Road; boys and girls dashing from the classroom building to the Student Union for the opening ceremony, stacks of books under their arms; and the group of dignitaries and guests assembled on the polished Student Union lounge for the first program.



BISHOP GARBEL (l) and TERRY SANFORD

Greetings were extended by Mayor George B. Herndon, who described the college students and faculty as "pioneers," and by Dr. W. H. Plemmons, president of the North Carolina College Conference and of Appalachian State Teachers College, who said, "Methodist College will help to broaden the base for young people in this state."

Terry Sanford, chairman of the Methodist College trustees, said, "What we're going to try to do is to make this synonymous with academic attendance and excellence in the development of the human minds."

Sanford urged the students to not only "shape your own minds, but to make this college what it ought to be."

Invocation was by Dr. Allen P. Brantley, executive director of the Commission on Christian Higher Education, N. C. Methodist Conference; and benediction was by the Rev. J. W. Page, pastor of Hay Street Methodist Church.

Thus Methodist College began regular classes at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday for 87 freshman day students already registered, in addition to over 100 adult class students expected to begin registering Monday night.

## Adult Education Fellowships

Indiana University, Bureau of Studies in Adult Education, announces the availability of fellowships for persons who plan to pursue adult education careers in religious institutions. The fellowships are made possible by a \$25,000 grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc., Indianapolis.

Specifically the grant provides that the fellowships be awarded to responsible, qualified students who: (1) give reasonable assurance that they will pursue professional careers in the field of religious adult education; and (2) propose to complete advanced degrees in adult education at Indiana University. Preference will be given to advanced students studying for the doctor's degree but well-qualified candidates for the master's degree may be appointed. Stipends may vary in amount from \$500 to \$1,500. The first fellowships were awarded in April, 1960, for the 1960-61 school year. Applications are now being accepted for 1961-62.

Since 1948 the Bureau of Studies in Adult Education has been developing and conducting a graduate program in adult education. The program, offered through the Graduate Division of the School of Education, and also the Graduate School of Indiana University, has attracted students from many parts of the country and from other parts of the world. Four graduate degrees are conferred by Indiana University: the Master of Science in Education, and the Doctor of Education, both in the School of Education; the Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy in the Graduate School.

The Bureau of Studies in Adult Education faculty consists of five full-time adult educators who combine graduate teaching with research in adult education and field service to institutions and communities throughout Indiana. The latter areas of the Bureau's work, research and service, are sponsored jointly by Indiana University and Purdue University.

## Two Named to High Government Posts

A man and a woman, both members of Methodist or Methodist-related churches, have been named to Cabinet positions in their respective countries, Korea and Japan. Both are graduates of Methodist universities in the United States.

Mrs. Masa Nakayama, a member of the United Church of Christ of Japan, has been appointed Welfare Minister in the Cabinet of Japanese Prime Minister Hayato Ikeda. Methodism is a part of the United Church.

Dr. Il Hyung Chung, an active leader in the Korean Methodist Church, has been appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs in the new Government of the Second Korean Republic.

Mrs. Nakayama is the first woman to serve as a Cabinet minister in Japan. She is a graduate of Kwassui Girls' High School and Junior College, one of the oldest Meth-

odist-related schools in Japan and one that is supported financially by the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Board of Missions. She is also a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. She has served six terms in the Japanese House of Representatives and been Welfare vice-minister and chief of the women's department of the Liberal-Democratic Party.

Dr. Chung is serving in a Government, whose two chief officers are Christians. Premier John M. Chang is a Roman Catholic, and President Posun Yun is a Presbyterian (though his uncle, Baron T. H. Yun, was one of the founders of the Methodist Church in Korea). Dr. Chung studied at the Methodist Theological Seminary in Seoul and at Ohio Wesleyan, and received the doctor of philosophy degree from Drew University, Madison, N. J., in 1935. He has been active in Korean politics for 25 years, having served in the Lower House of the Korean Assembly. He has always been an active Methodist layman and was a delegate to the General Conference of the Korean Methodist Church, when it met in 1958.

Another Christian layman who holds a high post in the new Second Korean Republic is Dr. George L. Paik, long-time Presbyterian and president of Yonsei University in Seoul, a joint Presbyterian-Methodist institution. Dr. Paik is president of the Upper House of the Assembly.

## Protestant Relief Agency Set Up in Congo

A letter brought by hand from Leopoldville to New York reports the formal organization last week of the Congo Protestant Relief Agency of the Congo Protestant Council. Its chairman, the Rev. Robert D. Bontranger, reports that all Protestant relief coming to the Congo will be channeled through CPRA to avoid confusion and overlapping of relief work.

As its first action, the new agency last week voted to launch two initial projects, Mr. Bontranger said. The first, "Operation Doctor," will involve recruiting 100 doctors for a term of one year or longer without salary although their travel and incidental expenses will be paid. A minimum of two months would be accepted, he said, if the applicant paid his own way.

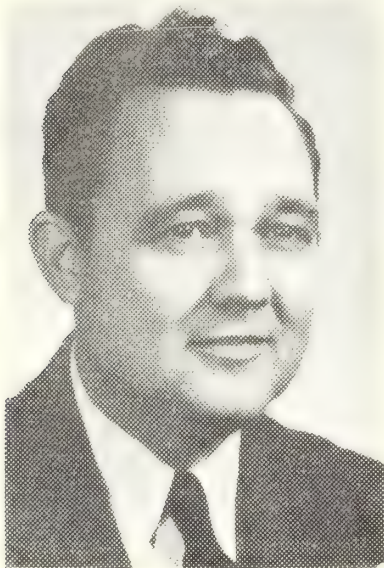
## Rev. Ralph H. Taylor Given Distinct Honor

The *High Point Enterprise* ran a feature article on Rev. Ralph H. Taylor in its Sept. 18 issue. The article was written by Vera Idol, who has been writing a series of such articles for the paper in recent months, and included a likeness of Mr. Taylor, together with an extensive review of his life from infancy to the present time. Interesting information about his family, his education, and his ministry are given. We would like to carry the full article in the *ADVOCATE*, but space forbids. We extend our felicitations to Brother Ralph Taylor and family for the splendid life ministry which has made this write-up possible. Being a newcomer in the community, and to be selected the "man of the week" is no mean distinction.



## Spiritual Life Retreat for Young Adults Oct. 14-15

The Reverend Leon Couch, pastor of St. Paul Methodist Church in Goldsboro, will be the featured speaker for a Methodist Young Adult Spiritual Life Retreat October 14-15. To be held at Camp Chestnut Ridge, south of Effland, the Retreat is open to all North Carolina Conference young adults, including class officers and teachers, ministers and wives, directors of Christian education, lay speakers, and evangelism commission chairmen.



REV. LEON COUCH

The Reverend Mr. Couch is president of the Conference Board of Evangelism, and a frequent teacher and lecturer in Bible Conferences and Leadership Training Schools in the southeast. He has served as pastor at St. Paul Methodist Church, Durham, and came to his present charge from First Methodist Church, Morehead City. A significant aspect of his ministry has been his service to alcoholics.

The Retreat is sponsored by the Young Adult Fellowship of the North Carolina Conference Board of Education. Wilton Ward of Goldsboro is president, and Mrs. W. L. Walton of Raleigh is chairman of the Retreat. Others on the Planning Committee are the Reverend C. F. Heath of Clinton, Conference Director of Evangelism; the Reverend George Tyson of Goldsboro, pastor of Pine Forest Methodist Church; Wallace Parker, Raleigh; and Miss Sylvia Nicks, Long Memorial Methodist Church, Roxboro.

Included on the program will be addresses, prayer groups, opportunity for personal witness, panel-forum of young adults, fellowship singing, and a service of dedication. The general theme of the Retreat will be, "Jesus Christ is Lord."

Cost of the Retreat is \$5.00, payable with registration blank to be secured from any Methodist minister or young adult class president, and sent to the Rev. Harold Minor, Director of Adult Work, Box 6667, College Station, Durham, N. C.

## High Point College Has Its Highest Enrollment

High Point College opened the doors on its 37th year as an institution of higher learning on September 12 with the arrival of the freshman class. Orientation for the freshman class was held during the week of September 12-16 during which time general orientation, testing and registration of new students was accomplished. Classes officially began at the college on Friday, September 16, with over 1,050 students registered for the fall semester. Of these 1,050 students some 300 were freshmen, 75 transfers with the remaining number old students returning to the campus after their summer vacation. This registration figure of 1,050 is the largest number of students ever registered at High Point College for any one semester of work.

On hand to receive the students was one of the finest faculties ever assembled at the college. The 1960-61 faculty of the college numbers 60 with over 60 percent of them holding the Ph.D. degree, a percentage well over the national average of Ph.D.'s on college and university faculties. High Point College is pleased to offer to its students such an outstanding faculty.

The college begins its second year under the able guidance of its new president, Dr. Wendell M. Patton. Under the capable leadership of Dr. Patton, High Point College has high hopes of becoming a true leader among the small liberal art colleges in the south as well as in the nation. Dr. Patton has gone about making High Point College a future leader among small liberal art colleges even during his first year in the presidency. "Our fundamental purpose," he says, "is to provide a broad underlying foundation in the liberal arts for our students while we prepare them for educated leadership."

High Point College looks forward to a valuable year in 1960-61, a year in which its students will benefit from their choice of colleges as they prepare themselves for a future life of leadership and responsibility in business, home and community life.

## Faculty Week at Wesleyan College

*Rocky Mount* — Faculty week is being observed here through Saturday by members of the faculty of North Carolina Wesleyan College, according to Thomas A. Collins, Wesleyan president.

Earlier this week faculty members had a two-day study of the general theme, "The Role of the Faculty Member in a Christian College." A faculty retreat was slated at Atlantic Beach but Hurricane Donna cancelled the trip. Instead the meetings were held here with a family-staff picnic in Sunset Park Wednesday.

During the rest of the week the faculty will take part in a workshop on campus. On Thursday President Collins conducted a discussion of "The Aims of North Carolina Wesleyan College." Faculty members outlined the aims of the college as related

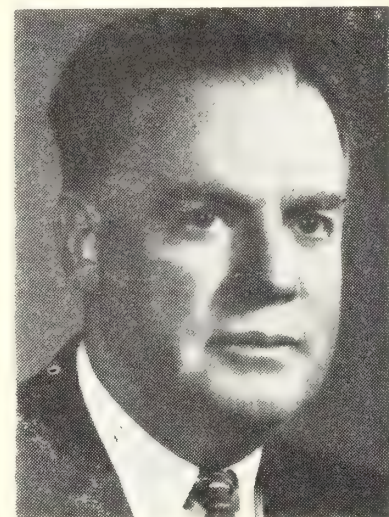
to his or her particular course as to contents and methods.

The organization of the faculty will be completed on Friday and a business meeting will be held. On Saturday final plans for student registration and orientation will be made.

Members of the freshman class will report to the campus Monday morning at 9 o'clock for start of the orientation period. Registration will get underway at 9 o'clock Wednesday and continue through the day.

## Tuttle Designated World Council Secretary

Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, superintendent of the Winston-Salem District of the Western North Carolina Conference, has been designated as secretary of the World Methodist Council, to assume office after the World Conference at Oslo, Norway, in August, 1961. He will succeed Dr. Elmer T. Clark, who will continue as editorial secretary and curator and member of the world executive committee.



DR. LEE F. TUTTLE

Dr. Tuttle is a graduate of Duke and Yale Universities and holds the honorary degree of doctor of divinity.

He has held leading pastorates in his conference and was the leader of its delegation to the General Conference at Denver. He is a member of the Board of Publications and chairman of the General Conference Committee on Publishing Interests. He is also a member of the Methodist Commission for Overseas Relief, the Boards of Trustees of the Lake Junaluska Assembly, Brevard College, the Children's Home at Winston-Salem, and the Methodist Home at Charlotte.

The headquarters of the World Methodist Council are at Lake Junaluska, where it has its own building valued at more than \$100,000, and one of the world's largest and finest collections of Wesleyana. It is expected that an office will be established near the United Nations in New York City.

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A Christian is a man who is restoring God's likeness to his character.

—F. W. Robertson, D.D.



# LETTERS

To the Editor:

I want to say 'amen' to Robert M. Hardee's utterance in the *ADVOCATE* of Sept. 1 about why he will not vote for a Catholic for President. But he did not go far enough. I am not going to vote for those who worked to get a Catholic nominated. I hope Brother Hardee will join me. I am a Methodist preacher and a Democrat.

—C. T. THRIFT

Durham, N. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been asked by many of my ministerial brethren to say another word in the *ADVOCATE* about Roman Catholicism.

Roman Catholicism is a combination of a church and state ruled over by a divine authoritative ruler who claims divine origin and who claims divine authority. The Pope can make no mistake in spite of the fact that he is a sinner like myself saved by the grace of Almighty God. Catholicism believes that it is the church and all other churches, such as we are a branch of are heresies. My dear Methodist brethren, according to Catholicism you and I are heretics.

It is getting high time that some of you lazy preachers get out your church history and do a little research on Catholicism, its doctrines, its false foundation, and its false sense of authority.

Roman Catholicism is not as authoritative as you are, for you have the Word of God. They have the Pope as their source of authority. Read Matthew 16:13-21, and you will find that Christ did not establish His church on the disciple Peter as Roman Catholicism claims, but upon the revelation of Peter that "Jesus Christ was the Son of the living God."

It is not a question of Republican or Democratic; it is a matter of a Catholic being loyal to a higher state than our own nation; namely, the Catholic church. Roman Catholicism does not believe in the separation of church and state which is a cardinal doctrine of American democracy. Study for yourself what they are doing in countries where they are in control.

—ROBERT M. HARDEE

Troutman, N. C.

## In Memoriam

**YOUNG.**—Members of the W.S.C.S. of Lowell Methodist Church pay tribute of respect to the memory of Mrs. Mae Ashburn Young, who passed away unexpectedly, August 29, 1960. She will be remembered for her loyalty to her church, home and community. We extend our love and sympathy to the family, with sincere feeling that her influence will live on.

—M rs. Carl Kendrick

## Book Reviews

**The Adequate Man**, by Paul S. Rees. Fleming H. Revell Company, Westwood, New Jersey. Price \$2.00.

By all odds, *Philippians* is entitled to first place as the "joy" book of the New Testament. Surely the number is legion of those Christians who in times of difficulty, stress and suffering have found comfort and strength in this source-book of the Christian's joy. Dr. Paul S. Rees, who visited our North Carolina Conference a few years ago, ever the dynamic and dedicated servant of the Lord, whether as speaker or writer, has given us in his little book on Paul in *Philippians* an unusual exposition of divine truth. Here we have not only a wonderful portrait or word picture of the great apostle to the Gentiles, but at the same time a very fine exposition of the entire book, with an introductory chapter on the Art of the Heart, then the Affectionate Man, the Alert Man, the Aspiring Man and the Adequate Man. Each chapter is divided into several sub-headings, accurately alliterated as aids to the memory. A number of fine poems add to the charm of this splendid little book.

—V. T. Crawford.

## St. Paul, Burlington Observes Anniversary

St. Paul's Methodist Church, one of the newer additions to Methodism in Alamance County, celebrated its fifth anniversary and homecoming on Sunday, September 18. A Progress Day program was presented at 11:00 a.m., showing the progress of its church over the first five years of its history. Dr. W. L. Clegg, Burlington district superintendent, brought the anniversary sermon. Following the service, dinner was served on the grounds.

It was on September 18, 1955, that a group of Methodists in Grove Park came together expressing interest in a Methodist church in that area of the city. Six weeks later, on October 30, a merger was effected between this group and the Fountain Place Methodist Church.

In the five years since the church began much has happened. Property was procured on Trail Two, and a small frame building was placed there for temporary use. Plans were gotten underway for a permanent building, and in June, 1958, the new church building, valued at \$130,000, was occupied. During the next year a new parsonage, valued at \$23,000, was built adjacent to the church and occupied in July, 1959.

The present membership of the church is 193, and calculations show that the church should grow to 500 members by 1965. St. Paul's has been served by two pastors: the Rev. Frank E. Wier, who organized the church, and the present pastor, the Rev. Rufus H. Stark.

## Registration Begins at N. C. Wesleyan College

**Rocky Mount** — Registration got underway Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock at North Carolina Wesleyan College just north of here as the first class of students start the school year.

According to Thomas A. Collins, president, approximately 100 students will be

enrolled in the new Methodist institution. Most of the students are from eastern North Carolina with a few from Virginia.

The college, which is located on a 200-acre, wooded campus about five miles north of here, is under the jurisdiction of the North Carolina Methodist Conference. Approximately \$2,000,000 was raised by the citizens of Nash and Edgecombe Counties and in Rocky Mount. Citizens of Rocky Mount have pledged \$50,000 annually to its support.

Wesleyan College will be a co-educational, liberal arts institution. The Reverend Mr. Collins at 38 is one of the youngest college presidents in the south. He is the former executive secretary of the North Carolina Methodist Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension. He came here from Raleigh. Jasper Smith, former Bethel businessman, is comptroller and business manager.

Under construction and scheduled to be completed in the spring of 1961 are the following buildings: women's dormitory, which will house approximately 125 women. It will be three stories high and of Colonial design. It is now at the second floor level of construction; men's dormitory, to house 135 men, three stories of Colonial design, now at the second floor level; cafeteria-Student Union which will have facilities for serving for 1,000 persons and will contain coffee lounge, bookstore, post office, student lounges and student activity offices. The foundation is in and walls are at the first floor level. These buildings will cost approximately \$1,300,000 and are under contract to the T. A. Loving Company of Goldsboro.

## Memorial Service for Bishop Cushman Oct. 2

A memorial service for Bishop Ralph S. Cushman, who died August 10, will be held at Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, Sunday afternoon, October 2, at 4:00 o'clock. After Bishop and Mrs. Cushman established their residence in Raleigh Bishop Cushman served as Interim Pastor of First Methodist Church, Rocky Mount, and Hayes Barton Methodist Church, Raleigh. The Reverend Leon Russell and the Reverend Paul Carruth, the present pastors of those churches, along with Dr. Howard F. Powell, pastor of Edenton Street Church, will share in the memorial service. Also the choirs of the other two churches have been invited to sing with the chancel choir of the Edenton Street Church. The family will be present and other friends are invited.

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# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## The Worry Bird

Have you ever seen the Worry Bird? If you have, you'll never forget what he looks like. He's all humped over, with his head down, his feathers ruffled, and the gloomiest face you ever saw.

"And where do you find this bird?" you ask.

Well, he's not actually a bird of real flesh and feathers, but an imitation bird that somebody has made to look like folks who worry over everything, and who never seem to find anything to be happy about.

There was a time when I had a Worry Bird on my desk—not because I enjoyed looking at him, for even the sight of him almost made me worry. But I kept him there because he showed me what I looked like when I got all upset and worried about this or that; when I was afraid of what folks might think of me, or of what was to become of me when I got old; or when I fretted because someone hurt my feelings; or—well, you can think of a lot of the things people worry about, and that make them wear a long face and forget to smile.

You know, there are lots of folks like that. They worry about things that absolutely can't be helped, or about things that are really none of their concern. They worry about things that actually never do happen, and about people who don't need to be worried about at all. It is said that only about eight percent of all our worries are about things that really matter, and even these aren't helped by worry.

Someone has humorously expressed the idea of useless worry this way:

The Worry Cow would have been here now  
If she'd only saved her breath;  
But she feared her hay wouldn't last all day,

And she worried herself to death.

Of course, there are many things that should deeply concern us, and for which we should seek God's help. But having faith that He will work these things out in His own good way will do away with the worry and fret.

If more of us would take a look at the Worry Bird, or perhaps the Worry Cow, I believe we would realize that this habit is not worth what it costs in bad disposition, gloomy face, and depressing effects on other people. Troubles, real or imaginary, often vanish in the light of a brave, trusting spirit, and a bright face that reflects an abiding faith in God. — By E. Whisner.

## When Daddy Prays

When Daddy prays he doesn't use  
The words the preacher does;  
There's different things for different days,  
But mostly it's for us.  
When Daddy prays the house is still,  
His voice is low and deep;  
We shut our eyes, the clock ticks loud,  
So quiet we must keep.  
He prays that we may be good boys,  
And later on, good men;  
And then we squirm, and think we won't  
Have any quarrels again.  
You'd never think, to look at Dad,  
He once had tempers, too;  
I guess if Daddy needs to pray,  
We youngsters surely do.

Sometimes the prayers get very long  
And hard to understand,  
And then I wiggle up quite close  
And let him hold my hand.  
I can't remember all of it—  
I'm little yet, you see;  
But one thing sure I can't forget—  
My Daddy prays for me!

—FIRST METHODIST MESSENGER  
Atlanta



## The Little Taper

One night a man took a little taper out of a drawer, lighted it, and began to ascend a long, winding stair.

"Where are you going?" asked the taper.

"Away high up," replied the man, "higher than the top of the house where we sleep."

"What are you going to do there?" continued the taper.

"I'm going to show the ships out at sea where the harbor is," said the man.

"Alas! No ship could ever see the light," replied the little taper, sadly. "It is so very small."

"Though your light is small," said the man, "keep burning brightly, and leave the rest to me."

When the man reached the top of the lighthouse he held the little taper high and with it lighted the great lamps that stood ready there with their polished reflectors behind them.

If you think sometimes that your little light doesn't amount to much, just remember that God can do wonders with it. Just shine, and leave the rest to Him.

—Selected.

## SCHOOL DAY CHUCKLES

"Pop," said Jimmy, "why did you sign my report card with an 'X'?"

"Because," replied his father, "I didn't want your teacher to know that a child with your grades had parents who could read and write."

Teacher: "We will have only a half day of school this morning."

Class: "Hurray!"

Teacher: "We'll have the other half this afternoon."

Class: "Aw, shucks!"

A little girl in school stood looking at a bowl of cattails on the teacher's desk. "What are those?" she asked.

"They are cattails," replied the teacher. "Haven't you ever seen cattails before?"

"Not without the cat," the little girl replied.



## Bible Quiz

*Check the Right Answer*

1. The city of Damascus was famous for: fish— steel— purple dyes—.
2. "The beloved disciple was: Simon Peter— Andrew— John—.
3. David played on a: trumpet— harp— flute—.
4. Job was afflicted with: blindness— boils— leprosy—.
5. A coat of many colors is associated with: Joseph— Moses— John the Baptist—.



## Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Noah's Ark and the Flood
2. Peter's denial of Jesus
3. The Foolish Virgins in Jesus' parable
4. The breakfast that Jesus prepared for the disciples who had fished all night
5. The food of John the Baptist in the wilderness.



In a recent issue of the *Covenanter Witness* (of the ARP Church) a paragraph appeared that seems to be worth including for a people's attention: "Seven times in his epistles Paul requests that the brethren pray for him. He knew that the success of the minister depended largely upon the prayers of God's people. We are quick, usually, to detect and criticize an apparent lack of power in the pulpit, but it might well be that each of us needs to consider carefully whether or not, at least in part, the responsibility for a powerless pulpit is ours. A praying people makes a strong pulpit. The heart of your minister would be greatly encouraged as he enters the pulpit if he knew he had the powerful support of most of his people. Pray for your pastor."



## Sunday School Lesson

FOR OCTOBER 9

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### THE ADORATION OF GOD

Background Scripture: Psalm 24;  
Ephesians 3:14-21

Lesson Scripture: Psalm 24

Continuing our studies in the Psalms, we consider in this lesson the 24th, a great hymn of preparation for worship. It will be recalled that the Psalms (most of them, at any rate) were actually hymns used in the temple services. In fact, the Psalter is sometimes referred to as "the hymn-book of the second temple." One can easily detect the fact that many of these psalms were used in antiphonal singing—that is, one group of singers answering another; or perhaps one part being sung by the choir and another part being sung in response by the worshipers in the congregation. Such was the use made of the psalm we are considering in this lesson. Note, for example, how verses three and four fulfill this pattern. The question "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord?" is followed by the answer "He that hath clean hands and a pure heart."

Much has been said about the practical side of worship. There is the assertion, for instance, that worship will make you a better person. Certainly true worship will do this. But that is not the main reason we worship. Our lesson stresses the adoration of God. What does this mean? Does it suggest anything definite to the leader, or does he have to look for a dictionary to find the meaning of the word "adoration?" We associate the word with great love, devotion, respect and worship. Like so many of our words which were formerly reserved for the sacred, we frequently find the word "adore" used in a purely human setting, or perhaps even descriptive of human passion. But to use it so is to down-grade the word.

The experience of the Hebrews at worship meant, at one and the same time, an experience of the group and also of the individual. The people, while at worship, were caught up into a great sense of the majesty and power and love of God which moved them as individual worshipers. There is a phrase in a prayer which runs thus: "We seek in our common fellowship what none of us may find alone." That's it; that's why we go to church instead of trying to worship in the fields or woods alone. In going to church we "give the highest a hearing" and are reinforced in all our good intentions both by the Spirit of God and by the association with our fellow men.

Our Scripture lesson for this study is, of course, poetry. Now it is hard to say anything about poetry which will make a person appreciate it if he doesn't like or understand poetry. In other words, if the poetic mood "leaves him cold" it is hard to point out the beauty to him. If, on the other hand, the lines from this, and other great psalms, "delight and stir us," then words of description are really unnecessary.

Religious poetry, such as we find in the

Psalms, have power over us only insofar as our emotions have been educated to appreciate them. Like other great literature we come to love them as they become a part of us. For them to become a part of us we have to give them a chance at us. We have to live with them. If we believe these really are "wonderful words of life" that we're seeing about, why then do we spend so much time reading less worthy material?

This seems a good time to point out a much neglected area in Christian education: that is, the education of the emotions. We must learn how to do this or we can never succeed in communicating the wonder and power of the Gospel. It is strange how often we have assumed that we need teach only facts and moral maxims, leaving the emotions to be stirred by the unimportant, or even trivial. We neglect the emotional in religion at our peril. Religion ought to touch us at the deepest levels of our lives. It was a wise man who said: "Let me write the songs of a nation and I care not who writes their laws." What moves a person is an index to what he regards as most worthwhile. It is the glory of the Bible that so many of the characters in it were excited by the fact that God was their Creator and the Creator of the world. But more than that is the astonishing fact of God's revelation in Christ. That is what we have in the passage cited from Ephesians 3:14-21: "That you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have power to comprehend with all the saints . . . the love of Christ which surpasseth knowledge."



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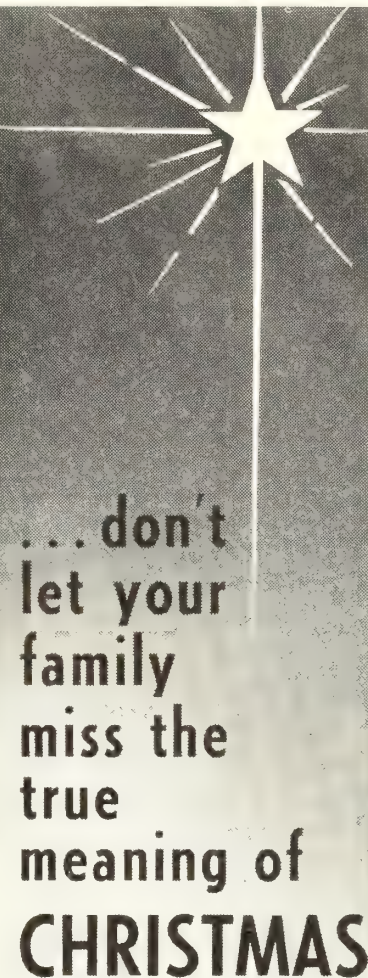
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## Churches Aid Hurricane Victims in Caribbean

New York, N. Y.—In the wake of Hurricane Donna, the Protestant churches of America have rushed cash and relief supplies to the stricken Caribbean area, which received the initial impact of the storm.

To Puerto Rico, in response to a plea for bedding and household items, Church World Service, overseas relief agency of American Protestant and Orthodox churches, has shipped 2,250 pounds of mattress ticking, eighty-five dozen sheets, and eight hundred yards of absorbent toweling. In addition \$3,000 in cash has been made available to meet the needs of already-impooverished people left in greater want by the disaster.

To the Bahamas, where food supplies have been destroyed and contaminated, Church World Service sent 7,000 pounds of dried milk, collected in American rural areas through the CWS Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP).

Two thousand dollars in cash also has been provided to handle the most urgent pleas for assistance.

Announcement of the relief shipments was made by Dr. R. Norris Wilson, executive director of Church World Service, which has offices at 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N. Y.

## New Bern District in Evangelistic Retreat

Dr. A. J. Hobbs, district superintendent, and Rev. Barney L. Davidson, district secretary of evangelism for the New Bern District, have arranged a "Retreat by the Sea," to be held at Atlantic Beach, September 30, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All the pastors of the district are expected to attend. Those taking part in the program are Dr. Hobbs, Dr. D. E. Earnhardt of Durham, Rev. Howard McLamb, of Greenville, Rev. Marvin Vick, of Kinston, Rev. John Cline, of Beaufort, Rev. Barney L. Davidson, of Morehead City, Mr. Roy L. Turnage, of Ayden, and Rev. C. Freeman Heath, conference director of evangelism. Morning and afternoon sessions will be held, and a seafood lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. It is expected that this will be but the beginning of other and larger evangelistic plans for the district.

## Travel Scholarships Given Emory Students

Ralph Gerald Gay and Ira Lee Andrews, students at the Emory University Candler School of Theology, will participate in the sixth National Methodist Scholarship Travel Seminar.

Mr. Gay is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Gay of 106 Jefferson Park Drive, Huntington, West Virginia. He is a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan where he was a student government class representative, historian for the biology fraternity and vice-president of Kappa Alpha social fraternity.

A member of Pea Ridge Methodist Church, he has served as president, vice-

president and program director of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Mr. Andrews is the son of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Andrews of 1805 Lamar Avenue, Petersburg, Virginia. He is a graduate of Randolph-Macon College where he was program chairman of the Clericus and sang in the glee club.

A member of Memorial Methodist Church in Petersburg, he served as president of the Intermediate Methodist Youth Fellowship and taught in the Sunday school.

The purpose of the seminar is to acquaint the potential future leaders of the Methodist Church with the programs and personnel of the general boards and agencies that serve the church.

In addition to their tour of Methodist agencies, the students will visit the United Nations headquarters in New York City and be addressed by a representative of the State Department in Washington.

The students will each be awarded a \$500 scholarship in recognition of their "outstanding qualities of leadership and promise of unusual competence in the pastoral ministry" according to Dr. G. O. McCulloh of the Methodist Board of Education who is directing the seminar.

## What Churches are Doing About Youth Delinquency

New York, Sept. 16—A proposed \$175,000 nation-wide research program to determine what the nation's churches are doing about juvenile delinquency was endorsed by participants in a two-day consultation on the role of the church in both preventing delinquency and rehabilitating juvenile offenders.

Dr. Lauris B. Whitman, head of the Bureau of Research and Survey of the National Council of Churches, presented the proposal to some 70 educators, clergy and youth work specialists in government, church-related and other private agencies, who had been called together by the Council's Department of Social Welfare.

Present programs in the churches dealing with juvenile delinquency are "sporadic and piecemeal," Dr. Whitman reported. A research program is needed in order for the churches to be able to plan a concerted attack on the problem, he said.

The project will use recent research in the field of juvenile delinquency by social scientists and actual case studies of what the church is doing on all levels, and will be under the general supervision of the Bureau. The proposal calls for a report to a national inter-denominational conference on the churches and juvenile delinquency in the spring of 1962, where its findings will be used as a basis for program planning.

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Thurman Sensing of the Southern States Industrial Council says: "As late as 25 years ago there was only one federal aid program of any consequence extended to the states, namely, the highway program costing \$250 million per year. Now grants by the federal government to state and local governments total about \$5 billion per year under 62 different programs of federal aid."

## Greensboro and High Point In Joint Missions Meeting

The Greensboro and High Point Districts held a joint meeting of the district mission groups Thursday evening, Sept. 22, at 6:30. The meeting was held at Lee's Chapel Church near Greensboro. Dr. J. Clay Madison of the Greensboro district presided, and Dr. Ralph Taylor, superintendent of the High Point District, was present and participated. The object was to work out a proper division of mission funds between the two districts, since High Point District includes a large number of churches formerly in the Greensboro District. The secretary brought the group up to date by giving the minutes of recent meetings, and the treasurer gave a detailed report of funds on hand and disbursements to new churches. After a committee had studied the matter it recommended the division of funds and obligations be made on a 70-30 basis between Greensboro and High Point Districts. The two groups divided into separate and proceeded to elect officers and attend to other important matters. The ladies of Lee's Chapel served a delicious meal to some 110 people.

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## Evangelism In Southeastern Jurisdiction

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There is really only one answer to our evangelistic problem and that is to return to the spirit and practice of early Methodism. There was a day in Methodism when the boast could be made that wherever men could go for money and for land that the preachers could go for the love of Christ and for souls. There should be in this quadrennium in every annual conference a continuous evangelistic crusade so well organized that we Methodists will knock upon every door in our Southland to ascertain if the people are church members and if not offer to them our Saviour Jesus Christ. Could we not adopt the strategy of John Wesley who, in a very dark day in English history actually changed the national, social and religious atmosphere by going directly to the people and offering them Jesus Christ? If we believe that men are lost without Christ, then it is the basic duty of the church to take Jesus Christ to these people. We must have an evangelism that is motivated by the sense of urgency and which rises from a Christlike concern for individuals.

If our evangelism is to be motivated by urgency, goals must be set in our local churches, annual conferences and Jurisdiction. We recommend that the goal be set at an annual 4% net gain each year in each of our annual conferences. In view of our small net gains of recent years this may seem an impossibility. Our Board of Evangelism, however, speaking from actual experience in selected places, declares that the number of persons received into a local church can be doubled if the pastor of each charge will make three evangelistic visits each week and extend the invitation of Christian discipleship and if six teams of two persons from the same charge will make three evangelistic calls each month and offer Christ to the people.

(Taken from the Episcopal address to the Southeastern  
Jurisdictional Conference July 13, 1960)



# CAROLINA BRIEFS

☛ BISHOP NOLAN B. HARMON was guest speaker at the recent session of the New Jersey Conference held at Ocean City, N. J.

☛ MISS NANCY FLEMING, the new "Miss America" of 1960-1961, is an active member of First Methodist Church, Montague, Michigan.

☛ BETHESDA CHURCH, Gastonia District, observed homecoming day Sunday, September 18, at the 11:00 o'clock service, with picnic dinner following. Rev. Paul R. Taylor is pastor.

☛ THE ALBEMARLE DISTRICT Woman's Society of Christian Service held its fall meeting September 27 at Central Church, Albemarle, with Mrs. Tom Little of Wadesboro presiding.

☛ LISA ANN WINBERRY, eight-months-old adopted daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Herman Winberry, Louisburg, was christened Sunday, September 25, by Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, president of Louisburg College.

☛ FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Morehead City, observed Sunday, September 25, as Rally Day and Homecoming. Following the morning worship service lunch was served by members bringing picnic baskets. The church furnished drinks.

☛ CLEVELAND COUNTY Christian Workers School will be held at Central Church, Shelby, October 9-13, beginning at 7:30 each evening. A special feature will be a course, "Christian Beliefs," taught by Dr. Claude Thompson, of the Candler School of Theology.

☛ DR. W. L. CLEGG of the Burlington District called his preachers together for a general discussion of the program of the church and to make plans for the coming months, on Monday, September 26, at First Methodist Church, Graham.

☛ TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH at Fairmont is setting the Thanksgiving season as the time to pay all the conference and general benevolences for the year. The congregation is asked to pledge to this cause to be paid by Thanksgiving. Rev. W. C. Feltman is pastor at Fairmont.

☛ ALBEMARLE DISTRICT will hold a district mission rally in Wadesboro's First Methodist Church, Thursday, October 6. All church leaders are expected to attend. The Rev. Joe Davis, missionary to the Congo, who returned in June, will be the featured speaker.

☛ MINISTERS AND their families of the Greensboro District held a district-wide picnic luncheon on Monday, September 26, at Stokesdale Methodist Church. Dr. Clay Madison, district superintendent, also used a part of the time to conduct business pertaining to the district work.

☛ MEMBERS OF REHOBETH CHURCH, near Aquadale, in Stanly County, met at the church on Saturday, October 1, and gave it a thorough going over in cleaning the church and grounds. This was in preparation for the annual homecoming day, to be observed October 9th.

☛ METHODIST MINISTERS and churches of Orange County are sponsoring a fall Christian Life Mission to be held October 9-14 at the Cameron Park School auditorium in Hillsboro. Dr. Clovis Chappel will be the speaker. Services will be held Sunday through Friday evenings at 7:30.

☛ TERRY SANFORD was the speaker at homecoming services at New Hope Methodist Church, near Roanoke Rapids, at the 11:00 o'clock service September 25. At the 7:30 service the same day the Rev. John Maides, a former pastor, began a revival meeting which ran through the week. Rev. H. N. Ward is the pastor.

☛ REV. S. J. STARNES, editor of the CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, preached Sunday morning, September 25, at Trinity Church, Fairmont, and at 7:30 at Chestnut Street Church, Lumberton. On Monday morning he attended the Burlington District set-up meeting at Graham, and the Greensboro District family get-together at Stokesdale, and spoke to the Methodist Men's Club at Davis Street Church, Burlington, Monday night.

☛ REV. I. L. SHARPE, pastor of Salem Methodist Church, Albemarle District, was elected president of the Stanly County Methodist ministers at a meeting held in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Miller, who were hosts to the county ministers and their families. Rev. Joe Morris, pastor of Tabernacle Church, was elected secretary-treasurer.

☛ A MEETING of the Stanly County Methodist Chorus was held Sunday, September 18, at 2:30 at Union Chapel Methodist Church. Mrs. L. A. Mason of Albemarle is director of the chorus. The purpose is to learn and review the hymns in the Methodist Hymnal. Next meeting was scheduled for October 2 at Porter Methodist Church.

☛ REV. MILLARD C. DUNN, district superintendent, was the speaker at the first chapel service held at Methodist College in Fayetteville, September 21. Among other things, the speaker emphasized four points: First, you have a definite purpose in life; second, never lose faith in mankind; third, the greatest power in the world is love; and fourth, never judge eternity by the present moment. Methodist College has enrolled for the first semester, 127 students, according to the report of Sam R. Edwards, registrar and director of admissions. A few more late registrations are expected.

☛ THE REV. AND MRS. BILLY VAN HUNTER of the Danbury Charge of the Western North Carolina Conference announce the

birth of a son, Jonathan Van, September 26 at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. Mrs. Hunter is the former June Watson of that city.

☛ AT 11:00 OCLOCK SUNDAY, October 9, homecoming services will be held at Ellis Chapel Church, Bahama. The Rev. Harold D. Minor of the Conference Board of Education, Durham, will be the preacher of the morning. Picnic lunch will be shared on the church lot. Members, former pastors and friends of the church are cordially invited.



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# EDITORIALS

## Christians Are Evangelists

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon

There is no use to waste any time or use up words in trying to prove, or even emphasize, the value of Evangelism. Nor is there, as I see it, any use in bewailing our "barren churches" or crying over the discouraging fact that Methodism is not keeping up with the growth of the country. That fact was brought out in the episcopal address to the General Conference in Denver, and again (as relates to our own section) in our message of the bishops to the Jurisdictional Conference at Lake Junaluska in July. What does rock us back is that this failure to advance is in such marked contrast to the way Methodism, up until recent years, swept over the country conquering and to conquer, keeping ahead of population growth.

A vital evangelistic faith, expressing itself in strong and powerful ways—preaching, witnessing and living righteous and holy lives—brought our great growth about. "The God who answers by fire, let Him be God." By the fruits of the Spirit, the Spirit is known—and always has been. In time, we saw the annual protracted meeting of years ago change to "revival services" or "special weeks of preaching;" this in turn was shifted over more and more to the Lenten Season in step with all the other churches. Holy Week became the time of special emphasis, as indeed it ought to be. All this was good, and all these things we ought to do, but there is something more important yet: that each of us shall be aroused and alerted individuals to call others, to witness before others, to testify unto others of what God has done for us. Evangelism is the job of the whole church and not simply of a special committee or a preacher-at-a-special-time.

What the whole thing waits on is the impulse of the individual, whether he be a minister or church member, to spend his time and energy in giving to others what he has himself got of the indwelling of Christ. Naturally, if he has not much of it, he cannot give much of it—and this, with all due respect, is what I think has been wrong with a good deal of our preaching and much of our visitation Evangelism. I would not come out quite as strongly as Charles Templeton does in his "Evangelism For Tomorrow," but he does say some biting

things: "It is an inescapable fact that much of the preaching in Christian pulpits is not Christian . . . So many sermons are frustrating appeals to better living without the slightest clue as to those, who cry with the Apostle Paul, 'The good that I would, I do not; (and) the evil that I would not, that I do,' can accomplish it." I join Templeton, however, in agreeing that homely platitudes and ethical truisms simply miss the mark completely. As to visitation Evangelism, teams of good neighborly persons visit in homes of other good neighborly persons and invite them to join their church. After duly considering the matter, they do, and unemotionally and unmovedly (and unchangedly, for that matter), are taken in and enrolled. All this, too, is good insofar as it goes,—unless one wants to argue that "the good blocks out the best." That profound change in life which the Gospel really calls for when one is truly evangelized, does not always come this easy or this way.

Let it be hoped, however, that we will in every Methodist church put on a strong evangelistic program and that we will follow the lead of our Conference Boards of Evangelism, and our Committees on Evangelism in each local church, in making the moves called for at the times when they are to be made. Methodism has always had **method** written large in it, and while there are those who truly say that you cannot by special activity "program the Holy Spirit," they should keep in mind also the equally valid fact that the Holy Spirit will not and does not come to an unseeking and unsought people. The old incubus of quietism, which John Wesley fought so hard among the Moravian mystics in his

time, is still with us. The theology today which tells us that we must wait for God to do everything is no more than a rebirth of old-fashioned quietism, now breaking out in the intellectual field as over against the old pietistic regulations of an earlier day. The answer now, as in the time of Wesley, is not to sit still and wait for God to do all, but to get going ourselves and seek that we may find, ask that we may receive, and knock that the door may be opened. We rightly deprecate the idea that one can force God or the Holy Spirit to certain actions by the way we move. But let us have a program and energetically follow it, "trampling under foot that enthusiastic doctrine not to do good unless our heart feels inclined to it."

Something should be said about the term "Evaneglimism." That word has evoked a distaste among some, as they connect it with the cruder, fullsome sort of "sawdust trail" appeals which are today caricatured in the public mind and which belong to a technique which is not congruent to the modern age. **But the thing itself**, by whatever name it be called, **must live amongst us** or we are not a Christian people. Techniques or ways of doing things always change; but the thing itself, in this instance, the presentation of the Gospel, never shall.

What I hope and pray is that our people actually do have something real to give and will give it. Each preacher has a message, hasn't he? Let him preach it; each layman has a testimony, hasn't he? Let him give it; each church has a witness, has it not? Let it emphasize this. Above all, we must **care** about others, and if we do not, then of course all is pretense and play acting.

Every true convert and every early convert always goes on a personal evangelistic mission of his own to share with others that good which he has gotten for himself. That is why a true revival—not a synthetic, pretended one—when once it starts, sweeps ahead so irresistibly. People are changed, and know that they are changed, and want to see others change also and share with them "the rapturous height of that holy delight" as our Hymn No. 356 (the tune is "Rapture") has it.

## The Shepherd Parish Plan

By HORWOOD P. MYERS

Most of our churches are too big—too big, that is, for the people to know each other and to have the intimate concern for one another which the words "Christian fellowship" imply. Since there are few indications, if any, that our large memberships will become smaller (even if this were desirable), it is necessary that we develop a program for smaller fellowships within the

local church with the hope that every member might be drawn into an intimate relationship with fellow Christians. The primary objective is that no one be overlooked and that every member come to feel a spiritual concern for others in his group.

An effort to meet this need has resulted in a number of our churches using what has been called the Shepherd Parish Plan.



With several variations, the basic idea is that the resident membership of a church be divided into groups of twelve to fifteen families located in the same neighborhood. A person (preferably a man) is selected from within the group to serve as shepherd. This shepherd will be concerned to see that the spiritual life of each person reaches a high level and that each person develops a high degree of participation in church life. The group usually meets once a month in the homes of group members for discussion

of matters of spiritual concern.

Many valuable by-products result whenever this program is put into operation. Increase in church attendance is one noticeable result. Members do a better job of informing the pastor of places where his service is needed. Many of these groups become effective prayer fellowships. People begin to visit one another in the interest of the church. Prospects for membership are discovered and the laymen develop an evangelistic concern.

# The Theology Of Evangelism

By ROBERT G. TUTTLE

"She thought she ought to say a prayer, but it seemed mean to have neglected God for so long and then to pray when death was imminent; the words would not come." These words came just seconds before Janice and her husband, in the intriguing Nevil Shute story, *Trustees From The Tool Room*, were hurled by a hurricane to their death upon a coral reef in mid-Pacific. The author adds that in spite of her reluctance a childlike prayer did break through into expression in those fleeting last moments.

In this tragic scene practical theology comes into practical focus. Theology is the science or the knowledge of God. It is the deepest interpretation of our inner religious experience and our background of religious heritage. It is the search after the true knowledge of God, of ourselves and our destiny. We Christians feel that our theology comes to focus in God's unique revealing of Himself, His nature and His spirit in the life of one of our own kind—Jesus of Nazareth.

God, God our Father, whom we know best through Christ and can know in our own hearts, was close to Janice and her husband not only in the moment of their sudden death but throughout every experience of their living in which He had been crowded out by other thoughts and other interests. We have here the picture of a Father God in His own intimate way following each one of His children from physical birth until physical death, seeking through His own agency, His own suffering and His own identifying of Himself with them, to win their commitment to life as He has planned it. And yet, He is a God who refuses to force even His children into heaven and lock the gate behind them. As Emil Brunner puts it: "God permits them to become entangled in their own No" and yet constantly pursues them "as a mother runs after her disobedient child to entice him home . . ."

Here we begin to see sharply that there is a difference, under God, in the persons who live and move upon the surface of this planet. If our Christian faith is correct—and we have committed our lives and souls to the belief that this is the ultimate interpretation of life—the gospel of Christ stands to lead man from death to life. We are Christian, or un-Christian. We have been born into the knowledge of God, or born only into physical life. We are inhabitants of the eternal, or men of the world; children of God, or intelligent animals. We

are either on the road, or off the road. We are God-conscious, or self-conscious; reconciled to God, or living on our own. We are redeemed, or lost. We are living under God's judgment, or under God's grace. For us it is life and peace, or outer darkness and gnashing of teeth. We are in God, or out of God. The fate and ultimate destiny of Janice and her husband, and all of us swing in balance at this crucial point.

Christian Theology reveals the love and concern of God for His children, and makes clear to us our own personal need of salvation and the universal necessity of redemption. Perhaps we have lost in loose thinking the recognition that this is an issue which cannot be side-stepped in life. There is a hell, even if we do not accept the burning of a physical body in a physical fire. Hundreds of people whose lives we touch personally could describe in vivid detail this experience of torment. When persons leap from bridges, take overdoses of sleeping pills, drive themselves insane through alcoholism, tear out their hearts in broken homes, they understand that hell is not just a threat of punishment but an agonizing reality which is being realized at the present moment and which rushes toward an abyss of deeper darkness beyond the borders of this life. There is agony and outer darkness for the soul that shuts God out. God seeks to save persons from this hell of lostness; seeks to save the individual soul to a fulfillment of selfless living which begins in this life and grows into the eternal. Again Emil Brunner suggests: there is God's judgment for our frivolity; God's "all-mercy" for our despair.

The judgment of God is the judgment of truth, the judgment of life, under which we in our own wilfulness may be the cause of our own death and destruction. God in Christ reveals to us that He suffers and agonizes in our agony that He might save us from the consequences of His own just judgment—even dying for us that He might reveal His forgiveness, and win our hearts to His, our minds to His, our wills to His. For God loves the world so much, that He gives Himself in Jesus Christ that whoever can see this and understand this, believe this and accept this, and live by this, might no longer be lost in meaningless frustration and desperate emptiness, but find life full, meaningful, and everlastingly abundant.

Let's face it! There are hundreds of individuals about us—we know them by name,

work with them, live next door to them—hundreds of individuals lost in hundreds of different ways. They are lost in bewilderment, in meaningless living, in loneliness, in alcoholism, in broken homes, in resentments and hatreds, in guild complexes, in fear and anxiety, in temptations they cannot overthrow, in impurity, in sickness, in nervous breakdowns, in sin, in despair and desperations—lost in hundreds of different ways.

God has made evident in Jesus Christ His ability to understand each individuals particular lostness, and offers His forgiveness, His renewal of life. Jesus understood the particular lostness of the individual; by his spiritual genius he was able to make the lost person understand that in God's forgiveness, in God's recreative power, was the answer to his particular lostness. Jesus did this with such radiance and assurance that the individual in His presence was caught up in a renewed hope, and experienced an assurance that his own desperate problem had been met and conquered. New life came into being!

This was and is conversion. To this end we Christians need again to confront individuals in the midst of their particular lostness with the love and forgiveness of God who can meet their lostness, and in whom they can find the foundation for the building of a new life, and the sustained energy which will empower them in this reconstruction of their living. In this experience of conversion, God takes away our damning self-consciousness and puts in its place a steadying God-consciousness. This is redemption. This is the new life. This is the eternal experience!

Paul reminds us that to set the mind on the flesh, on selfish desire, on material values, on personal advantage, is death, and leads to death; but to set the mind on things of God, and on things of the Spirit, is life and resurrection. For the mind that is set on material things and selfish advantage is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law and cannot submit to God's law, because its focal point of decision is not God's will but selfish desire—Are we sure that we ourselves are sufficiently discerning to perceive the subtle focus of our own decisions?

There is a vast difference between bringing members into a church, and winning individuals to an eternal, vitalizing, transforming Christian experience. Man does not become a Christian just by believing. Man dare not wait until he is Christlike to give himself to God. Man sees life at its eternal best—God's life—revealed in the teachings and spirit of Jesus Christ. He wants this more than anything else in the world for himself and humanity. He makes the plunge, the surrender, the giving of everything he is and has to this highest commitment of life. Then he is lifted by the forgiveness and grace of God into a new experience. In this new relationship God leads him progressively toward the fulfillment of his Christian life, and on to his eternal destiny.

When a plane falls and thirty-five individual lives are snuffed out, were twenty-seven of them Christian and eight of them not Christian? Who knows? The press accounts do not tell us. Does it make any difference?

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# PROGRAM OF EVANGELISM

## Western North Carolina Annual Conference

### 1960-1961

*Revivals in each church.*

*Training classes in church membership for youth and adults.*

*Training classes in church membership for children on every charge.*

*Leadership training course in evangelism in the Leadership Training Schools  
to be held within the district.*

#### *I. Continuing Objectives in Evangelism*

We propose that our objectives in evangelism be:

To win persons to Christ and His church.  
To deepen the spiritual life of every member.

To promote the practice for Christian social action.

To widen the evangelistic vision of every person.

To stimulate the entire membership in worship.

To increase personal and family loyalty to the local church.

To promote evangelistic intelligence, interest, and zeal.

To help persons achieve a Christian philosophy of vocation.

#### FUTURE PLANS

#### *II. Local Church Evangelism*

The Methodist Church is the local church. Our major need is to have evangelistic local churches that will: (1) give church members and non-members an opportunity to know Christ as Savior; (2) challenge Christians to deeper consecration and to total enlistment of time, talents, and possessions; and (3) call youth to full-time Christian service. We therefore recommend the following to each local church:

1. That each church have a carefully chosen, well-trained Commission on Membership and Evangelism organized and working on the basis of the six committees.

2. That this commission be recognized as vital to the life of the church by requiring monthly reports to official board.

3. That each commission study and formally adopt the objectives of evangelism described above as the local church objectives; and that these objectives be presented to the official board of the local church for adoption and then made known to the congregation as the purpose of evangelism in the local church.

4. That each church maintain a prospect list.

5. That the commission plan the local

church program of evangelism early in the year and make its report to the first quarterly conference, using a worksheet to be provided by the Conference Board.

6. That each local church set a minimum goal to win on profession of faith one person for every twenty members and also a 4% net increase in church membership.

7. That the Commission on Membership and Evangelism promote visitation evangelism as follows: (1) One night or more each month in churches of 400-1,200 members; (2) One night weekly in churches of 1,200 members and above; (3) One night quarterly in town and country churches of less than 400 members.

8. That the commission direct a Church Attendance Crusade.

9. That commission members attend leadership training courses in evangelism and the district evangelistic rallies or district workshops in evangelism.

10. That training classes in church membership be held for children, youth and adults.

11. That a week of evangelism with evangelistic preaching and visitation be conducted in each church.

12. That local churches large enough in membership consider conducting a local Church School of Evangelism to last two or three nights. Such a school could include one evening for each of the following: Church School Evangelism, Visitation Evangelism, Family Life Evangelism, Stewardship Evangelism, etc.

13. That we encourage the baptism of infants and the keeping of preparatory membership rolls.

#### *III. District Evangelism*

The district can aid the local church by supplying leadership, guidance, inspiration, and encouragement. We therefore recommend the following to each district:

1. Each district have a fully organized and working District Committee on Evangelism meet not less than twice a year.

2. The district committee study and formally adopt the evangelistic objectives outlined above as the objectives of evangelism within the district.

3. The first meeting of the district committee be held following the coaching conference for the district secretaries of evangelism.

4. Evangelistic rallies or workshops in evangelism be held in each district on district or county level.

5. Quarterly reports on evangelism from the local churches be requested by the district superintendent. Such reports would enable the district committee on evangelism to locate and help the weaker churches.

6. The district committee promote placing the leadership training course in evangelism in the leadership training schools to be held within the district.

7. The district secretaries make a report of the district plans to the conference board, the plans to be printed in a special issue of the conference paper.

8. Encourage activation of local church commissions and, where advisable, recommend the creation of charge-wide commissions.

#### *IV. Conference Evangelism*

The Conference Board of Evangelism can give guidance to the district committees on evangelism and to local church commissions on membership and evangelism, and can co-ordinate the efforts of the Annual Conference, the districts, and the local church with the general and jurisdictional boards as each works toward the objectives of evangelism as previously outlined. We therefore recommend that:

1. We adopt as our objectives in evangelism for the conference, the objectives outlined above.

2. We continue the effort to promote the program of evangelism mainly on the district level.

3. We hold a one-day coaching conference for district secretaries of evangelism immediately following Annual Conference.

4. The Conference Board of Evangelism receive reports from district secretaries on district programs of evangelism.

5. We request an issue of the conference paper be devoted to evangelism.



# Conference Board Of Evangelism

## Executive Committee:

Dr. E. H. Blackard, chairman of Board; Rev. Cecil L. Heckard, Conference Secretary of Evangelism; Rev. John Hamilton, vice-chairman of Board; Rev. Mitchell Faulkner, secretary of Board.

## Elected Clerical Members:

Dr. E. H. Blackard; Rev. R. F. Crowder; Rev. G. H. Allred; Rev. J. A. Allen; Rev. A. C. Waggoner; Rev. J. R. Hamilton; Rev. M. G. Ervin; Rev. C. A. Rhinehart; Rev.

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## Elected Lay Members:

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# Program in the Districts

## ALBEMARLE DISTRICT

### District Committee on Evangelism:

Rev. M. D. McIntosh, Harry Long, Mrs. O. S. Anderson, Tommy Teal, Rev. D. D. Sain, James I. Avett, Mrs. Ray D. Lowder, Susan Ausband, Rev. D. D. Rollins, Hubert Starnes, Mrs. James Cornelius, Susan Lee, Dr. W. Jackson Huneycutt, Rev. Cecil Heckard, Mrs. Fred T. Lisk.



REV. D. M. NIFONG

### District Evangelism Plans:

1. That each church have a carefully-chosen, well-trained Commission on Membership and Evangelism organized and working on the basis of the six committees.

2. That each commission study and formally adopt the objectives of evangelism as the local church objectives; and that these objectives be presented to the official board of the local church for adoption and then made known to the congregation as the purpose of evangelism in the local church.

3. That each church maintain a prospect list.

4. That each local church set minimum goal to win on profession of faith one person for every twenty members and also a 1% net increase in church membership.

5. That a training class in church membership for children be held in each church.

6. District Committee on Evangelism meet not less than twice a year.

### District Workshops and Rallies:

October 18—Stanley County, Central, Albemarle

19—Union County, Central, Monroe

20—Anson County, First Church, Wadesboro

Note: The five churches with best evangelistic record in this district could not be included, because it is a new district and information was incomplete.

## ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

### District Committee on Evangelism:

Dr. Robert Tuttle, Asheville; Dr. Embree H. Blackard, Asheville; L. R. Akers, Jr., Asheville; A. C. Williams, Biltmore; Mrs. Cleatus Norton, Hendersonville; Rev. Jim Thomas, Jr., Brevard; Rev. John Jdordan, Asheville; Rev. C. Milton Young, East Flat Rock; E. R. Penley, Candor; Fred Tron, Swannanoa; Earl Eumner, Etowah; Harold Bowling, Asheville; Mrs. Thomas E. Frutchey, Asheville; Mrs. John W. Smith, Asheville; Mrs. T. C. Roberson, Candler; Anne Hornbuckle, Fletcher.



REV. L. R. AKERS, JR.

## Asheville District Evangelism Plans:

A direct effort to deepen the personal spiritual lives of the ministers by covenanting to spend at least a half hour per day in personal devotions; each minister also to have a goal of leading not less than one soul to Christ per month (minimum).

Fifteen minutes of each ministerial meeting to be used for devotions and reconsecration.

That each meeting of local church Commission on Evangelism shall include a 15-minute devotional period for deepening personal spiritual life.

The training of laymen by pastors in personal evangelism, in teaching and practice (pastor accompanying laymen in visitation evangelism).

To work toward the deepening of the spiritual lives of our church members continually in our preaching.

As a district effort, Dr. Harry Denman is to be present Dec. 10-12 for a meeting with ministers and laymen on personal evangelism, to be followed by a special campaign of personal evangelism. Another week for particular visitation evangelism following Easter.

Cooperation with the program of the Annual Conference Board of Evangelism.

## Asheville Evangelistic Rallies and Workshops:

None planned.

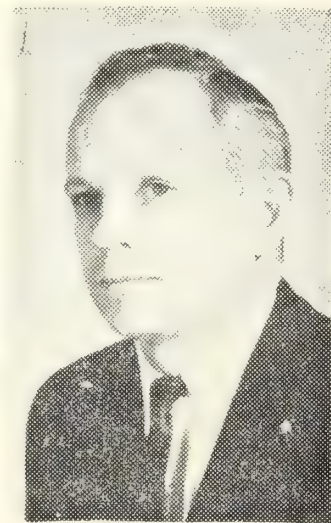
## Five Asheville District Churches with Best Evangelistic Record—1950-60

Church and Pastor	Evangelistic Ratio
Rosman—James B. Thomas.....	2.4
Dana—W. R. Byers.....	2.6
Selica—James B. Thomas.....	3.7
Fairview—Joseph C. Wakefield.....	4.9
Nesbitts Chapel—T. T. Gregory.....	7.8

## CHARLOTTE DISTRICT

### District Committee on Evangelism:

T. W. Aldred, Richard Crowder, John R. Hamilton, R. T. Montfort, George Robinson, D. L. Evans, Charles Birdsong, Sam



REV. D. ELWIN BAILEY



Mauney, H. L. Creech, Mrs. H. Thomas Sawyer, Miss Maude Middleton, Mrs. Eston Nixon, Mrs. Herman Anderson, Miss Frances Poindexter, Eddie Davis, Miss Doris Jean Davis.

District Evangelism Plans:

- 1. Sunday, October 2, in the afternoon, a lay workshop was held in First Methodist Church. During this workshop, the district director of evangelism, E. Edwin Bailey, presented the program of evangelism to the Commission on Membership and Evangelism chairmen from the local churches.
- 2. Thursday night, December 8, at 7:00 p.m., a district rally will be held in the Charlotte District with a workshop for the leaders of the six committees within the Commission on Membership and Evangelism from the local churches. At 8:00 Dr. George Fallon, pastor of Lakewood Methodist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, will deliver the inspirational address on the subject of Evangelism. Dr. Fallon is one of the leaders in the Methodist Council of Evangelism and helps in planning and operation of the Annual Council of Evangelism.
- 3. The district director of evangelism will participate in the Council of Evangelism in Bloomington, Illinois, October 11-18.

Charlotte District Evangelistic Rallies and Workshops:

- October 2—First Methodist Church, Charlotte
- December 8—Charlotte District

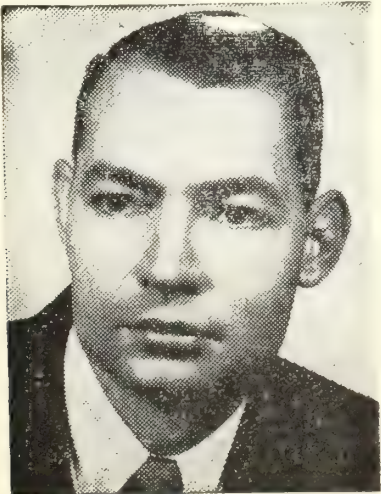
Five Charlotte District Churches Having Best Evangelistic Record—1959-60:

Church and Pastor	Evangelistic Ratio
St. Andrews—William W. Butler.....	3.1
Pleasant Grove .....	4.9
Hill Grove .....	7.0
Epworth Lane—Luther M. Taylor....	7.1
Cokesbury—George H. Winecoff.....	7.4

GASTONIA DISTRICT

District Committee on Evangelism:

Dr. Eugene C. Few, Gastonia; H. D. Garmon, Kings Mountain; Rev. G. H. All-



REV. HERBERT D. GARMON

red, Gastonia; Rev. George H. Needham, Dallas; Rev. C. E. Murray, Gastonia; Rev. A. M. Faulkner, Shelby; Rev. Paul Hamilton, Cherryville; H. A. Jones, Jr., Lincoln; Arthur Grigg, Shelby; Horace F. Murphy, Gastonia; Gordon L. Goodson, Boger City; Mrs. Thad Ford, Shelby.

District Evangelism Plans:

- 1. That each church have a carefully-chosen, well-trained Commission on Membership and Evangelism organized and working on the basis of the six committees. The six committees are:
  - (1) Committee on Prospective Members
  - (2) Committee on Personal and Visitation Evangelism
  - (3) Committee on Church Attendance
  - (4) Committee on Spiritual Witness
  - (5) Committee on Prayer and Devotions
  - (6) Committee on Church Membership Rolls

Circuits composed of several churches may organize a charge-wide Commission on Membership and Evangelism.

- 2. That each commission study and formally adopt the objectives of evangelism described above as the local church objectives and that these objectives be presented to the official board of the local church for adoption and then made known to the congregation as the purpose of evangelism in the local church.
- 3. That each church maintain a prospect list.
- 4. That each local church set a minimum goal to win on profession of faith one person for every twenty members and also a 4% net increase in church membership.
- 5. That commission members attend leadership training courses in evangelism, district evangelistic rallies, and district workshops in evangelism.
- 6. That training classes in church membership be held for children, youth, and adults.
- 7. That we encourage the promotion of the Total Enlistment Program in the churches which found it effective and revitalizing to the life of the church last year.

District Evangelistic Rallies and Workshops:

September 25 — Evangelistic Rally and Workshop, Gastonia

Five Gastonia District Churches with Best Evangelistic Ratio—1959-60:

Church and Pastor	Evangelistic Ratio
Aldersgate (Mt. Holly) E. O. Qules..	7.1
Laboratory—D. D. Broome.....	10.3
W. Cramerton—Leroy A. Scott.....	10.7
Lee's Chapel—O. S. Gardner.....	11.3
Snow Hill—George M. Carver.....	16.4

GREENSBORO DISTRICT

District Committee on Svangelism:

Rev. H. P. Myers, Leaksville; Philip B. MaGruder, Greensboro; Rev. James Allen,

Spray; Mrs. N. D. McNairy, Greensboro; Rev. Thomas A. Summey, Greensboro; Rev. D. Austin Hamilton, Greensboro; M. C. Lauten, Madison; W. J. Squires, Draper; Miss Juanita Ramsey, Greensboro; Mrs. J. B. Huskey, Reidsville; Dr. J. Clay Madison, Greensboro.



REV. HORMAND MYERS

District Evangelism Plans:

- 1. September 12-15—Fourth sub-district workshops for members of local church Commissions on Membership and Evangelism.
- 2. October 1—Reports on evangelism sent from local churches.
- 3. January—Promote Conference-wide Ministers' Retreat to be held at Dilworth Church, Charlotte, January 30-31.
- 4. February (prior to Lent)—Get report on evangelism from ministers.
- 5. Objectives—The committee has accepted the "Continuing Objectives in Evangelism" of the Conference Board.

Greensboro District Evangelistic Rallies and Workshops

- September 12, Bessemer Church, Greensboro
- September 13, Christ Church, Greensboro
- September 14, Leaksville Church
- September 15, Reidsville Main Street Church

Five Greensboro District Churches with Best Evangelistic Record—1959-60:

Church and Pastor	Evangelistic Ratio
Price—S. R. Ward.....	6.2
Oak Ridge—John M. Burton.....	10.0
Glencoe—T. T. Williams.....	11.3
Centenary, Stoneville—J. C. Kendrick	11.3
W. End (St. John's)—L. F. Strader..	13.7

HIGH POINT DISTRICT

District Committee on Evangelism:

Rev. Kenenth Crouse, High Point; Rev. L. E. Mabry, Asheboro; Rev. F. E. Howard, High Point; John R. Moore, High Point; J. R. Radlock, High Point; Lloyd



Taylor, Archdale; Miss Dottie Miller, Jamestown; Tommy Morgan, Asheboro; Kirk Smith, Trinity; Mrs. Stanly Baker, High Point; Mrs. Harry Bell, High Point; Mrs. Reid Rich, Randleman; Mrs. Carl Anderson, Ramseur; Rev. A. C. Waggoner, High Point; Harry G. Bell, High Point; Richard H. Moore, Asheboro; Rev. Ralph H. Taylor, High Point.



REV. KENNETH D. CROUSE

### District Evangelism Plans:

1. A concerned and active District Committee on Evangelism. (Names of this committee listed above).
2. Special aid to churches having difficulty reaching people for Christ.
3. Goal of "no barren churches" in the district this year, and every church winning at least one person for every twenty members, and a 4% net increase in membership.
4. A district-wide Pastors' Training School to be held November 7, at which time help in the work of evangelism will be given. This will be for the pastors.
5. An effective program of visitation in every church—large or small.
6. Emphasis in all ministerial meetings on a disciplined devotional life, bearing fruit in a ministry motivated by a real concern for winning persons to Christ.
7. Each church or charge conducting a Christian Witness Mission for youth.
8. Every pastor in the district attending the Mission of Ministers in January at Dilworth Church, Charlotte.

### High Point District Evangelistic Rallies and Workshops

November 7—District-wide Pastors' Training School.

Note: The five churches with the best evangelistic record of this district could not be included because it is a new district and information was incomplete.

## MARION DISTRICT

### District Committee on Evangelism:

Dr. Fletcher Nelson, Morganton; Lloyd Turner, Morganton; Rev. L. Baine Laye, Cliffside; Rev. Horace E. Bolick, Marion; Rev. E. E. Hiatt, Morganton; Rev. W. H. Key, Bakersville; Vance L. Queen, Valdese;

Ray Murray, Marion; Paul Dill, Caroleen; Mrs. P. F. Snider, Morganton; Mrs. Ruth Watkins, Marion; Mrs. Frank Adkinson, Forest City; Ann Beaver, Spindale; Joyce Camp, Marion; Preston Garrison, Morganton; Rev. M. G. Ervin, Ellenboro; Fred C. Kinzie, Spindale; Mrs. Harold LaFevers, Valdese.



REV. L. B. SAYE

### District Evangelism Plans:

1. District Committee is organized and held first meeting on August 15.
2. Approved and adopted the program and objectives of the Conference Board of Evangelism.
3. Evangelism emphasis for ministers at district meetings on September 12-13-14.
4. District-wide evangelistic rallies are planned, but dates and full plans are not yet complete.
5. Committee on Resource Persons is organized to give aid to churches needing special attention.
6. Local church workshops and study courses in evangelism are planned for each charge; also Area Leadership Training Schools are offering courses in evangelism.
7. Information concerning further district plans, goals and objectives are contained in attached brochure.

### Marion District Evangelistic Rallies and Workshops

Will be held but plans and dates are incomplete.

### Five Marion District Churches with Best Evangelistic Record—1959-60

Church and Pastor	Evangelistic Ratio
Glenn Alpine—G. E. Smith.....	6.7
Dayton Bend .....	7.0
Pisgah—R. H. Lockridge.....	9.8
Salem—M. T. Ervin.....	11.2
Mount Hebron—R. H. Lockridge....	14.2

## NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT

### District Committee on Evangelism:

Rev. Garland Stafford, North Wilkesboro; Raymond L. Wilkinson, Taylorsville;

Ted Broach, North Wilkesboro; Wayne Shepard, West Jefferson; Rev. J. H. Brendall, Elkin; Rev. Carl N. Edwards, Boonville; Rev. Bobby Joe Dennis, Hiddenite; H. W. Thompson, Elkin; Julian Reeves, Sparta; R. C. Wyatt, Newland; Mrs. Myron E. Marshall, Yadkinville; Mrs. Herman Gentry, Elkin; Mrs. Floyd Fox, Hickory; Miss Dorothy Phipps, Piney Creek; Royce Wiseman, Ashford; David Rhinehart, West Jefferson.



REV. RAYMOND L. WILKINSON

### District Evangelism Plans:

The North Wilkesboro District Committee on Evangelism has met and made plans for the evangelistic program of this church year. The big plan for the present is to have simultaneous rallies and workshops in seven of the counties within the district. This will be called *one great day of evangelism*. The rallies will consist of an inspirational address, followed by two discussion groups. The local church Commissions on Membership and Evangelism will make up one discussion group and will consider the work of that commission. The other group will be made up of the other people attending the rally, and this group will discuss personal evangelism. It will talk about the importance of prayer, the need for witnessing, and ways in which the spiritual lives of church members may be strengthened. Personal testimonies will be used freely in this group. The district committee has suggested that laymen be given an important part in the program of these rallies.

The suggested date is October 30th, with October 23rd and November 6th as alternate dates. In order to give adequate preparation to these rallies, the district superintendent appointed one or two pastors in each county to serve as chairmen of a Planning Committee. That pastor is to select the members of this committee from the chairmen of the local church Commission on Membership and Evangelism within his county. These met for a district-wide planning session on Tuesday, September 20, 7:30 p.m., at First Methodist Church in North Wilkesboro. The following ministers are serving as chairmen in the counties:

Alexander, Raymond L. Wilkinson; Allegheny, Pleas Elder and Bill Combs; Ashe, Charles Rhinehart; Avery, John Christy; Surry-Yadkin, Joe Brendall and Norman



Pusey; Watauga, Preston Hughes; Wilkes, Roy Bell.

The committee believes that we can do a better job of creating an evangelistic spirit in the district if we get into each county and work with a smaller group.

**North Wilkesboro District Evangelistic Rallies and Workshops**

September 20—District-wide planning session—North Wilkesboro

October 30—District Evangelism Rally—North Wilkesboro

**Five Churches in North North Wilkesboro District having Best Evangelistic Records—1959-60:**

<i>Church and Pastor</i>	<i>Evangelistic Ratio</i>
Potato Creek—Dewey M. Morrison...	2.8
Antioch .....	4.6
Southerland—J. B. Pearce, Jr.....	5.0
Linville Falls—John H. Christy, Jr....	5.3
Pleasant Hill—A. B. Pearce, Jr.....	6.6

**SALISBURY DISTRICT**

**District Committee on Evangelism:**

Dr. J. C. Stokes, Salisbury; C. C. Washam, Kannapolis; W. E. Eagle, Salisbury; Mrs. Harold Simpson, Salisbury; Rev. Earl P. Crow, Mount Pleasant; Rev. J. D. Harris, Kannapolis; Rev. R. L. Young, Spencer; W. E. Eagle, Salisbury; R. M. Cochrane, Kannapolis; Joe M. McEachern, Concord; Mrs. David Smiley, Salisbury; Mrs. John R. Boger, Concord; Mrs. E. L. Murph, Kannapolis; Miss Edith Ruffy, Kannapolis; Miss Mary Ann Brady, Salisbury; Fred Smith, Salisbury.



REV. C. C. WASHAM

**District Evangelism Plans:**

- 1. Urge all pastors of the district to attend the Evangelistic Mission to Ministers which will be held in Charlotte on January 30-31.
- 2. Traveling workshops in evangelism to be held in January or February. The plan is to have these workshops in the field of evangelism in various rural sections of the district. The workshops will deal with conducting evangelistic services in the church,

church school evangelism, visitation evangelism, home evangelism, stewardship, etc.

3. Decided to work with the district lay leader in seeing that there is a speaker in every church every Sunday during Lent.

4. The committee made the following recommendations for the local churches:

- Special recruitment of prospects for church membership and training of the same by the pastor.
- Special revival services in every church this year.
- That each church set the minimum goal of winning on profession of faith one person for every twenty members and a 4% net increase in membership.
- That the churches of the district be urged to conduct a local church-wide school of evangelism.
- That each church have a Church Attendance Crusade from January 1 to Easter.
- That each church be urged to set up an effective program of regular visitation evangelism.
- That each church observe a 24-hour prayer vigil prior to evangelistic services and at other strategic times.

**District Workshops and Rallies:**

October 9—Evangelistic rally for adults—Trinity Methodist Church, Kannapolis

October 30—District evangelistic rally for youth—First Methodist Church, Salisbury

**Five Salisbury District Churches with Best Evangelistic Record—1959-60**

<i>Church and Pastor</i>	<i>Evangelistic Ratio</i>
Bethany (Cabarrus)—F. E. Brown...	1.1
Locust—John A. Petty.....	9.0
South China Grove—Tommy Faggart	11.0
Bethlehem .....	11.6
Milford Hills—E. R. Freeman.....	16.6

**STATESVILLE DISTRICT**

**District Committee on Evangelism:**

Dr. J. Elwood Carroll, Statesville; Rev. Charles E. Bruce, Conover; R. E. Turnip-



REV. CHARLES E. BRUCE

seed, Statesville; E. E. Kipka, Mooresville; Rev. W. H. Pheagin, Jr., Statesville; R. O. Dewey Smith, Newton; Rev. T. C. M. Lean, Rhodhiss; E. H. Dudley, Lenoir; L. H. Duhling, Hickory; Clyde R. Brawley, Mooresville; Miss Ramona Morton, Statesville; Mrs. C. P. Holland, Statesville; Mrs. J. H. G. Mitchell, Hickory; G. C. Stewart, Mooresville; Rev. John K. Miller, Statesville.

**District Evangelism Plans:**

- 1. That each local church or charge conduct a study course on evangelism, using the text, The Evangelism of Jesus, by Dr. Mack B. Stokes.
- 2. That the district workshop in evangelism to be held at Broad Street Church, Statesville, November 3, 1960, 7:30-9:30 p.m., be attended by all members of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism, pastor, and chairman of the official board.
- 3. That each minister attend the Evangelistic Mission to ministers, sponsored by the Conference Board of Evangelism, at Dilworth Church, Charlotte, January 30-31, 1961.
- 4. Stress evangelism in the church school. Encourage teachers to emphasize church membership and church attendance, and to teach for commitment.
- 5. That each church observe World-wide Communion Sunday, October 2, 1960. A time to call the entire church membership to a new dedication and deeper fellowship with Christ.
- 6. Each church promote Bible reading and study during the Advent Season.
- 7. Prayer is the power which undergirds each church and each evangelistic program. The committee recommends the organization of prayer groups in each church. Encourage every family and individual to use the *Upper Room* and Bible in daily devotions.
- 8. Each church promote a January to Easter Church Attendance Crusade. A time for stressing loyalty to Christ and the church through regular attendance and support.

9. The Season of Lent, February 15 to April 2, is a period of spiritual enrichment. During this period, each church observe the World Day of Prayer, February 17, 1961, promote special services the Week of Dedication, February 19-26, and plan services for Holy Week, March 25-April 2.

10. Pentecost Sunday and Aldersgate Sunday coincide on May 21, 1961. A time to commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and to recall Wesley's heart-warming experience.

**District Workshop in Evangelism**

November 3, Broad Street, Statesville.

**Five Statesville District Churches with Best Evangelistic Record—1959-60:**

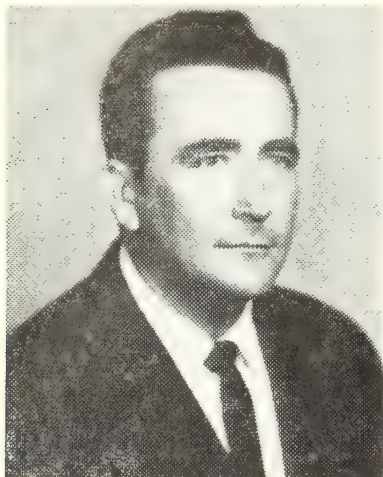
<i>Church and Pastor</i>	<i>Evangelistic Ratio</i>
Shiloh—L. C. Cornwell.....	8.5
Rehobeth—C. F. Pennigar.....	9.1
Mt. Zion—L. C. Cornwell.....	11.4
Mt. Bethel—W. L. Harkey.....	13.9
Union Grove—Donald W. Haynes....	15.3



## THOMASVILLE DISTRICT

### District Committee on Evangelism:

Herbert Penry, Thomasville; Rev. John H. Carper, Thomasville; Albert Berrier, Winston-Salem; Mrs. C. C. Phillips, Winston-Salem; Rev. Dwight Mashburn, Mocksville; Rev. Fletcher Andrews, Advance; Rev. Phil Shore, Lexington; Rev. Dwight Pyatt, Thomasville; Cliff Erickson, Lexington; Mack Cranford, Denton; Roby Fritts, Thomasville; Mrs. H. W. Tutterow, Mocksville; Mrs. C. Ray McCrary, Lexington; Miss Sharon Finch, Thomasville; Tommy Graham, Mocksville; Mrs. Noah Cecil, Thomasville; Miss Jean Sink, Lexington.



REV. HERBERT PENRY

### District Evangelism Plans:

#### OBJECTIVES FOR OUR DISTRICT

Let us propose that our objectives in evangelism be:

1. To win persons to Christ and His church.
2. To deepen the spiritual life of every member.
3. To promote the practice for Christian social action.
4. To widen the evangelistic vision of every person.
5. To have at least one study course in evangelism in every local church.
6. To have at least one district study course in evangelism.
7. To develop Christian stewards.
8. To stimulate the entire membership in worship.
9. To increase personal and family loyalty to the local church, and to help them to see the Methodist Church as one connectional church.
10. To help persons achieve a Christian philosophy of vocation.
12. To stress and explain the importance of infant baptism and dedication.
13. That each church have a carefully chosen, well-trained Commission on Membership and Evangelism—that they give a monthly report to the official board and a quarterly report to the district superintendent.
14. That each church maintains a prospect list.

15. That the Commission on Evangelism promote visitation, encouraging that every committed Christian witness for his church at least once each month by an evangelistic call, and those on the commission making at least three.

16. That the commission direct a church attendance crusade.

17. That at least one training class in church membership be taught each year, for children, youth, and adults.

18. That a week of evangelism with evangelistic preaching and visitation be conducted in each church.

19. That the commission members attend leadership training courses in evangelism and the district evangelistic rallies or district workshops in evangelism.

### No rally or workshop schedule.

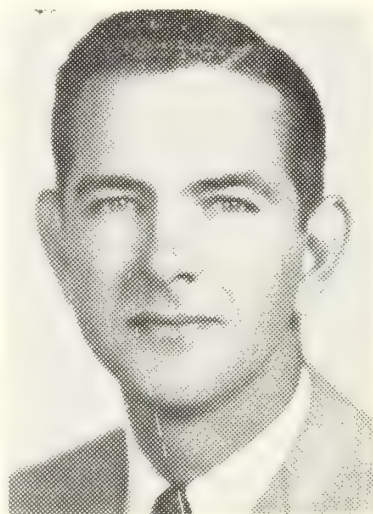
#### Five Thomasville District Churches with Best Evangelistic Record—1959-60:

Church and Pastor	Evangelistic Ratio
Mt. View—Ron L. Hall.....	2.2
Mt. Pleasant—J. G. Allred.....	4.7
Cotton Grove—James M. Murr.....	6.0
New Mt. Vernon—C. C. Phillips.....	8.5
Eleazer—Jesse G. Scott.....	8.8

## WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT

### District Evangelism Plans:

Frank C. Smathers, Lake Junaluska; Asmond L. Maxwell, Sylvia; Clyde R. Hoey, Candler; Mrs. Clyde R. Hoey, Candler; Rev. Miles McLean, Canton; Rev. Robert Early, Franklin; Rev. Tom Houts, Murphy; Frank Martin, Franklin; Herbert Gibson, Sr., Waynesville; John Siler, Robbinsville; Dale Willis, Canton; Dr. W. E. Bird, Cullohee; Irvin Patton, Franklin; Mrs. Grady Rogers, Clyde; Mrs. Leroy Sossamon, Bryson City; Sam L. Davidson, Murphy; Sam McCrary, Waynesville.



REV. ASMOND L. MAXWELL

### District Evangelism Plans:

#### 1. Membership Goals

Win on profession of faith—one for every twenty, every church—or 584 in

the Waynesville District (312 last year) Net increase of 41 in every church —467 in the Waynesville District (five last year)

#### 2. The Membership and Evangelism Commission Active in Every Church —

—Organized on the basis of six committees —Regular meetings, monthly or quarterly, decided upon

—A year's program planned, goals set, adapting the Conference suggestions to your local situation, and using the Conference Report Blank as your guide.

—Persistent follow-up, review, re-dedication to the program and goals agreed upon. Attention to details is important; they were to the Shepherd when one sheep was lost.

#### 3. Every Congregation Made Aware of the Objectives and Urgency of Evangelism.

—The Commission on Evangelism should provide a program and leadership, but . . .

—The work of evangelism is every Christian's business.

—Let the Commission explain with concrete appeals to . . .

—The Official Board Meeting and enlist them

—The Sunday morning congregation and enlist them.

#### 4. Full Participation by Every Church

—No church "barren" of a concern and a plan

—Methodical execution of that plan

—Every church taking part in workshops, special dates, etc., on district and Conference levels

—Remembering that "The Lord does not require us to be successful, but He does require we be faithful."

### Waynesville District Evangelism Rallies and Workshops

October 17-18 District Ministers' Retreat

November 6—Haywood County Sub-district Workshop, Clyde

November 13 Jackson - Swain Counties Sub-district, Sylva

November 20 Macon Sub-district, Franklin

November 27 Cherokee-Clay-Graham Sub-district, Murphy

### Five Churches in Waynesville District Having Best Evangelistic Record—1959-60:

Church and Pastor	Evangelistic Ratio
Mt. Zion (West Macon)—J. C. Lane..	4.1
Peachtree—C. B. Barr, Jr.....	6.0
Mt. Zion (Crabtree)—B. M. Whiteside	6.7
Wesley's Chapel—J. Carl Corrells....	7.5
Hickory Knoll—Aubrey L. Brown....	7.8

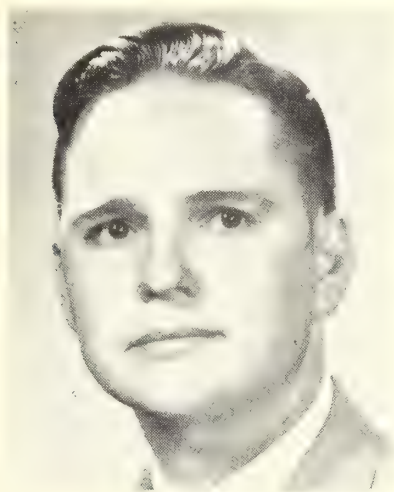
## WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT

### District Committee on Evangelism:

Dr. Lee Tuttle, Winston-Salem; Rev. C. Jerome Huneycutt, Winston-Salem; Mr. Norman Stockton, Winston-Salem; Rev.



Clyde Collins, Winston-Salem; Rev. Ralph Kaylor, Walnut Cove; Rev. Kenneth Johnson, Winston-Salem; Rev. Earle Brendall, Mount Airy; Ira Shamel, Winston-Salem; Robert M. Smith, Mount Airy; James E. Baskins, Winston-Salem; Miss Martha Turnipseed, Winston-Salem; Mrs. R. Y. Sharpe, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Clifton E. Pleasants, Winston-Salem; Miss Wanda Thomas, Walnut Cove; Steve Kinnamon, Winston-Salem; Miss Thelma Blaylock, Winston-Salem; Rev. Robert L. Crawley, Walkertown; Mrs. A. L. Smith, Winston-Salem.



REV. C. JEROME HONEYCUTT

#### District Evangelism Plans:

1. Continuous prayer
2. Continuous Bible reading and study
2. Continuous evangelistic witnessing
4. Continuous indoctrination
5. Continuous effort at starting new churches
6. Continuous recruitment of preachers and missionaries

#### Evangelistic Workshops and Rallies

October 3—Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem

#### Five Winston-Salem District Churches with Best Evangelistic Record, 1959-60:

Church and Pastor	Evangelistic Ratio
Carter's Chapel—Ernest U. Stephens	6.8
Germanton—J. Dwight Cartner	7.3
Antioch	8.0
Doubs—Kyle N. Smith	8.8
Mt. Olivet—J. B. Davis	9.3



#### The Conference

January 30-31, *Evangelistic Mission to Ministers.*

February-March, the Conference Board of Evangelism begin planning daring recommendations for evangelism during the quadrennium under the theme: "Christ Is Our Saviour and Lord," such as:

1962: *Preaching and Visitation Evangelism*

1. Conference-Wide Evangelistic Rally, October.
2. Conference-Wide Religious Survey, November.
3. Conference-Wide Visitation Evangelism, February.

1963: Church School Evangelism.

1964: Stewardship and Evangelism.

Attention is called to the Conference-wide evangelistic missions to ministers to be held in Dilworth Methodist Church, Charlotte, January 30-31. Every minister in the conference is to attend this important meeting on evangelism. Plans will be formulated and inspiration received which should further the whole program in the conference.



#### Theology of Evangelism

(Continued from page 4)

Had these individuals come into an awareness of God, His forgiveness, His gift of life everlasting? Had they come to live in a vital relationship with God? Or were they self-centered, intelligent animals bent on their own selfish desires? Does it make a difference now or hereafter? Whose fault is it that hundreds and thousands of individuals are allowed to wander in a wilderness of self-centered emptiness? Who is it that will call men to repentance? Who will help men to discover God and their own eternal kinship with their own Father in heaven, that they might live the life for which they were born? Did not Christ lay this responsibility, this concern, this eternal urgency, upon the heart of the church? If we, Christian preachers and Christian laymen, fail God at this point is there any success which we can offer God in exchange for this eternal failure? If man in his lostness fails to discover God personally in his own life, fails to understand with conviction his own eternal destiny, is not life only a flicker, a flash, and nothingness?

God forgive us for failing to proclaim His message! God forgive us for living in casual concern when millions of souls are being born, are living and dying, without discovering their own eternal destiny. Only in the personal discovery of God can man live. Only in the God-man relationship can society discover its redemption and its purpose. Only here can the city of man become the City of God.

The theology of evangelism places upon the church the mandate of God Himself to expose mankind to God-radiation: the radiation of His love, His light, His forgiveness, His healing power—until persons are transformed, families are transformed, society is transformed—transformed in purity, in character and integrity, transformed in love and gentleness, in joy, in light, in faith and life, transformed in assurance and confidence, transformed in quality of being and doing, transformed in attitudes and concern and responsibility, transformed in giving and in sacrificing, that the children of men may become as they were born to be—the children of God!

This God-offered redemption we dare not neglect nor delay. We pursue it with all

our being that we, our children and our children's children, may rightfully participate in all the blessedness of God, now and eternally; that we may know the height and depth and length and breadth; and that we might grow into the fullness of the measure of the stature of Christ.

Lucanus, in Taylor Caldwell's *Dear And Glorious Physician*, dreamed: "He stood in a vast and hollow room, all alone, and overwhelmed with a sense of universal emutiness and fear. Then, before him, a great cross arose . . . its top rose into infinitude; its arms embraced the universe. He stood at the foot of it . . ." It is God's imperative that *we* first stand in the healing, redeeming presence of the Cross, and then radiant with the love made evident there, move out to confront man in his lostness, to bring him to the saving, effective power of a God revealed in a suffering Christ, that he might find life—transformed, abundant, meaningful, eternal!

This is the answer to the desperate plight in which Janice and her husband found themselves. It is the answer to your plight and mine.

#### Lest We Forget

By LOUISE STAHL

#### III. Robert Williams

The first Methodist society in North Carolina was organized by Robert Williams in 1773 or 1774 in Halifax County.

Williams came to America as an unofficial missionary in 1768, arriving before Pilmoor and Boardman. He was not actually appointed by John Wesley but the founder of Methodism gave him permission to preach in America under the direction of the "regular preachers," especially Pilmoor and Boardman, the first missionaries.

He preached in New York and Maryland and in 1772 he went to Norfolk where he preached the first Methodist sermon in Virginia and created a sensation. The following year he was at Petersburg, and he soon extended his circuit into North Carolina and formed the first church there. It was called Brunswick, and it became so strong that three preachers were assigned to it the following year.

Williams was married in 1775, which meant that he became a local preacher. He settled in Virginia between Portsmouth and Suffolk, where he died in a few months.

Robert Williams is noted in Methodist history for two things. First, he was responsible for the conversion of Jesse Lee, who next to Asbury was probably the foremost Methodist of his day and the author of the first Methodist history in America. Second, he was the first to publish a Methodist book in the New World. He printed Wesley's sermons, for which he was gently rebuked in the first conference in 1773.

Francis Asbury said of Williams that "perhaps no man in America has ministered to awakening so many souls." It was said that he was the first to publish, the first to preach in Virginia, the first to organize a circuit south of the Potomac, the first to plan a circuit, the first to marry, the first to locate, and the first to die.





# Woman's Activities



## Educational Seminars Held

By MARY GARDNER

The Annual District Woman's Society of Christian Service Educational Seminars are in progress throughout the North Carolina Conference. Their programs are designed to acquaint the women with and stimulate interest in the current mission study courses. They include: Basic Christian Beliefs; Into All the World Together; Heritage and Horizons in Home Missions; and Christian Responsibility and the Alcohol Problem, the latter also the church-wide study course. The theme for the 1960 Educational Seminars is "Thy Word, Our Law."

The Durham District Seminar was held at the Long Memorial Methodist Church, Roxboro, on September 21.

Following the presentation of study plans for 1960-61 by Mrs. J. J. Gergon, district secretary of missionary education and service, the study courses were presented by Mrs. Ralph Lewis, Bahama; Mrs. Frank Hanft, Chapel Hill; Mrs. Paul Hardin and Miss Sarah McCracken, both of Durham. Mrs. F. R. Darkis of Durham, district vice-president, presented the program materials, and Mrs. Eugene Rogers, Oxford, district secretary of children's work, spoke on Missionary Education of Children.

Mrs. J. E. Sponenburg, of Durham, is district president; Mrs. Orian Townsend and the Rev. A. L. Thompson are president and pastor of the hostess WSCS and host church, respectively.

The Raleigh District held two Educational Seminars, the Louisburg and Vance-Warren sub-districts meeting at the First Methodist Church, Henderson, and the Cape Fear and Raleigh sub-districts at the Lillington Methodist Church. Mrs. W. H. Moss, Jr., district secretary of missionary education and service, presided at each.

Leading the study courses were Mrs. Thomas Collins, Rocky Mount; Mrs. Harold Watkins, Lillington; Mrs. P. C. Perdue, Louisburg, and Miss Bernice Ballance, Dunn. Mrs. John W. Crawford, of Raleigh, district vice-president, gave a flip chart presentation of program materials. The closing meditation was given by Mrs. W. P. Cranford, of Raleigh, district secretary of Spiritual Life.

Mrs. P. C. Perdue is district president; Mrs. J. T. Barker and Mrs. J. J. Lanier are presidents of the hostess societies, respectively.

The WSCS of the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Wilmington, was hostess to the Wilmington District Seminar.

Presenting the study courses were Mrs. James M. Harper, Southport, district president; Miss Mary Nichols, Wilmington; Mrs. C. B. Hicks, Bolton, and Mrs. W. L. Hickman, district secretary of missionary education and service. Mrs. Albert Goldfinch,

district vice-president, of Tabor City, talked on the adult program materials and Mrs. W. H. Young, of Burgaw, district secretary of children's work, discussed missionary education of children.

### Miss McKinnon to Teach Mission Study Course

Plans for a Jurisdiction mission study course on "Into All the World Together" are being made by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Trinity Methodist Church, Raleigh, with Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon as the teacher. Sessions will be held October 24-27.

A native of Maxton, N. C., and now of Nashville, Tenn., Miss McKinnon is one of the most well known and best beloved missionaries and executives in the Methodist

church. She has served as a teacher in Virginia School, Huchow, China, and as principal of McTiere School, Shanghai, subsequently being elected as administrative secretary of the Board of Missions with responsibility for all woman's work in foreign fields. With unification of the three branches of Methodism, Miss McKinnon became executive secretary of work in China and Africa. Later her area of responsibility was changed to Europe and Africa, which position she held until her retirement in 1954. Miss McKinnon has also served on a number of boards and commissions, both of her own and other denominations.

In 1955 the N. C. Conference WSCS established an annual scholarship fund of \$500 to be used in Africa and known as the Sallie Lou McKinnon Scholarship. Announcement of the scholarship and a tribute to Miss McKinnon were made in her presence at the Conference society's Annual Meeting in the Queen Street Methodist Church, Kinston, in March, 1955.

Several other Woman's Societies in the Raleigh area will join the Trinity Society for the study course. On Friday evening, October 28, Miss McKinnon will launch the study course for members of the Macedonia and Westover societies at the Macedonia Methodist Church near Raleigh, the local women conducting the subsequent classes.

Mrs. R. V. Boyd is president and Mrs. L. E. Johnson, secretary of missionary education and service of the Trinity WSCS.

## Western North Carolina Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

### Asheville District Seminar



*The leaders of the Asheville District Seminar held at Biltmore Methodist Church on September 15th hold an informal discussion as the day's program begins. They include Mrs. M. C. Barker of Asheville, district secretary of promotion; Miss Eunice Porter, retired missionary at Brooks-Howell Home in Asheville; Mrs. Harold Siniard of Brevard, district secretary of missionary education; Miss Jennie Ball, retired missionary at Brooks-Howell Home; Mrs. C. G. Norton of Hendersonville, district secretary of Spiritual Life; and Mrs. J. R. DeCosten of Asheville. One hundred fifty women were present for the day's program.*



## Winston-Salem District Executive Meeting

The officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service mapped out a busy schedule for the women of their district during the fall months at a meeting of the executive committee held in September.

These include a Youth Rally to be held at the Ardmore Church in Winston-Salem, on October 23rd, the sub-district seminars on mission education at Greene Street Church held on September 20, Mt. Pleasant Church on September 27, and Rockford Street Church in Mt. Airy on October 1.

They planned a special study on "Basic Christian Beliefs," to be held in the mornings during the Church School Training Sessions to be held at Burkhead Church in October.

The officers decided to leave the district pledge at \$30,000 even though some of the churches formerly in the district were transferred to the North Wilkesboro District, thereby decreasing their number of local societies.

Mrs. R. F. Collins, district secretary of supply work, announced that the district had sent \$736 for supplies during the first quarter.

Mrs. C. C. Waever, president-emeritus of the Conference, was present. Mrs. H. B. Simpson, president, was in charge of the meeting.

## Statesville District Seminar

One hundred twenty-three women attended the missionary education seminar of the Statesville District held at Race Street Methodist Church in Statesville on September 8th.

Mrs. Paul B. Henkle, district secretary of missionary education, had arranged a program to include a general session featuring a meditation, a survey of program materials for children and youth and a display of literature to be used in mission study during the coming year.

The group was divided into four sections for the presentation of the studies. Mrs. Garland Stafford of North Wilkesboro, conference secretary of missionary personnel, gave the study, "Heritage and Horizons in Home Missions." Miss Louise Robinson of Statesville, deaconess, led the group in a study of "Into All the World Together." Mrs. W. E. Marlow, district president, presented "Alcohol and Christian Responsibility." Mrs. E. E. Kipka, district secretary of spiritual life, taught the course "Basic Christian Beliefs."

The Rev. John K. Miller, pastor of the host church, had the morning meditation.

## Marion District Seminar In Spruce Pine

The Marion District seminar on Missionary Education was held on Sunday afternoon, September 11, at the First Methodist Church in Spruce Pine.

Those who participated on the program included Mrs. A. N. Fuller, the Rev. O. L. Robinson, Mrs. Harold LeFevers, Mrs. Edmund Blanton and Mrs. Robert Nelson. Mrs. J. C. Rabb, district president, made a talk and Mrs. N. J. Cooper, district secre-

tary of missionary education, was in charge of the program.

The four studies were presented by the Rev. Charles Beaman, Mrs. J. C. Rabb, the Rev. Walter Lee Lanier and Mrs. N. J. Cooper.

## In Memoriam

**STAMEY.**—Mr. C. Tom Stamey, 70, son of Rev. Henry and Mary Frances Stamey passed away August 11, at his home in Polkville, N. C., Cleveland County, after an illness of two months.

He was born in the Henry community of Lincoln County. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Willie Packard Stamey, one foster son, Bob McCarty, one grand; two sisters, three brothers. The only child, Mary Frances Stamey, died 14 years ago.

Mr. Stamey had been with the Stamey Company for 55 years and manager of the Stamey Company Store Polkville, N. C., for 31 years.

He was a Veteran of World War I, and a member of the American Legion. He was a member of Polkville Methodist Church where he served as Steward, Trustee, Supt. of Sunday School, chairman of Committee on Missions, treasurer of the building fund when the new church was built, many times paying the bills from his own money in order that the building proceed. He was a charter member of the Methodist Men Club, a strong supporter, attending every meeting till illness prevented.

The present Infirmary at Brevard College was built in memory of their daughter and recently he contributed to a scholarship at Brevard and helped to pay out the first year of Christian Higher Education of Polkville Church.

He loved and was a true friend of every pastor of his church. His going takes from the community a true citizen. The church sustains the loss of a devoted Christian and strong support.

The funeral was conducted in Polkville Methodist Church Saturday, August 13, 11 a.m. by the pastor, Rev. G. L. Wilkinson, Rev. R. H. Nicholson, a former pastor.

Many times we ask God to spare him. We now bow our heads and say thy will be done.—G. K. Wilkinson, Pastor.

**HUNDLEY.**—The members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Norlina Methodist Church wish to pay this tribute of love and respect to the memory of Mrs. Mildred Clanton Hundley who passed away September 22, 1960, at the age of 49.

Mrs. Hundley was a devoted Christian worker, Sunday school secretary for several years, treasurer of the WSCS for a good many years and treasurer of Circle No. 2 at the time of her death. She took active part in all phases of church work and community activities.

Her influence will live on as a shining light to all who knew her as we bow in submission to our Father's will.

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# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## Away Ran Spot

By ARTHUR SKERRY, JR.

"Why, Spot!" Dick exclaimed. "What are you doing out here in the woods all alone? I'd think you would be home helping Jane get ready for her birthday party tomorrow." Spot belonged to Jane, who lived on the farm next to Dick's.

Spot wagged his tail. "Arf! Arf!" he barked.

"I can guess," Dick laughed. "Jane is hiking in the woods, isn't she? You want me to go find her, don't you?"

"Arf; Arf!" barked Spot.

"Well, I'll fool you both," bragged Dick. "I'll climb a tree. Then I can see her coming, and she can't see me. What a scare I'll give her when she gets here!"

Dick hunted along a fence until he found a long post lying loose on the ground. He dragged the post to a tall tree nearby. By leaning it against the tree and climbing on it, he was able to reach the lowest branch.

Suddenly the post slipped and left Dick hanging by his hands. He looked down. It was a long way to the ground. He was afraid to let go and drop. His heart pounded hard in fear.

He braced his feet against the tree and pulled with his arms. He managed to get a heel over a limb, then a knee. Finally his whole body was up, and he sat there wondering what to do next.

"Oh, well," Dick sighed, "Jane should be here in a minute. She can put the pole in place, and I can get down." He could see Spot down below, sitting on the pole and looking up at him.

"I wish Jane would hurry," Dick worried after a while. "This is no fun."

To pass the time away, he watched Spot. The dog just sat on the fallen pole and looked up at Dick and wagged his tail. "A lot of good you are right now," Dick called to him. "I wish you were Jane. Won't she ever come?"

He climbed high in the tree and looked over the fields toward the farms far away. He couldn't see Jane. He couldn't see anyone.

"Jane! Jane!" he shouted. There was no answer.

Suddenly Spot jumped to his feet and ran away. Dick saw the last of him disappear through the fields toward home.

Dick sat on a limb and felt like crying. It was hard to hold back the tears. "I could starve to death up here and no one would know," he told himself.

"Even Spot is gone. If I try to jump, I'll break a leg and starve anyway."

The sun moved lower in the sky. The air started to take on a chill, and Dick knew night was coming. He rubbed his hands to keep them warm. His stomach felt terribly empty.

The longer he waited in the tree, the more helpless he seemed. And the more helpless he seemed, the more he knew he had to trust God. He clasped his hands together and bowed his head. Somehow this made him feel better.

After a while he raised his head a little. Did he really hear something, or was it only his imagination? There it was again! It was the barking of a dog. It was plainer now, and seemed to be coming closer. There was a girl's voice, too.

"Thank you, God," Dick prayed. "Now I will soon be safe."

He climbed further up the tree, where he could see Jane and Spot coming. "This way, Jane," he shouted.

Jane heard him and waved. Spot dashed forward to Dick's tree, and Jane ran after him. She placed the pole against the tree, and in a few minutes Dick was safely down on the ground.

When he reached home he told his mother what had happened, and asked her to save a good juicy bone for him to give to Spot next day.—**Story Hour.**

## THE WIND

Who has seen the wind?

Neither I nor you;  
But when the leaves hang trembling  
The wind is passing through.

Who has seen the wind?

Neither you nor I;  
But when the trees bend down their heads  
The wind is passing by.

—By CHRISTINE ROSSETTI

## The Children's Choir

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Be sure to encourage your child to join such a group of young singers in the church, and keep him aware that you are proud of his efforts and accomplishments, and those of his choir as a whole.

Never make fun of the child's singing.

See that he attends rehearsals regularly.

Try not to plan trips that would interfere with the choir schedule.

Help the child at home with his music.

Give him the very special support and encouragement of your presence whenever the children's choir performs in public.

And remember, some day your boy or girl will be a finer member of the adult choir because of this inspiration and training received in childhood.

## BIBLE QUIZ

*True or False?*

1. Daniel was one of the three men in the fiery furnace.\_\_\_\_\_
2. The Bible says that money is the root of all evil.\_\_\_\_\_
3. St. Paul made tents for a living.\_\_\_\_\_
4. David wrote all the Psalms.\_\_\_\_\_
5. Simon Peter was a fisherman.\_\_\_\_\_

## Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Steel
2. John
3. Harp
4. Boils
5. Joseph

## Homecoming at Ogburn Memorial October 9th

The Ogburn Memorial Methodist church of Winston-Salem will observe homecoming on October 9, with the Reverend George B. Clemmer as guest preacher at the 11:00 o'clock service. The history and mission of the church will be highlighted in the program with all the offerings of the day going to missionary items in the church program.

Dinner will be spread in the Fellowship Hall of the church. All former pastors, members and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Rev. Clyde L. Collins is the pastor.



## Sunday School Lesson

FOR OCTOBER 16

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH

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### OUR TRUST IN GOD

Background Scripture: Psalms 91, 121

Lesson Scripture: Psalm 121

Continuing our discussion of the Psalms, we have for this lesson the 121st. Good background reading is found in the 91st Psalm. Psalm 121 is one of "the songs for the ascents," our pilgrim psalms. The reader is no doubt familiar with the fact that Jews came to Jerusalem from every part of Palestine for the purpose of taking part in certain important religious ceremonies and festivals. One of these was the Passover Festival. In Luke 2:40-52 we have an account of Jesus going with his family and kinsfolk to Jerusalem to attend this celebration.

Now it is necessary to know that travel in Biblical times was never for pleasure; it was done only when it was felt necessary. So if we are to visualize these journeys of the pilgrims we have to be aware of the dangers they faced. These consisted principally of rough, rocky and steep roads, wild beasts and robbers. When the company of pilgrims made camp as darkness descended upon them, they posted guards on the hills to warn of approaching enemies—either beasts or robbers. So when we read "I will lift up my eyes unto the hills" the words refer to the hills where the sentinels were watching. At this point the reader who is more familiar with the King James version will recall in that translation, the first verse reads: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." The almost unavoidable suggestion here is that the worshiper's help comes from the hills. Such, of course, is not the case. The help comes from God, as the second verse clearly states. That is why we may rightly entitle this psalm "The Guardian God."

Notice how the conditions of dangerous travel are reflected in the Psalm (as rendered in the American Translation). "He will not let your foot slip" (a reference to treacherous roads); "Your guardian will not slumber" (contrasting God's watchful care with that of the sleepy sentinel); "The Lord is your shade (that is, protector) on your right hand." The sun shall not smite you by day" (a reference to sunstroke); "Nor the moon by night" (a reference to what many ancient peoples believed to be the evil influence of the moon); "The Lord will guard your goings and comings henceforth" (meaning God will guard, not only in the present journey, but in all the subsequent travels of life).

Coming now to the question of trust, we may ask what it is and how it works. Sometimes we see it used in the same sense as faith, or belief; but it really has a somewhat different meaning. In a sense, it is a stronger word than either faith or belief. In trust there may be little, if any, of reason, or the intellectual element involved, as when a swimmer "trusts" the water to support him or an airman trusts the air to

hold him up. In fact we exercise trust many times every day: in business, when we accept a check; in travel, when we enter a train or a plane; or even in such a commonplace act as when putting a letter in a mail box. Upon a higher level we might take family life as an example. No family life worth the name is possible without trust.

When it comes to the effect of trust upon the character of a person we could do no better than quote a short paragraph from Edgar N. Jackson, writing in the Adult Teacher. Says he: "One of the most serious of emotional disturbances grows from the withering away or atrophy of the ability to trust. The person who is increasingly suspicious of others and their motives is bound to be unhappy and to make those about him uncomfortable. For when trust is gone, the fabric of life is slashed and human relations fall apart . . . The power of a deep trust in God's love to heal injured emotions is essential to a good life."

In conclusion we may ask: if trust is so important in human relations as indicated in the above paragraph, then how much more important must it be to trust God! A great English preacher, when asked what question he would ask the Sphinx if he could be sure he would get a correct answer, replied: "Is the universe friendly?" It is the Christian's faith that it is.

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If a man cannot be a Christian in the place where he is, he cannot be a Christian anywhere.—*Beecher*.

## Calvary Church Will Observe Homecoming

Calvary Church will observe homecoming day on Saturday, October 8, at 11:00 a.m. The Rev. Robert L. Hethcox, retired former pastor, will preach. Dinner on the grounds follows. A singspiration will follow the meal. All former pastors and members are invited as are all friends of Calvary Church. Calvary now has only about 25 resident members. It is associated with Horne Memorial Church in Clayton. Calvary is located five miles north of Clayton on the Archers Lodge Road.

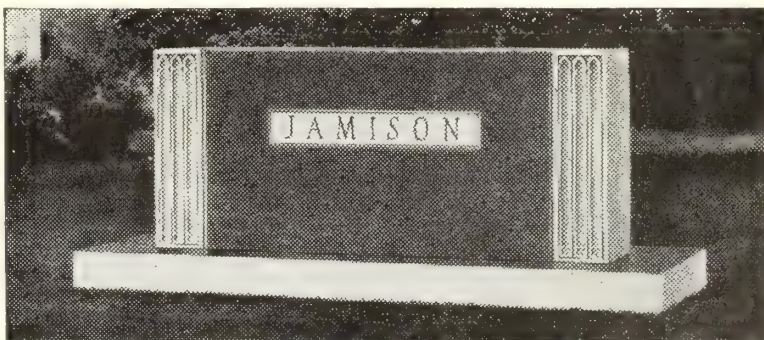
## Trinity, Gastonia, Prepares For Special Services

Trinity Church, Gastonia, is conducting a series of special Sunday night services, which will culminate in a fall revival during the week of November 13, when Dr. C. E. Rozzelle will be the guest preacher. Speakers at the night services during October include Dr. E. C. Few, Gastonia district superintendent; Ed Stowe, leading layman from St. John's Church, Gastonia; Rev. Frank Heffner, pastor of Myrtle Church, Gastonia; and Gordon L. "Shine" Goodson of Boger City, associate lay leader of the WNC Conference. G. G. Adams, Jr., is Trinity's pastor.

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A Christian is a soul in a body and God in a soul.—*Felix*.

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## Recreation Workshop at West Market Street

A Recreation Workshop will be held at West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro, October 14-16. Registration will begin at 4:00 p.m. Friday, the 14, and the closing session will be held Sunday, October 16, in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Registration deadline is October 7. The registration fee of \$5.00 covers all expenses in connection with the workshop program. Complete information may be obtained by addressing Miss Louise Robinson, registrar, P. O. Box 749, Statesville, N. C.

The recreation workshop is a leadership training project of the children's, youth, and adult departments of the Board of Education of the Western North Carolina Conference. It is designed especially to stimulate interest and insight into the use of recreation as a means of developing Christian experience and growth, and to give practical guidance and training to those who have leadership responsibility for the program of fellowship and recreation in the total life of the church.

## Homecoming at Andrews Chapel October 9th

The Andrews Chapel Methodist Church, Route 1, Roseboro, the oldest Methodist church in Sampson County, is observing its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 9th.

One of the former pastors, Rev. Kermit Wheeler of Raeford, will preach at the 11:00 o'clock hour. There will be a speaker in the afternoon, with a special music program.

Lunch will be spread in picnic style for all who come. Friends and former members of the church, as well as former pastors, are cordially urged to attend the services of the day.

Andrews Chapel has this year constructed new Sunday school facilities, the first new addition since the building of the church 112 years ago. The Methodist congregation of the Andrews community dates back to 1790 when Bishop Francis Asbury visited the community and preached in the home of one of its members.

## Bethel Church, Bolivia, Plans Homecoming October 9th

Bethel Methodist Church of Bolivia, plans to celebrate homecoming on Sunday, October 9, from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Dinner will be served on the grounds just after the worship hour. All former pastors and members are cordially invited.

Revival services will begin on the next night, October 10, over-midnight, Monday, October 10, and will run through Friday, October 14.

Services will be at 7:30 p.m., with hymn singing and good evangelistic preaching each night. The Rev. C. D. Roettger of St. Paul's Methodist Church in Maxton, will be the visiting evangelist. Rev. Kermit Norris is pastor.

## Homecoming at Asbury Methodist Church

Homecoming Sunday for the Asbury Church, Durham, will be observed on October 9th. Dr. Thomas A. Collins, president of North Carolina Wesleyan College, will bring the message at 11:00 o'clock. Special music, including "O Glorious Everlast" and "Salvation Is Created," will be sung by the choir.

The traditional dinner on the grounds will be enjoyed and each family is invited to bring a picnic lunch.

The committees appointed to serve for this special occasion are as follows: W. F. Ross, music; Mrs. John Dennis and Mrs. Roy Scott, food; D. S. Scarborough, Joe Bell and Dr. W. H. Vanderbilt, drinks; John Dennis, tents and tables; R. A. Bullock, Jr., D. A. Chandler and D. W. Davis, clean-up; Mrs. J. C. Dailey, Sr., and Miss Eunice Jones, homecoming history.

Rev. LaFon C. Vereen, pastor, cordially invites the public and friends of Asbury to come and worship, and make this a memorable day in the history of the church.

## Maylo Church Lays Cornerstone

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon of Charlotte led in a service in which the cornerstone of the new Maylo Methodist Church was laid at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, October 2, at the new church site on Spencer Mountain Rd., Banlo. Dr. Eugene C. Few, superintendent of the Gastonia District of the Methodist Church, assisted in the ceremony.

The homecoming sermon was delivered by the Rev. G. H. Allred, pastor, on the subject, "Jesus Christ, the Chief Cornerstone." Anthems were offered by the chancel choir under the direction of Mrs. R. J. Wheeler at the morning service. The service was followed by a picnic lunch at the Rex Lodge at 12:45 o'clock. Rally Day was observed during the Sunday school hour.

## Wife of Rev. R. F. Hilliard Passed Away September 27

Mrs. Muriel Jacquelyn Hilliard, wife of Rev. R. F. Hilliard, pastor of the Pine Grove Methodist charge, Route 2, Winston-Salem, died Tuesday morning at Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, after an extended illness. Funeral took place Thursday afternoon, September 29, at Emmanuel Evangelical and Reformed Church, near Thomasville, and burial was in the Holly Hills Cemetery. Besides her husband, Mrs. Hilliard is survived by three children.

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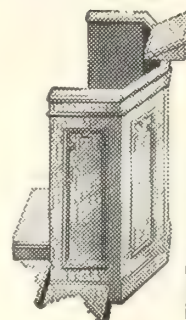
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Three Methodist laymen who are members of the Board of Directors of Religion in American Life, Inc., view the RIAL poster to be seen across the country this fall during the 12th annual RIAL campaign to increase attendance. Left to right, they are W. Carl Walton of New York, RIAL director of organization planning; Dr. Robert G. Mayfield of Chicago, executive director of the Methodist Board of Lay Activities; and Frank W. Burr, RIAL treasurer, a vice-president of the Chase Manhattan Bank, New York.



# CAROLINA BRIEFS

☛ DR. HAROLD HUTSON, president of Greensboro College, preached at the 11:00 o'clock hour at Trinity Church, Kannapolis, Sunday, October 2.

☛ DR. WILLIAM F. BLACKARD, district superintendent of the Clinton (Tennessee) District, preached at Central Church, Asheville, on Sunday, October 2.

☛ REV. P. D. MIDGETT of Oxford has been elected new president of Granville County Ministers' Conference. He is pastor of Oxford Circuit of the Methodist Church.

☛ LAYMEN'S DAY will be observed at Fairgrove Methodist Church, Thomasville District, October 16, with Mr. D. W. Holt of Asheboro speaker.

☛ REV. W. R. KING of Scott Hill will assist Rev. Frank D. Salmon in revival services at Carroll Chapel Church at Sneads Ferry October 23-November 5.

☛ THE MARION AREA Training School was held at First Methodist Church, Marion, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, October 9, and continuing at the same hour each evening through Thursday. Courses for all groups were included.

☛ REV. WALTER McDONALD, professor at Louisburg College, was the homecoming preacher at Westover Church, Raleigh, on Sunday, October 9. Rev. R. H. Eason is pastor at Westover.

☛ SCOTLAND NECK CHURCH will observe homecoming and celebrate its 101st anniversary on Sunday, October 23. Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, president of Louisburg College, will be the guest speaker.

☛ STONEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH held homecoming services Sunday, October 2, with Dr. L. B. Hayes, of Franklin, delivering the sermon at the 11:00 o'clock hour. Rev. J. C. Kendrick is pastor.

☛ DR. D. D. HOLT, president of Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., will be speaker in a preaching mission at First Methodist Church, Valdese, October 15-19. The theme will be "The Home and the Church."

☛ DILWORTH CHURCH, Charlotte, observed Laymen's Day Sunday, October 2, with Mr. R. H. (Red) Bond of Dyersburg, Tenn. as guest speaker. Mr. Bond is a very prominent layman in the work of the Methodist Laymen's Movement.

☛ THE REV. AND MRS. J. MALLOY OWEN, III, of Clayton, announce the birth of a daughter, Patricia Smith Owen, Tuesday, October 4, at Johnston Memorial Hospital in Smithfield. Weight: six pounds, seven ounces.

☛ REV. J. F. HERBERT, retired, of Chapel Hill, is a patient in the hospital at Morehead City. He was attending homecoming day at Morehead City when he suffered a heart attack September 26. His friends will remember him in their prayers.

☛ REV. Z. V. COWAN of Milton, N. C., will conduct revival services each evening at 7:30, Monday, October 10, through Friday, October 14, at the Shady Grove Methodist Church, Inez, N. C., on Highway No. 58. Rev. John E. Wood, the pastor, will assist.

☛ REV. W. HAROLD GROCE, pastor of Ardmore Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, will be the guest speaker during a week of Spiritual Enrichment at Clinchfield Methodist Church in the Marion District. The dates for this revival are October 23-28.

☛ REV. L. B. HAYES, although on the retired list, is far from being inactive. Recently he has preached in homecoming services at Bethel in the Franklin circuit, Coburn Memorial, Salisbury, and Stoneville in the Greensboro district.

☛ CASHIERS CHURCH in Macon County will lay the cornerstone for the new church, now under construction, on Sunday, Oct. 16. Taking part in the service will be Rev. John Vernon, pastor; Dr. F. C. Smathers, district superintendent; and Dr. L. B. Hayes of Franklin.

☛ HOMECOMING SERVICES will be held at North River Methodist Church, Beaufort Circuit, on October 16 at 11:00 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. Leonard Mayo, will bring the morning message. A picnic lunch will be served on the church lawn. Members, former pastors and friends of the church are cordially invited.

☛ KILGO METHODIST CHURCH, Charlotte, conducted the formal opening worship in their newly completed sanctuary Sunday, October 9. Dr. J. Lem Stokes, president of Pfeiffer College, delivered the sermon. In the afternoon open house was observed from 3:00 until 5:00 o'clock. Rev. Ivan A. Stephens is pastor.

☛ THE HATTERAS Methodist Church was dedicated on Sunday morning, October 2, by Bishop Paul N. Garber. He was assisted by the district superintendent, Rev. Robert L. Jerome, and the pastor, Rev. Van E. Cash. A large congregation was present for the dedication service and for the fellowship lunch afterwards.

☛ DUKE'S CHAPEL CHURCH, Durham District, will observe homecoming day Sunday, Oct. 16, at 11:00 o'clock. An invitation is extended to all members, their families, and other friends to attend. A picnic luncheon will be served following the service at which the pastor, Rev. W. C. Wilson, will preach.

☛ ASBURY CHURCH, Cove City, observed homecoming last Sunday, Oct. 9, at the 11:00 o'clock hour. Rev. Lewis Dillman of Garber Methodist Church, New Bern, preached at the homecoming service, and began a revival meeting which will run through the week. Picnic lunch was served on the lawn at the close of the morning service. Rev. B. E. Davis is pastor.

☛ HOMECOMING AT THE Shady Grove Church, Parkton Charge, will be observed Sunday, October 16. Morning worship at 11:00 a.m., will be followed by a picnic lunch. All former pastors and members are invited for this occasion. The Rev. W. R. Johnson is pastor.

☛ HOMECOMING SERVICES were held at the Mt. Sylvan Church, Roxboro Road, Durham, on October 9, at 11:00 o'clock. The Rev. Leon Hall, a former pastor, now of Durham, brought the message, and the traditional homecoming fellowship meal was enjoyed in the church cabin. Members, former pastors and friends of the church were present to enjoy the fellowship.

☛ REPRESENTATIVES FROM churches in Alamance, Caswell, and Chatham Counties met for a church-wide school of missions institute at Front Street Church, in Burlington at 7:30 Monday evening, Oct. 3. Primary teachers were led by Mrs. Rufus Stark; junior teachers by Mrs. Tom Merriam; youth division by Rev. H. H. Hodgins; and adult teachers and chairmen of commissions by Rev. Rufus Stark.

☛ THOMASVILLE AREA Training School will be held at Memorial Church October 16-20 beginning at 7:30 each evening. Offering courses will be Mrs. Senah Pulliam, Seven Mile Ford, Va.; Mrs. W. R. Reed, Richmond, Va.; Dr. Raymond Smith, Greensboro College; Rev. Carl Edwards, or Booneville; and Dr. C. E. Rozzelle of Winston-Salem.

☛ REV. J. W. BRAXTON, pastor of Central Church, Canton, left following the service on October 9 to participate in a preaching mission to South America. He will be one of thirty ministers in the mission. They will spend two days training in Miami, then will visit Panama, Rio de Janeiro, and Sao Paulo, Brazil; Buenos Aires, Argentina, enroute to Chile and Peru. He will return in time for the service at his church Sunday, November 13.

☛ THE CATAWBA COUNTY area training school will be held at First Methodist Church, Hickory, beginning Sunday, Oct. 23, and continuing each evening through Thursday. Courses will be held for each age group. Teachers include Mrs. Senah Pulliam of Seven Mile Ford, Va.; Mrs. E. C. Few of Gastonia; Mrs. Gerry White of Statesville; Rev. Paul H. Duckwell of Statesville; Rev. Courtney Ross of Brevard; Dr. Thomas Langford of Durham; Mrs. E. L. Hillman of Durham; and Rev. E. L. Hillman of Durham.

☛ THOMASVILLE DISTRICT will hold a district mission rally Thursday, Oct. 13, at Shiloh Church (NC 150 north of junction with US 64). The time is 7:30. The speaker will be Dr. J. B. Holt, former missionary to the Philippines and currently professor of missions at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. Dr. Holt is a dynamic speaker, and all churches are urged to bring several carloads of interested people. Rev. Orion Hutchinson is district mission secretary, and Rev. J. H. Carper, district superintendent.



# EDITORIALS

# LETTERS

## Right Now Is The Time For Advocate Campaign

We urge all our pastors to give the **Advocate** a chance. The campaign is now on to increase the circulation. It is supported by the bishops and district superintendents and we trust will have the full support of every pastor. Only in this way can we realize our goal. We are greatly encouraged by the words of appreciation from many individuals with reference to the quality of the paper. Wherever it is properly presented and followed up the subscriptions come in. It helps people to be better Christians, better church members, and render better service, because they are better informed. It is in the hands of the pastor as to how many subscriptions go to his church. We can speak out of experience as well as observation. Some pastors are planning to make a special effort on Laymen's Day to go beyond their quota. Brethren, give us a chance to help you in your work by enlarging your subscription list. Now is the time, the crucial time. Do it **NOW!** Thank you.

## Boards of Evangelism Are On The Job

Last week we carried the outline for the program of evangelism in the Western North Carolina Conference. This week we are carrying the program as outlined by the Board of Evangelism of the North Carolina Conference in its meeting in August. These two boards of our North Carolina Methodism are taking their responsibilities seriously and endeavoring to give evangelism its rightful place of supreme importance. If we fail here we have failed at the most important point in our program. John Wesley, we recall, was possessed by a consuming desire to win people to Christ by "spreading Scriptural holiness over these lands." We ministers need to guard against becoming so involved in plans, programs, drives, and the like that would cause us to neglect our supreme task. Our churches should not be content to make glowing reports about raising funds and meeting quotas, but rather should rejoice in how many people have been won to Christ through a real transforming experience that has made them real citizens of the kingdom. Suppose every Methodist should assume the role of an evangelist in their daily contacts; what marvelous strides could

be made! If in this state every Methodist should average winning only one person for Christ and the church during a whole year, we would have 900,000 instead of 450,000. Then suppose we all did the same thing the second year; there would be 1,800,000. When we look at these figures and compare them with the meager increases shown in our annual reports, it looks like we need to check up on where our best energies are being expended. It is not a matter of doing one or the other, but of doing both. We believe in carrying on the program of the church in its fullness. That is essential. Jesus said to the people of His day, "these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." Which means we should avoid majoring on the minor things and minoring on the major things. Evangelism is our great responsibility and privilege.

## Laymen In Action

On October 16 many churches will observe Laymen's Day. Consecrated laymen will conduct services, others will deliver the layman's message in the service. The Methodist church has long since recognized the importance of lay leadership. Each charge is entitled to a lay representative at the annual conference. In North Carolina Methodism the figures show that laymen outnumber ministers about 400-1. Also the laymen hold the purse-strings and can largely control the program of the church in any field of advance. When any church has a group of consecrated and live-wire laymen it is a matter of record that such a church produces the kind of results that warm the heart. No wonder the poets said

*When you see a church that's empty,  
Though its doors are opened wide,  
It's not the church that's dying—  
It's the laymen who have died.*

The laymen's day service should appeal to every member to attend, because they have an opportunity to see the laymen in action. It is our hope and prayer that laymen's day will leave an indelible impression for good upon all who attend, and we know it will do just that for those who take part.

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To preach the Gospel is nothing else than to bring Christ to men and men to Christ.—*Luther.*

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Dear Sir:

I noticed recently a committee is about to revise the Methodist Hymnal. I certainly hope they examine closely the *Christian Herald's* poll of favorite hymns.

I also hope they see fit to put "The Old Rugged Cross" in the Hymnal.

I would like to see a "Rural" Hymnal published with more of the familiar, simple, gospel hymns included since we are compelled to use the Hymnal in our services. A congregation is more closely united when they sing hymns they know and love best. A singing congregation is a happy congregation. A happy and enthusiastic congregation can glorify God and help spread Christianity to a material and atheistic society.

Faithfully,

—GUY MCINTOSH

Stanley, N. C.

Dear Brother Starnes:

In response to your letter of September 15, 1960, our little church of 97 members has already subscribed for 19 **ADVOCATES**. This is already 19 more than we had last year.

In previous years the emphasis has been placed upon the pastor to secure a layman or a laywoman to look after the **ADVOCATE** subscriptions. It seems like every time we got hold of the wrong person.

Therefore, when I received your communication I decided that I would take you at your word and go to work myself as the agent for the **ADVOCATE**. Now after about an hour's work on the telephone and during routine visitation I have secured subscriptions for almost half of the families of my congregation.

As a result of this I am forced to confess that I have neglected to hold up the **ADVOCATE** as a paper we need and should have in our homes. I hope I have found this out before it is too late and our wonderful paper ceases to exist.

I do not believe that all of the subscriptions are in as yet. For this reason I would like to have four more order blanks. I may need them.

Sincerely yours,

—EDWARD M. HEATH, Pastor

To the Editor:

Please let me add my word to the others you have received regarding the very excellent quality of the **ADVOCATE** under your leadership. Two particular features strike me as being considerably improved, and should be of genuine help to our church in North Carolina: the increased news coverage and the pertinence of this coverage, and secondly, the courage and pertinence of the editorials. The **ADVOCATE** is now, I believe, helping to lead our people as well as reflect their activity and faith. You are to be commended for this very fine work.

Sincerely,

—THOMAS A. LANGFORD  
Assistant Professor of Religion  
Duke University



## Laymen's Week To Be Observed In Biscoe

Five outstanding Methodist laymen from various sections of the state will lead the congregation of Page Memorial Methodist Church in Biscoe in an observance of Laymen's Week during the week of October 16-21. The week-long services, which begin with the observance of Laymen's Day on Sunday, the 16th, will have as the over-all theme, "The Methodist Layman and His Responsibilities." Services will continue each night at 7:30 through Friday, October 21st.

Mr. R. E. (Buddy) Lupper, coach of Senior High School in Fayetteville, will bring the first message on Sunday night, the 16th. He will be followed by Mr. Alonzo Edwards, executive vice-president of the N. C. Farm Bureau, from Hookerton, on Monday night; Mr. Bill Price, leading business man and Burlington District lay leader, on Tuesday night; Nelson Gibson, N. C. Methodist Conference lay leader from Gibson, on Wednesday and Thursday nights; and Mr. Walter Anderson, director of the State Bureau of Investigation from Raleigh, on Friday night. Mr. Gibson, the first full-time lay leader in Methodism, is the only speaker that will speak more than once during the week. Each of the speakers will take a different area of the layman's responsibility for his subject each night.

In addition to the lay speakers each night, laymen from the local church will be in complete charge of the services throughout the week, thus providing lay leadership for the entire week of services.

The week of services will be climaxed on Sunday, October 23rd, with the observance of the first homecoming day in the 60-year history of the church. The services have been planned by the Commission on Membership and Evangelism with the assistance of the pastor, the Rev. James C. White, Jr. "We certainly hope many Methodists from the surrounding churches will join us in this week of services," stated Mr. White, "and we also hope all former members and ministers will join us in the observance of homecoming on October 23rd."

## Rev. Frank E. Wier Reappointed Editor

Rev. Frank E. Wier, a member of the North Carolina Annual Conference, was reappointed editor of *Bible Lessons for Youth*, *Program Quarterly*, and *Youth Teacher and Counselor* on September 7th by Dr. Henry M. Bullock, editor of Church School Publications and general secretary of Editorial Division, General Board of Education.

Mr. Wier, whose home originally was in Knoxville, Tenn., is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and Duke Divinity School. He left the pulpit of St. Paul Methodist Church in Burlington, N. C. to become a member of the staff of the Board of Education in Nashville.

The work of the editorial division of the board was highly praised by the recent General Conference. A resolution adopted there expressed commendation of the work of Dr. Bullock and the editorial staff. It called on every Methodist church to use Methodist church school materials.

## Wesley Chapel Parsonage Dedicated at Misenheimer

Misenheimer, N. C. — Dr. W. J. Huneycutt, superintendent of the Albemarle District of the Methodist Church, led the service of dedication for the parsonage of Wesley Chapel Methodist Church on Sunday, September 25, at 11 a.m. Dedication of the parsonage, completed in 1956, followed the morning worship service.

The morning sermon was preached by Dr. Huneycutt. Dr. Daniel Sain, minister, issued an invitation to all friends of the church to share in the service.

Harvey Miller, chairman of the church's board of trustees, presented the building to Dr. Huneycutt for dedication. The brick



parsonage is located on a landscaped, wooded lot beside the church and is valued at \$21,000.

Construction of the parsonage was started in the fall of 1955 following the designation of Wesley Chapel as a station. Glenn Barringer served as chairman of the building committee and supervisor of the construction work. Other members were Paul Egle and Lloyd Wagoner, all of Misenheimer.

The building lot was presented as a gift to the church by Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Plyler and a gift of \$500 was made by the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension. More than \$2,000 in materials and labor were given by church members and friends. Final payment on a \$10,000 loan for the parsonage was made by the 252 church members in August.

All new furnishings were placed in the spacious seven-room parsonage under the direction of a committee consisting of Mrs. W. W. Mullinix, Mrs. James Plyler, Mrs. Ben Wagoner, Mrs. Robert Peeler, and Mrs. Lem Stokes, II, Church trustees at the time of the building program who also assisted in the overall program were C. D. Plyler, Math Moss, Broadus Burrage, Jones Wagoner, Murphy Culp, and Claude Dry.

Rev. Harland Creech, II, was minister of the church during the building program.

## Greensboro College May Have Record Budget

The executive committee of the board of trustees of Greensboro College recommended adoption of the largest budget in the history of the college when the full board met October 10.

Meeting recently, the executive committee recommended a 1960-61 operating budget of \$774,000. Last year's budget was \$707,000.

J. C. Cowan, Jr., of Greensboro, president of the board of trustees and chairman of the executive committee, presided.

## Greensboro District Laymen Hold Supper Meeting

Dr. Ben Smith, lay leader of the Greensboro District, and Dr. J. Clay Madison, district superintendent, held a meeting on Saturday evening, October 1, with the church lay leaders of the district. The meeting was held at West Market Street Church, beginning at 5:00 p. m. Dr. Madison gave the devotions and explained the chart, "Standard of Excellence." He also stated the objectives for the district so far as the leaders are involved. Ben Smith then set forth the duties of the lay leaders, such as assisting the pastor in various types of work, being a member of all the commissions, informing the church of the apportionments and other information, inspiring and leading in the total program of the church, including lay activities, circulation of church periodicals, and admonishing the people in the ways of right living. Mr. Robert M. Smith, of Mount Airy, conference lay leader, spoke to the group about the work of the conference and the layman's responsibility.

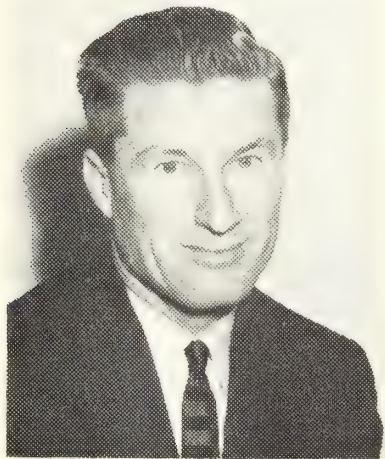
The group adjourned to the Mayfair Cafeteria, where they were joined by a large number of certified lay speakers who are to be engaged in pulpits during the no silent pulpit period. Dr. Madison stated it was his hope that the program would be a continuing program through the year. After the group had finished the evening meal, Mr. Paul Ervin, attorney, of Charlotte, and former conference lay leader, spoke to the group on "Lay Speaking." He listed several things to do, and several others not to do. He suggested that one filling the pulpit should (1) always present a neat appearance; (2) have something to say; (3) believe in your product—or what you say; (4) be thoroughly familiar with your subject; (5) make careful preparation; (6) remember you are on holy ground; (7) provide good terminal facilities. Things not to do included (1) don't try to be an orator; (2) don't weep at your own eloquence; (3) don't try to be humorous; (4) don't apologize; (5) don't attempt to talk down to your audience; (6) don't be disappointed at attendance or response. Mr. Ervin went into the various points in detail to explain just what he meant by each. Dr. Madison made assignments of the lay speakers to the various charges. The meeting was well attended and proved to be very profitable to those present.

## Kitty Hawk Education Building Dedicated

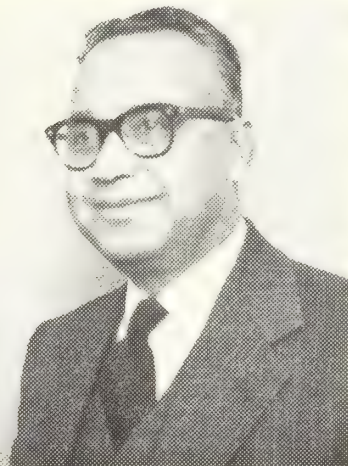
The educational building of the Kitty Hawk Methodist Church was dedicated by Bishop Paul N. Garber on Sunday afternoon, October 2, at 4:00 o'clock. He was assisted by the district superintendent, Rev. Robert L. Jerome, and the new pastor of the charge, Rev. Horace Lee McLaurin. The new building cost about \$53,000, and includes classrooms, kitchen, fellowship hall, rest rooms, pastor's study, and other rooms. The sanctuary was also improved with a new rug and air-conditioner. Many outside gifts, including the Christmas offering, helped to clear the building of debt. Many people gathered for the dedication ritual in the church, and picnic supper in the fellowship hall.



# Three Prominent Leaders Speak at Mission Rallies



DR. J. B. HOLT



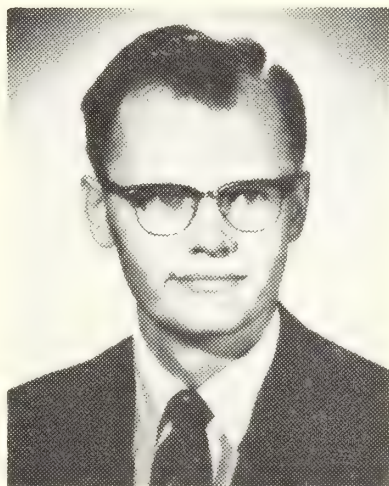
DR. P. C. BALARAM

Three outstanding leaders in the field of world missions will be speakers in a series of "Call to Witness and Decision District Mission Rallies" in the Western North Carolina Conference during three weeks in October.

The Rev. Joseph M. Davis, a young Methodist minister who has been training African pastors in an area of the Belgian Congo where a mass movement into the Christian faith is in progress, spoke October 3 in Gastonia, October 4 in Hickory, October 5 in Asheboro, and October 6 in Wadesboro. Mr. Davis, whose American home is Lexington, Ky., has been serving 10 years as a missionary in the Congo as district superintendent, principal of a primary school, and legal representative to the government of the Central Congo Methodist Conference and chairman of the board of trustees of the Union Theological School at Mulungwishi. He returned to America just prior to the Congo's becoming an independent nation and he has valuable analyses and interpretations to give on this new Republic.

The pastor of the largest and most active Protestant church in the Philippine Islands, Dr. John B. Holt, of Abilene, Texas, will be the guest speaker in Sylva October 12, and at Shiloh Church, near Lexington, October 13. Dr. Holt, who is home for a year's furlough, is teaching mission courses at the Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, Texas, one of his alma maters. He has been pastor of the Knox Memorial Church in Manila since 1948. There are 3,147 members in the church—Filipinos, Americans, Spanish descendants, and British. Services are held in English, Spanish, and three native tongues each Sunday. Dr. Holt expects to return to Manila in June 1961 to preach the English service each Sunday at Knox and teach in Union Theological Seminary, Manila, and help in the organization of new churches throughout the Islands, where 126 new churches have been organized since 1954.

The Rev. Dr. P. C. B. Balaram, an Indian Methodist leader and a former Crusade



REV. J. M. DAVIS

scholar, will speak to rallies in Salisbury, October 20, Morganton on October 23 at 2:30 p.m., and in North Wilkesboro, October 23 at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Balaram studied five years in the United States, and is now secretary for public relations of the Methodist Church in southern Asia and secretary of promotion for the Delhi Episcopal Area of the Methodist Church. He has headquarters in Delhi, India, and works with the Indian Government and with newspapers in matters relating to the Methodist church. In 1956, he was organizing secretary for the Indian Methodist Centenary celebration and was instrumental in arranging the American tour of the Indian Methodist Centenary choir. He will serve until August 1961 on the General Board of Missions after which he will return to his work in India.



You cannot repent too soon, because you do not know how soon it may be too late.

—Fuller.

## Rutherford County Leadership School

The Leadership Training School for the Rutherford County area will be held at First Methodist Church, Forest City, October 16-20, 1960. It is sponsored by the Board of Education of the Western North Carolina Conference, of which Dr. Carl H. King is executive secretary, and the participating charges of the area. Rev. Joseph R. Bogle will serve as dean. There are 14 participating charges and ministers. The school will run Sunday through Thursday evenings, 7:30 to 9:30. Courses and teachers are as follows:

*Teaching Nursery - Kindergarten Children*, Miss Louise Robinson, WNC Conference Director of Children's Work, Salisbury, N. C.; *Teaching Primary-Junior Children*, Mrs. E. C. Few, experienced teacher of children and teachers, Gastonia, N. C.; *Counseling Youth*, Rev. Donald Bridger, Pineville, N. C. For leaders, counselors, teachers and parents of junior highs, seniors and older youth; *Junior Highs Face Their Problems*, Rev. Bill Haire, pastor of the Methodist Church, Caroleen, N. C.; *Understanding Ourselves*, Rev. J. D. Murray, Asheville, N. C. For young people only, ages 15-23; *The Use of the Bible in Adult Groups*, Dr. W. R. Locke, High Point College, High Point, N. C. For teachers, prospective teachers and leaders of adult groups. *The Teaching of Jesus*, Dr. E. C. Few, superintendent of the Gastonia District, Gastonia, N. C. For the general membership of the church.

## Frank E. Baker, Chairman

### Gen'l Conference Entertainment

Chicago—Frank E. Baker, Bryn Mawr, Pa., was elected chairman of the Methodist Church's Commission on General Conference Entertainment and Program at a meeting here Sept. 22. He succeeds Bishop Paul V. Galloway of San Antonio, Texas, who was elected chairman of the commission at its earlier organization meeting prior to his election to the episcopacy. (A bishop cannot serve as a member of this commission).

Following the meeting, Mr. Baker announced that the commission will make every effort to give every section of the country a chance to entertain the 1964 General Conference. He said the commission will meet again on Nov. 3-4 in St. Louis, Mo., and will at that meeting receive delegations from several cities which desire to be host to the 1964 conference.

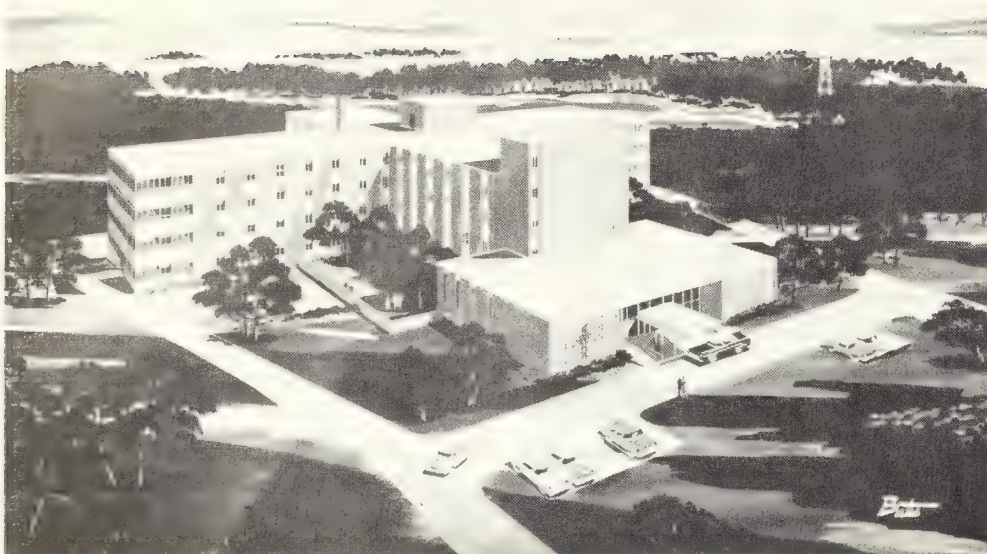
## Carolina Beach To Observe Homecoming October 16th

St. Paul's Methodist Church, Carolina Beach, organized July 18, 1943, will observe homecoming day October 16. The Rev. Robert L. Bame, pastor of Fifth Avenue Methodist Church, Wilmington, will be the guest minister. The Rev. Mr. Bame is a former member of St. Paul's Church.

The schedule for the day will include church school at 9:45; morning worship at 11:00; a picnic lunch at noon; and an old-fashioned hymn-singing at 1:15. The observance will conclude with a memorial service at 1:45.

All former pastors, present and former members, friends of St. Paul's and visitors are invited. Rev. Douglas L. Byrd is pastor.





## “Christianity in Action”

As announced in the special Methodist Home issue of the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE on April 28, 1960, “Christianity in Action” is making outstanding progressive strides in Charlotte.

The above picture is the architect's rendering of the new Methodist Home Health Center to be built on the grounds of the Home at a cost in excess of \$1,500,000. When completed, this facility will offer the finest in nursing home care to the constituency of our Conference in the largest, most modern and fully equipped building of its kind in the south.

Whereas in our Conference our aging population had to be ambulatory and in good health to be eligible for admission in our residence retirement home, this progressive step will be a pioneering effort to care for some of our most deserving people who have the misfortune of having physical disabilities.

Mr. W. W. Hagood, Jr., president of our Methodist Home, was pleased to announce the membership of the Home, and to the ADVOCATE readers, that the building as pictured has been approved in basic design by the Home's executive committee. Mr. Hagood also announced that a Federal grant from Hill-Burton funds has been committed to this project in the amount of \$839,143.80. On hand at the present time, in special designated funds for this project, the Home has a little in excess of \$400,000, so the remainder of the cost will need to be raised from the many persons throughout the Conference who have been concerned and interested in our church taking this and re-designing has been going on for action.

Behind the scenes studying, planning, months. Bouquets could be showered on many, but it has been the untiring efforts of the whole “team” that have brought the plans to the final stages. The special sub-committee that held several long night

sessions which included Mr. Hagood, Dr. John Douglas, Dr. Joe Van Hoy, Dr. George F. Verdone, Mrs. Parks Sadler, Mr. Marshall I. Pickens, Mr. Carl Rowland, Mr. R. H. Pinnix, Mr. George Stratton, Mr. Louis Asbury, and Mr. Willard S. Farrow, are to be commended on their enthusiastic efforts in behalf of this project. Mr. Rowland spent several days in Washington, doing research on all similar facilities that have been built in the last several years under similar conditions, thus enabling us to profit by their mistakes. This was most helpful in our being able to arrive at a plan that would incorporate the best ideas and give us a facility designed to be operated in the most economical manner.

On each of the four floors, all rooms are grouped in a cross design around the nurses station, and the core of functional facilities, including elevators, treatment and consultation rooms, baths, and food distribution areas, are conveniently located. The solarium and sun deck on three wing ends will be ideal since it is such a short distance from any of the rooms on each wing.

On the first floor, upon coming in the entrance, will be found an adequate lobby, business offices, staff dining room, receptionist desk, and telephone switchboard, and the elevator for visitors' use. Also found in this area is the beautiful chapel, given by Miss Faith Bell, of Charlotte, as a memorial to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Bell. This chapel will be a comfort and an inspiration to those in the Health Services Building, as well as to the visitors.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee, the Medical and Health Committee, the special study group, and every member of the board and staff, were interested in and have been concerned with having the correct percent of private rooms in relation to the other type of accommodations. The final room distribution, as a result of the careful study and statistical analysis—bear-

ing in mind that this would be in keeping with the finest in infirmary or nursing home care accommodations offered anywhere—was as follows: 88 single rooms, with full baths; 16 connecting single rooms, with full baths; 24 single rooms, with half baths; 8 double rooms, with half baths; and 4 four-bed wards.

The single rooms have been of great interest to members of the Home, inasmuch as many have had the experience of short-term illnesses and because of lack of adequate facilities in the present infirmary have had to share a room with another. Too, in some cases, the other member was more seriously ill and the arrangement did not lend itself to ideal “roommate” relationships.

Too, the many single rooms have been the ones in which individuals have indicated their desire in covering the major portion of the cost. They would thereby have the privilege of indicating that room in honor or in memory of some loved one or friend. Official action of the executive committee permits such designation upon the receipt of a \$10,000 gift. A few other persons have decided to follow the same procedure, but are making their contributions over a two or three-year period.

Any of the ADVOCATE readers who desire to know more about how they might have such a part in the building may contact any of the following persons:

Mr. W. R. Cuthbertson, of City Savings Bank, or Mr. Edwin L. Jones, of J. A. Jones Construction Co., who are co-chairmen of the special committee for the raising of the additional necessary funds to cover the cost of the building, as well as Mr. W. W. Hagood, Jr., president of the Home's Board of Managers; and Mr. Willard S. Farrow, the Home's administrator.

### First Church, Charlotte Presents “Invisible Fire”

Last Sunday night the chancel choir and the orchestra, under Mr. Thomas' direction, presented the specially written Methodist oratorio, “The Invisible Fire.” Its presentation was heard by the largest Sunday evening congregation for such a program that we have ever had. It was a magnificent presentation, superbly sung and brilliantly directed. The four soloists were outstanding in their parts and the chorus, as brought by the chancel choir, was nothing short of magnificent. The accompaniment of the orchestra greatly enriched the service, and the talents of Mrs. Bultman at the piano were wonderfully displayed. All in all, this was as fine a service in music as we have ever heard, and one of which First Church should be very proud. We extend our congratulations to our Ministry of Music for having brought to life “The Invisible Fire,” and for giving to all of us a never-to-be-forgotten evening as we worshiped together through Him. — CHURCH BULLETIN.

### Change of Appointments

Bishop Harmon has authorized the following appointments in the North Wilkesboro District: C. C. Bell to the Elkin Circuit as of June 25, and Jack L. Caudill to a new appointment, Deerfield, as of Sept. 14.

—GARLAND R. STAFFORD, D.S.



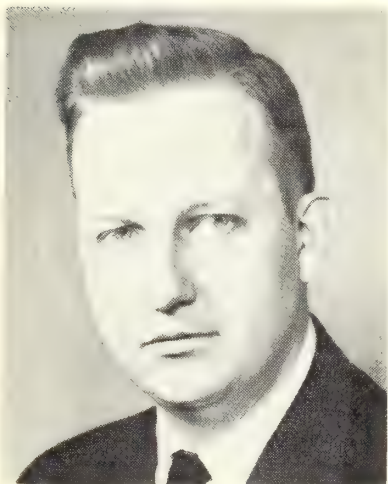
## N. C. Pastors' School and Convocation Oct. 24-26



DR. DUDLEY A. WARD



DR. JAROSLAV PELIKAN



DR. EGIL GRISLIIS



BISHOP RICHARD RAINES

The North Carolina Pastors' School and Christian Convocation will be held concurrently with the James A. Gray Lectures at Duke University, October 24-26.

Featured speakers will be Dr. Jaroslav Pelikan, professor of historical theology at the University of Chicago, who will serve as Gray lecturer; and Bishop Richard C. Raines of the Indianapolis Area of the Methodist Church, who will be the convocation preacher.

Several hundred ministers from North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia are expected to attend the sessions.

An addition to this year's convocation program will be the introduction of the first alumni lecturer. Selected for the post by the Divinity School Alumni Association is Dr. Finis A. Crutchfield, minister of the Boston Avenue Methodist Church, Tulsa, Okla., who received the B.D. degree from Duke in 1940.

Special lecturers for the three-day program will be the Rev. A. Dudley Ward of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns, the Methodist Church; and Dr. Egil Grisliis, assistant professor of historical theology at the Duke Divinity School.

The Gray Lectures, made possible by a fund set up by James A. Gray of Winston-Salem, are scheduled as follows: 7 p.m. on October 24; 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on October 25; and 11:30 a.m. on October 26. This year's theme will be "Christ, the Light of the World."

Jointly sponsoring the events will be the



DR. F. A. CRUTCHFIELD

Duke Divinity School, the North Carolina Pastors' School, and the Department of In-Service Training of the Methodist Church.

The combined staff for the convocation and lecture series includes the following divinity school personnel: Dean Robert E. Cushman, convocation chairman; Dr. James T. Cleland, chairman, Gray Lectures; Dr. McMurry S. Richey, director of the Pastors' School and Christian Convocation; the Rev. Harmon L. Smith, assistant director; Dr. W. Arthur Kale, worship services; and Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, pastor of Myers Park Methodist Church, Charlotte, chairman, Board of Managers of the Pastors' School.

## St. Paul of Greensboro Observes Anniversary

The congregation of St. Paul Methodist Church of Greensboro observed on Sunday, September 25, its fifty-seventh anniversary. A record-breaking attendance was reported at the homecoming picnic following the worship service. An afternoon anniversary service was held during which the Rev. J. L. Trollinger, of Reidsville, was the guest speaker.

During the anniversary service Rev. Trollinger related many interesting facts he recalled relating to the history of the church. Soon after the organization of the congregation in 1903, a building was started in the present location of the church. The congregation still worships in this building on Vine Street, Greensboro. Rev. Trollinger recalled attending the first Sunday school which met then in a school building a few blocks from the present location of the church. He was the first minister to be licensed to preach by this church. The Quarterly Conference of St. Paul Church licensed him and on November 11, 1921, he was admitted to the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. On that day he was appointed to his first charge.

Also during the anniversary service Mrs. J. H. Trollinger of Randleman presented a new pulpit Bible to the St. Paul Church in memory of her husband, the late Rev. James H. Trollinger. This was the last church served by Rev. Trollinger prior to his retirement in 1954 because of ill health. The death of Mr. Trollinger came on Oct. 2, 1959. The congregation approved new building plans by the Building Committee. The new building is to be built on a new location in the O. Henry Oaks community of Greensboro in the near future. The Rev. Joel T. Key is pastor.

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# Creedmoor Church Continues Progress

By MRS. R. F. ROBERTS

In the year 1948 a period of great expansion for the Creedmoor Methodist Church began under the leadership of the Rev. D. M. Sharpe. First, the proposal of a central heating plant was accepted by the congregation, and two black stoves were relegated to the past. Next, Mr. Sharpe began to envision a new parsonage to replace the old one, which was inconvenient and quite inadequate. The congregations of the four churches of the Creedmoor circuit—Bullocks, Creedmoor, Banks and Grove Hill—began to share his dreams. A parsonage committee was selected, plans were made, money raised and work begun on the new dwelling. In July 1951 a new comfortable, modern, brick dwelling replaced the old. The people saw the real significance of that parsonage and felt that something bigger lay ahead. The Rev. Mr. Sharpe left in 1951 and was followed by the Rev. W. G. Farrar. He foresaw that larger stream of faith, service and progress toward which the Creedmoor church was moving. First, he saw the need of a worship service every Sunday. He began four sermons a month at Creedmoor instead of two, although it added to his work load. Increased services brought increased attendance, stronger ties of fellowship and a greater willingness to work toward larger goals. The stream of progress was widening.

Next the Reverend Farrar inaugurated the envelope system for the giving of tithes and offerings. Regular giving and larger offerings to the church followed.

Sunday school facilities were woefully inadequate in 1951. Some of the rooms where boys and girls were taught were cubby holes walled off by rickety, folding partitions. The rooms were unpainted, drab and unattractive. There was little privacy in any of the rooms. Some were cold in bitter winter weather. There was no water or rest rooms.

Mr. Farrar began to introduce the idea of a remodeled sanctuary and a new educational building. The idea grew in favor with the people. Fifth Sundays became building fund Sundays. Fifth Sunday collections were placed in a Home Building and Loan Company to draw interest. The fund grew until in September 1955 there was approximately \$15,000, and the congregation voted to begin building.

Again a building committee was appointed. A plan was drawn and approved. The contract was let and in May 1956 the work actually began, which eventually was to cost approximately \$50,000.

Services were held in the Creedmoor School building while the construction was in progress.

A new brick educational building with a chapel, a kitchen, a dining hall, rest rooms and other facilities took shape. The sanctuary was renovated until it took on a beauty it had lacked before. A choir loft was constructed with open chancel arrangement. Memorial windows were installed in the sanctuary. The outside of it was veneered with brick.

After four years and nine months of service at Creedmoor, the Reverend Farrar retired in June 1956, and the Reverend M.

J. Byers took over as pastor. Under his direction, the congregation moved back into the church on September 30, 1957. Happy and thankful hearts worshiped in new, attractive surroundings with a delightful bit of the old still remaining in ceiling, floor and furnishings on that Sunday morning.

Eight years was set as the length of time for retiring the church debt of \$25,000. Some had sincere doubts that this goal could be accomplished. The time seemed too short. The pastor and the congregation settled down to the hard task confronting them.

Work, sacrifice and a common goal seemed to draw the members together into a closer fellowship. The stream of progress was growing ever wider, fed on every side by tributaries of a people's faith, hope and service.

In August of 1959, after approval from the Commission on Finance, the Reverend Mr. Byers proposed to the Woman's Society of Christian Service that they sponsor "Loyalty Day Dinners" for all the congregation. At the loyalty dinners the financial status of the church, the budget and the plans for completing the payment of the building debt would be presented to the congregation. The W.S.C.S. accepted the challenging idea. The dinners were held and pledges were made to pay off the debt in two years.

There were some who saw that with the cash on hand, the pledges and the promised aid of the Duke Endowment, the financial goal was nearer at hand than had been imagined. Briefly told, the remaining money was paid into the treasury and on December 15, 1959, the church debt was retired.

Meanwhile, the official board moved and voted in favor of Creedmoor Methodist Church becoming a station. This resolution was presented to the congregation and approved January 3, 1960.

On Sunday, January 31, 1960, a dedication service was held with the district superintendent, Dr. C. D. Barclift, leading the service. On the afternoon of this same Sunday, Dr. Barclift presided at a business session in which members of the three remaining churches on the circuit (Bullocks having been separated from it in September 1952) were present. Big steps were taken in this session. With one accord a plan for separating Creedmoor from all the churches was adopted. Committees from all the churches were decided on to work out the finer business details of a separation.

In three years and three months instead of eight years, the \$25,000 had been collected and a little rural church had taken the giant step of becoming a charge. Looking again at the little trickle, now one can see the beginning of a river of faith and progress. One stands and looks and is surprised at its insignificance. Following its course, one sees many, many tributaries that have fed it all along the way until its volume increased, its banks were pushed back and strong currents appeared. Like any other river, it seems that this one is moving toward a larger outlet—a sea of faith and service.

## "Book of Remembrance" at High Point College

Dr. Herbert H. Peterson, director of endowment and development at High Point College, recently inaugurated for the college a "Book of Remembrance." This "Book of Remembrance" provides a means, for those wishing to do so, to send a letter of remembrance to the family of a deceased person. By sending a sum, any amount desired above one dollar, to the Office of Endowment and Development, these things occur: the name of the person remembered is inscribed in the "Book of Remembrance" with the amount of money sent in. President Patton, of the college, writes a letter to the family telling them that the deceased has been remembered and by whom. The "Book of Remembrance" is kept on public display in the Wrenn Memorial Library.

## Bishop Raines Chosen Mission Board Leader

Bishop Richard C. Raines, Indianapolis, Ind., was elected president of the Board of Missions at a meeting in Chicago Sept. 20. He will serve a four-year term as head of the 139-member board, the church's largest. Bishop Raines, who had headed the Division of World Missions, succeeds Bishop Arthur J. Moore (retired) of Atlanta. Bishop William C. Martin, Dallas, Texas, is the new president of the Division of World Missions, and Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, Los Angeles, succeeds Bishop A. Frank Smith (retired) of Houston, Texas, as head of the Division of National Missions. Re-elected were Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, Lewisburg, Tenn., president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and Bishop W. Angie Smith, Oklahoma City, head of the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation.

## Layman Named to Top Job in National Division

H. Conwell Snoke of Philadelphia is the first layman to hold the top executive post of the Division of National Missions. He was elected Sept. 21 to fill a vacancy created when the former general secretary, Dr. W. Vernon Middleton, was elected bishop. Formerly treasurer of the division, Snoke has served on the staff for 28 years. In his new office, he will direct the division's extensive program in the 50 states and Puerto Rico. Succeeding him as treasurer is George L. Hergesheimer, formerly associate treasurer. Other new staff members of the division include the Rev. Charles A. Nowlen of Pueblo, Colo., a director of church extension; the Rev. John Harry Graham, Atlanta, a director of special fields; and Dr. Ernest V. May, Pittsburgh, a city work director.

## Appointment

Bishop Paul N. Garber has authorized the appointment of Rev. Horace Lee McLaurin to the Kitty Hawk Charge to take the place of Rev. S. S. Snead who has asked to be relieved of his responsibilities on account of illness. Mr. McLaurin has graduated from Wake Forest College and has a B.D. degree from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

—R. L. JEROME, D. S.



## Northwood Parsonage, High Point-Randolph District, Dedicated



On Sunday, September 11, 1960, at 2:00 p.m., on the sixth anniversary of the founding of Wesley Chapel, now Northwood, the Rev. Ralph H. Taylor, district superintendent of the High Point-Randolph District, along with a former pastor, the Rev. Joc Petree, and the present pastor, the Rev. Herbert M. Jamieson, dedicated the parsonage.

Construction on the parsonage started July 23, 1956. It was completely finished and furnished by the end of September of the same year.

The parsonage is valued at \$18,000. It was cleared of all debt on June 7th, thanks to the efforts of the 135-member congregation and the pastors who occupied the structure.

The Rev. and Mrs. Herb Jamieson, their son, Herbert, Jr., and two daughters, Susan

Lee and Barbara Carolina, occupied the parsonage last June. It had been redecorated before they moved into it.

The parsonage is composed of three bedrooms, a living room, a family room in the basement, two bathrooms, a kitchen-dining room, two porches, and a garage in the full basement.

Homecoming was observed at the 11:00 a.m. service and 57 members answered the roll call of members. Dinner was served in the annex and was well attended in spite of the effects of Hurricane Donna which produced a heavy rain all day. At 7:30 p.m. a "Hymn Sing" was held with Montlieu Avenue Methodist choir joining with the Northwood senior and youth choirs.

As of September 29th, Northwood has 141 members, and is looking forward to the construction of a sanctuary in the near future.

## Pfeiffer Invites Students To View Art Exhibit

*Misenheimer*—Area high school students in groups have been invited by Professor Rex Stambough, head of Pfeiffer College's Art Department, to view an exhibition of over 200 color prints representing the history of painting from the Italian Renaissance to the present.

The exhibition will be on display at Pfeiffer College from October 3-15 and consists of a specially assembled collection by Dr. Konrad Prothmann of New York City. Exhibition hours are from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

The Prothmann exhibition is the second in a series of monthly displays sponsored by Pfeiffer. Together with its fine film series, lecture and concert programs, and Fine Arts Festival planned for the spring, 1961, these exhibits constitute a part of the activities of a newly-formed committee on cultural and educational activities at Pfeiffer. Professor Earl E. Stevens is chairman of the new group which is fostering the accelerated extra-curricular arts program at the college this year.

## McPherson Reports on Life Behind the Iron Curtain

The student body and faculty of High Point College received a first-hand account of life and activity behind the Iron Curtain at assembly on Wednesday, October 5. Mr. Holt McPherson, who has recently returned from a visit to this much-talked-about area of the world, addressed the students and faculty, giving his views and impressions of the Iron Curtain countries.

Mr. McPherson was one of thirty-five editors from all parts of the country to make this trip through the facilities of the East-West Study Tour. Many of his experiences were reported to this area through the editorials of the *High Point Enterprise* during his stay in Russia and other satellite countries. Among the many places visited by Mr. McPherson during this tour were parts of Russia, Poland, Lithuania, and Czechoslovakia. Cities included in the visit were Moscow, Warsaw, and Prague.

Mr. McPherson is presently chairman of the High Point College Board of Trustees and editor of the *High Point Enterprise*.

## First Church, Hamlet, In Youth Activities Week

The MYF of the First Methodist Church in Hamlet held its annual Youth Activities Week recently. The Reverend Albert Fisher of Raleigh was the principal speaker. The week of activities was planned around the theme, "Quo Vadis"—"Where Are You Going?" This general theme was broken down into the following immediate themes: "Where are you going in your home?" "Where are you going in your school?" "Where are you going in your church?" "Where are you going in your life?" The activities of each night were planned around the theme of that night.

We began on Sunday with our general topic of "Where are you going?" We had a progressive supper at homes of the members of the MYF, and we had to criss-cross all over town to get to the homes. On Monday, with the theme of home, we had a human scavenger hunt and we went to the homes of our inactive members, bringing them back with us to the church. We had a watermelon slicing that night for our recreation. Each night we had discussion groups to discuss the theme of each day.

We had a period of inspiration at the close of each night. The worship setting was always in keeping with the theme of the night. They were some of the most beautiful and inspiring settings I have ever seen. These were credited to the diligent work of Miss Libby Brown.

On Tuesday night we had our square dance with light refreshments. Our discussion groups followed, led by the respective leaders, and then to the inspiration. Everyone was looking forward to the worship now because of the settings.

On Wednesday we had an ice cream supper and planted our lawn with grass.

Thursday was the night that everyone was looking forward to because our hayride and beatnik party was to come off that night. We rode out to Indian Lake in our trucks. Everyone was dressed as a beatnik because our theme on this night was "Where are you going in life?" We had a cook-out, which consisted of a hunter's stew. Our discussion groups were held, followed by a very beautiful service that had to have special lighting.

We ended our week with a banquet of spaghetti. The Communion Service was held in the sanctuary. Everyone was given a candle and at the end of the Communion Service each candle was lighted from the altar candle, and each of us wound our way out to the lawn. "Jacob's Ladder" was sung by the group. As we reached the front lawn the lighted candles were placed so that a cross was formed. The MYF benediction closed the week of activities.

## Homecoming At LaGrange Methodist Church October 16th

Homecoming will be observed October 16th at the LaGrange Methodist Church. The Reverend J. D. A. Autry, a former pastor, will deliver the sermon at 11 o'clock. Dinner will be served at 12 noon, on the church grounds. All former members and pastors are cordially invited to be present for a day of fellowship and worship. The Reverend V. T. Crawford is the pastor.



# District Program of Evangelism For North Carolina Conference

By DALLAS MALLISON

Featured by a renewed emphasis on a diversified program of evangelism on the local church level, a program of district evangelism has been formulated for this church year in the N. C. Conference.

The program was worked out after careful and prayerful consideration by the nine district directors and the Conference director who met at the historic camp meeting in the Tar Heel Mountains held this year August 14-21. They made a thorough study of that new and superb book of evangelism, "A Year of Evangelism in the Local Church."

Every pastor and every member of the local Commission on Membership and Evangelism are urged to carefully study this excellent and provocative book. Edited by Gordon Pratt Baker and Edward Ferguson, Jr., and written by many authorities with 26 chapters of "how to do" evangelism, the 224-page book may be ordered at \$1.50 per single copy or four for \$5.00 from Tidings, 1908 Grand Ave., Nashville 5, Tennessee.

## DISTRICT EVANGELISM

Introductory Note: All efforts and plans in Evangelism are to be directed towards the strengthening of the local church.

### I. DISTRICT RALLY

A. Optional: For districts desiring it.

B. If a rally is held we request a vigorous follow-up at the local church level through some of the ways suggested herein.

C. If no rally is held, then we ask that a one-day apart for the pastors in the district be held to finalize their complete evangelistic program for their district.

### II. SUB-DISTRICT AND COUNTY-WIDE MISSIONS

Note: These missions will serve as pilot missions in the districts.

A. Advance preparation. This should be made six weeks in advance to the services.

(1) Decide on central place for the services, the speaker(s), and the date.

(2) Make surveys.

(3) Compile prospect lists.

(4) Planning and carrying out prayer meetings.

(5) Thorough publicity.

B. The mission. 7:30 or 8 p.m., whichever desired. It is suggested that the first 15 minutes be for the song service; the next 30 minutes for the preaching, and the last 30 minutes for a seminar on witnessing.

C. Follow-up

(1) Consecration of evangelistic visitors in the local church on the Sunday after the mission.

(2) The visitation program that week.

### III. THE LOCAL CHURCH

A. An organized and functioning Commission on Membership and Evangelism in the local church. The manual is now out.

(The Conference Evangelism director, the Rev. C. Freeman Heath, and the district secretaries of evangelism are available to help in organizing and training the Commission on Membership and Evangelism in the churches not organized and functioning).

B. A week of visitation evangelism preceding a week of revival services, including a prayer vigil, in every church.

C. Development of a sustained visitation program by use of the "Dynamic Disciples" program (The Twelve).

(1) Teams to visit sick and shut-ins.

(2) Teams to secure commitment of new members.

(3) Teams to visit inactive members.

D. Church school teachers to be trained by the pastor to win their pupils to Christ.

E. Enlistment of new members into the life of the church through the fellowship friend program, stewardship packet (from Tidings), or create your own stewardship packet by mimeographing your total program, an interest sheet, a church budget, a pledge card, and envelopes with a layman who is stewardship director and who takes this packet into the homes of all new members and explains all thoroughly.

F. Pastor's membership classes—one for adults, one for youth, and one for children. Have pre-Christmas and pre-Easter classes.

G. Baptism of infants and small children affords an effective way to win young parents, who may not be in the church, to Christ. Pastors are strongly urged to work at this all the year.

H. We urge every local church to enter the prayer life movement of the Methodist Church. Complete materials may be secured from Tidings, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee. We believe that this can be the groundwork for a great spiritual awakening and revival in the Methodist Church.

### IV. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Use special days and seasons such as World-Wide Communion Sunday, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost Sunday for an evangelistic emphasis.

B. The Conference director of evangelism will be available to work with local churches and charges in planning and training for both local visitation programs and revival meetings. He will give time to new church situations, declining churches, and where an abandoned church may be reopened. He will be happy to supply pulpits of local churches on Sundays and to conduct workshops with the Commission on Membership and Evangelism on Sunday afternoons and nights. His time-tables will be worked out in each district by the district superintendent, the district director of evangelism, and the district committee.

## Pleasant Plains' Homecoming To Be Held October 16th

Pleasant Plains Methodist Church at Buies Creek will hold its annual homecoming day celebration Sunday, October 16, with the Rev. W. A. Tew of Roanoke Rapids as guest speaker.

A former pastor of the Buies Creek con-

## Bishop Harmon Has Busy Schedule

October 14—Board of Trustees meeting, Brevard College.

October 16—Higgins Memorial Methodist Church, Burnsville; Rev. O. L. Brown. 7:30 p.m.—Biltmore Methodist Church, Asheville. Asheville District Rally.

October 23—Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, High Point; Dr. C. C. Herbert. Formal opening of new church.

7:30 p.m.—Main Street Methodist Church, High Point; Rev. Robert H. Stamey.

October 30—Oak Grove Methodist Church, Charlotte, Pastor Fridmann Rossborg. Begin week of evangelism.

November 2—First Methodist Church, Morganton; Rev. Walter Lee Lanier. Speak at evening dinner meeting to pastors and wives from Burke County area. Ladies' Night for Men's Club at First Church.

November 6—Main Street Methodist Church, Reidsville; Rev. Mark Q. Tuttle.

3:00 p.m.—Muir's Chapel Methodist Church, Greensboro; Rev. D. Austin Hamilton. Lay cornerstone of Educational Building.

November 10-11—Emory University Board of Trustees, Atlanta, Ga.

November 14-17—Meeting of Curriculum Committee, Nashville, Tenn.

November 15-18—Council of Bishops, Palmer House, Chicago, Ill.

November 18-20—District Superintendents' Conference, Chicago, Ill.

November 27—Clear Springs Methodist Church, Denton; Rev. Jack D. Ballard. Dedicate church.

November 20—The Methodist Home, Charlotte. Chapel service.

December 1-2—Conference Planning Conference, First Methodist Church, Charlotte.

December 4—First Methodist Church, Charlotte; Dr. W. Kenneth Goodson.

2:30 p.m.—Charlotte District Conference, Hickory Grove Church, Charlotte.

December 5-6—Meeting of Committee on Texts of the New Hymnal Revision Committee, Cincinnati, Ohio.

December 7—Central Methodist Church, Concord; Rev. Julian J. Holmes.

7:00 p.m.—Dinner meeting.

December 8—8:00 p.m.: Statesville District Conference, Broad Street Church, Mooresville.

December 11—Fairmont Methodist Church, Olin; Rev. R. A. Setzer. One hundredth anniversary.

December 18—Kilgo Methodist Church, Charlotte; Rev. Ivan A. Stephens. Formal opening of new church.

December 25—Christmas Sunday.

gregation for four years, the Rev. Mr. Tew is currently serving as minister of Rosemary Methodist Church in Roanoke Rapids.

Beginning with church school at 9:45 a.m., the Pleasant Plains celebration will be highlighted by the morning worship service at 11:00 o'clock, with the Rev. Mr. Tew preaching the homecoming sermon. The observance will also include a picnic dinner on the church grounds.

The Rev. Lewis H. Morgan, a Duke Divinity School student, is pastor of the church.



## Lest We Forget

By LOUISE STAHL

### IV. John King

John King was the third Methodist preacher in North Carolina. Most unusual, he was a graduate of Oxford and held a degree from a London medical school. He was converted by John Wesley and disinherited for that reason, whereupon he came to America in 1769.

He went to Philadelphia and preached in the Old Potters Field, later Washington Square, because the society would not receive him without credentials from Wesley. He preached the first Methodist sermon in Baltimore from "a blacksmith's block at the corner of French and Broad Streets."

He was a member of the first Conference in America in 1773 and was sent to New Jersey. The next year he was appointed to Norfolk, Virginia, from which he seems to have extended his circuit into North Carolina. During this year he married Miss Sallie Seawell of Brunswick County, Virginia.

During the Revolutionary years it seems that he located for a while. In 1777 he was sent with John Dickens, LeRoy Cole, and Edward Pride, well known names, to the North Carolina circuit. It was the second year of a circuit in the state. At the close of the year there were nine hundred and thirty members, a gain of two hundred and forty-seven.

King purchased a home in Franklin County, North Carolina, near Louisburg. His neighbor was the Rev. Major Green Hill, Revolutionary veteran, and King was present when the first Conference after the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in the Hill home in 1785. It is said that when he entered the room Dr. Thomas Coke, who had perhaps never seen him before, asked him to pray and he laid aside his saddle bags and complied in an impressive manner.

In 1789 or 1790 he moved to a farm near Raleigh where he had secured large acreage. He died in 1794 while on a visit to New Bern. Two of his sons and a grandson were Methodist preachers.

When Green Hill moved to Tennessee in 1799 his home was secured by one of John King's sons, and one of his great-great-grandsons lives in the house today. It has been officially designated by the General Conference as a shrine of American Methodism.

Francis Asbury regarded John King highly and he is frequently mentioned in Asbury's *Journal*. He had a stentorian voice and John Wesley wrote to him a famous letter of admonition: "Scream no more at the peril of your soul. God now warns you through me whom he has set over you. Speak as earnestly as you can, but do not scream."

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A prayer in its simplest definition is merely a wish turned godward.—*Phillips Brooks*.

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# Woman's Activities



## Dedication Rites At Student Center Held

By MARY GARDNER

Bishop Paul N. Garber, of the Richmond Area of the Methodist Church, led the service of dedication of the Methodist Student Center at East Carolina College, Greenville, on September 25th. The dedication ceremony at the Center followed the 11:00 o'clock worship service at the Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church, at which Bishop Garber was guest preacher.

The modern brick building housing the Student Center was formally opened in September, 1958. The program for Methodist students at ECC was inaugurated in 1936. Deaconess Mamie Chandler has served as director of the Student Center since 1943.

Presenting the building to Bishop Garber, Mrs. H. C. Turlington, president of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, said: "We present unto you this building, which is a project of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild of the North Carolina Conference with contributions from the Bureau of Educational Institutions of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church and the North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Church. May it be dedicated to the glory of Almighty God and to the purpose of worship, study, fellowship, and service."

The act of dedication, read by Bishop Garber, with responses by the approximately 200 persons present, said, in part: "We

dedicate this building to the ministry of the Methodist Church to the campus: to the work of the Wesley Foundation, to the study of the Scriptures, and to the development of Christian character . . . to deepening, enriching, and maturing the Christian faith of college men and women, to the broadening of mental horizons, and to an appreciation of our Christian heritage . . . to Christian fellowship and to recreation of mind and body . . . to those tasks and aims in which the Christian serves his place and time; to the cause of missions, of Christian citizenship, and the broad field of social relations."

Other ministers participating in the program included Dr. A. J. Hobbs, superintendent of the New Bern District, who presided; the Rev. H. M. McLamb, pastor of the Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church; the Rev. C. F. Hirschi, pastor of Greenville's St. James Methodist Church, and the Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr., pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church, Durham, and former pastor of the Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church.

Following the service of dedication a buffet luncheon was served in the lounge of the Center to fifty-three invited guests. Miss Chandler read telegrams and other messages from a number of Methodist officials, Wesley Foundation alumni, and other friends, and introduced the guests.

Members of the executive committee of the N. C. Conference WSCS present, in

addition to Mrs. Turlington, were Mrs. L. C. Vereen, Mrs. H. A. Davis, and Miss Mary Gardner. Also attending the service were three former presidents of the Conference WSCS and their husbands. They were Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Johnson, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Cutchin, and Mr. and Mrs. Gurney P. Hood.

On Saturday evening, September 24, a reception was held at the Student Center honoring Bishop Garber.

## WSCS Executive Committee Meets in Raleigh

The executive committee of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, meeting at the Methodist Home for Children on September 27-28, adopted a \$167,300 budget for 1960-61; set up two new conference committees; adopted the several recommendations of the finance committee, and heard reports of officers, committee chairmen, and conference workers. Mrs. R. L. Jerome, conference secretary of Spiritual Life, led the group in a series of three meditations on the theme, "Our Faith in These Troublous Times."

Mrs. H. C. Turlington, conference president, presided.

Mrs. L. C. Vereen, conference treasurer, reported a \$7,825.92 increase in giving to all causes by the WSCS and Wesleyan Service Guild during the conference year 1959-60 over the previous year. The WSCS and WSG increased their giving for the first quarter 1960-61 \$3,279.31 over the same period last year. Mrs. Vereen announced the establishment of the "In Remembrance Gifts" of any desired amount, replacing the former Memorial Gifts of \$50.00 each.

Mrs. T. S. Newbold, secretary of Christian Social Relations, gave as the theme for this line of work: "What Would Jesus Do?"

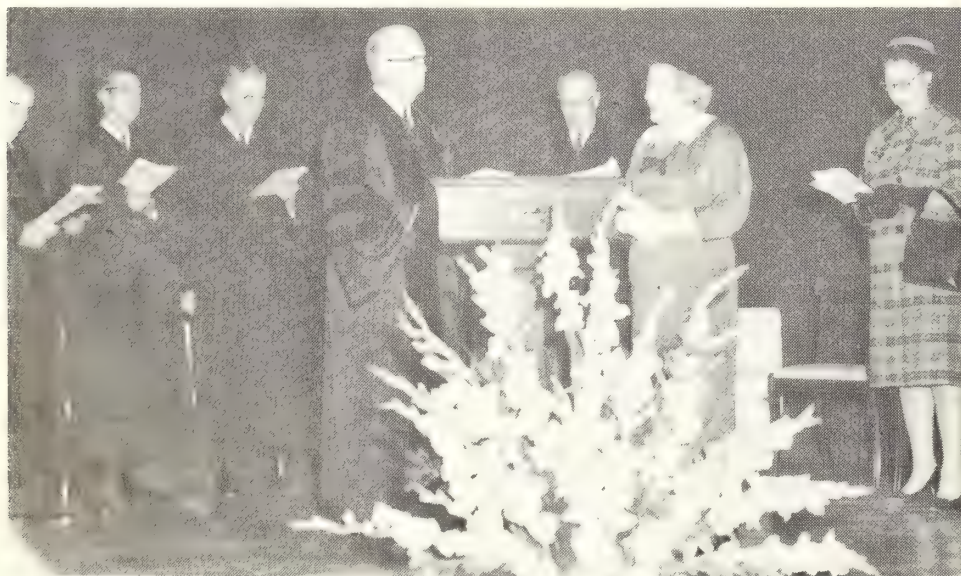
Reporting for the Wesleyan Service Guild, Mrs. Harriett Fralix, conference Guild secretary, urged concerted efforts for an increased membership in the local Guilds. The N. C. Conference WSG is composed of 756 local Guilds, with a membership of 32,668.

Miss Barbara Jean Smith, US-2, recently appointed as an assistant to Miss Rebecca Modellmog, rural worker on the Pembroke charge, was introduced, and spoke briefly.

Because of the great need in the area of rural work in the N. C. Conference, and because of opportunities for several summer-time projects, the executive committee voted to set up two new committees to formulate and execute plans for effective work in these areas. They are, Committee on Summer Projects, and Long-Range Rural Work Planning Committee. Members of the Committee on Summer Projects are Mrs. H. C. Turlington, Miss Sarah McCracken, Mrs. L. C. Vereen, Miss Ethelynde Ballance, Mrs. Taylor Long, and Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr. Serving on the Long-Range Rural Work Planning Committee will be Mrs. Turlington, Miss McCracken, Mrs. Vereen, Mrs. George Ratterman, and Mrs. R. M. Turnell.

The Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Nicks honored members of the executive committee with an open house at their home on the campus of the Children's Home immediately following the Tuesday evening session.

The mid-winter meeting of the committee will be held on January 24-25 at the Methodist Home for Children.



Bishop Paul N. Garber stands ready for the Act of Dedication of the Methodist Student Center at East Carolina College while Mrs. H. C. Turlington reads the Act of Presentation. Left to right are, the Rev. C. F. Hirschi, the Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr., the Rev. H. M. McLamb, Bishop Garber, Dr. A. J. Hobbs, Mrs. Turlington, and Mrs. H. A. Davis.



## Western N. C. Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

### New Conference President

No one has been busier than Mrs. Carl King, new president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference. She has had a summer of helping with the activities of the young people of the Conference at Lake Junaluska and Camp Tekoa; she has attended many meetings as president of the Conference, including two Schools of Missions, and she has had to pull up roots of 25 years' growth and move into a not-yet-completed home in another city.

But Mary Eskridge King is equal to all of these, and more, too, with her efficient, capable way of managing things. In fact, this is what she has been used to all of her life, as she has kept a lifelong interest in religious education and in missions. Voted the best all-around girl in her college days, she has kept the same tempo for the remainder of her life.

Born in Arhvale, W. Va., of pioneer stock of the valley of Virginia, she grew up in the county seat of Marlinton. She finished at a Methodist school, Blackstone College, in Virginia, then returned to Marlinton to teach school.

A friendship with Miss Charlotte Stoakley, dean at Blackstone, influenced young Mary to enter the new field of religious



MRS. CARL KING

education. She entered Trinity College and was graduated from Duke University with the first class of 1925. Here she was a member of five sororities, including Ek-L, scholastic, Chi Delta Phi, literary, and White Duchy, senior seven.

Here she met Carl, and here began a long period of service in promoting a program of religious education. They were married in June, 1927, and she joined him for graduate work at Yale University. There she served as president of Yale Divinity Dames.

Their parsonage years were spent at Homestead, near Charlotte, then Carl King was chosen as executive secretary of the



### The Woman's Division of Christian Service Elects Officers

*The Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Board of Missions elected these officers for the 1960-64 quadrennium at the Board's organizational meeting in Chicago September 19-23. Since the Woman's Division is the national body representing 1,850,000 Methodist women, these are the national officers for Methodist women in their respective fields. Left to right, they are, Mrs. Walter A. Eichinger, of Seattle, Wash., recording secretary; Mrs. W. H. McCallum, Detroit, Mich., vice-president and chairman of the Department of Work in Foreign Fields; Mrs. W. L. Perryman, Kansas City, Mo., vice-president; Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, Lewisburg, Tenn., president; Mrs. A. R. Henry, Baraboo, Wis., vice-president and chairman of the Department of Christian Social Relations; Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Ruston, La., chairman of the Section of Education and Cultivation; and Mrs. C. P. Hardin, Bristol, Va., vice-president and chairman of the Department of Work in Home Fields.*

Board of Education of the Western North Carolina Conference. After one year in Greensboro, the office was moved to Salisbury, where they lived for twenty-five years.

As her two sons, Carl Howie, Jr., now of Raleigh, and William Eskridge, of Duke University, were growing up, she played a leading role in all of the activities of the church, school and community.

In the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, she has served in every office except that of secretary and treasurer. She served as district secretary of Christian Social Relations, as Conference secretary of youth work, and as secretary of youth work in the Southeastern Jurisdiction. In June she assumed her duties as president of the Woman's Society of the Western North Carolina Conference.

She was included in Who's Who in Methodism.

Now she is looking forward with eager interest to the new home she has planned in Statesville, a home for the Conference secretary of the Board of Education. And she is looking forward with keen anticipation to her new task of guiding the work of the women of the Western North Carolina Conference into a wider field of service.

#### Albemarle District Seminar

The new district of Albemarle has taken top place in attendance at its Missionary Education Seminar. One hundred fifty

women attended the meeting held at Central Methodist Church in Albemarle on Sept. 27th.

Women from churches in three counties—Anson, Stanly and Union—were present for the meeting.

Three deaconesses took part on the program. Miss Mary Floyd of Pfeiffer College gave a resume of the book, "Heritage and Horizons in Home Missions." Miss Mary Bethea of Pfeiffer discussed, "Basic Christian Beliefs." Miss Fannie Bame of Bethlehem Community in Augusta, Ga., presented a review of "One World—One Mission."

Others who participated were Mrs. John Crawford, who spoke on "Alcohol and Christian Responsibility;" Mrs. Roger Devall, Mrs. Fred Lisk, Mrs. George Moore, and Mrs. Ernest Malfrey.

Mrs. Tom Little was in charge of the program and Mrs. Ralph Bisel, district president, made a talk.

#### Week of Prayer and Self-Denial October 25-31

The recipients for the Week of Prayer offering for 1960 are scattered around the whole wide world.

They are grouped under one heading, "Ecumenical Ventures," and include audio visual programs around the work, literacy literature programs around the world and international missionary service.

In urban work, the offering will be used for the Wesley Community Center in San Antonio, Texas.





# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## Ruth Takes a Dare

By Hannah Moor

The voices of the Millcrest Sunday school pupils blended well. That is, all but one.

Ruth Toby sat, listening and thinking to herself, "Why do they sing that song nearly every Sunday? It's all right for the little tots, but I'm eleven years old now, and I'm not going to sing it any more."

"Jesus loves me! Loves me still  
Though I'm very weak and ill."

The others sang joyfully. "It's really kid stuff, and no more of it for me. Guess I'm getting too big for Sunday school, anyway."

What was the superintendent saying? "Now as we sing the last verse let all the classes go to their own rooms."

Everyone started to move, and Ruth slipped quietly out the door. As she walked along the sidewalk, the words came to her:

"Jesus loves me! He will stay  
Close beside me all the way."

"Yes," she thought, "it's all right for children. But . . ."

"Hello, Ruth, how about coming with us?" Josie Lewis and Margaret Lee were walking arm in arm. "We're going down to the river for a walk."

Ruth's mother had warned her of these girls before. They never went to Sunday school, and were known for using rough language.

"Sure, guess I can go for an hour. Have to be back at the church before noon, though, or my folks will be worried."

"Oh, yet! You are still tied to your mother's apron strings, aren't you, dear?" sneered Josie.

"No, I'm not!" Ruth hardly knew what to say. "I'm too big for Sunday school now, and I'm not tied to my mother's apron strings."

"We'll see," said Margaret. "I'll bet you are still too much of a fraidy cat to go down the side of old Drumbo."

Ruth's heart beat fast. She wanted so badly to make an impression on these girls. But old Drumbo! It was steep—just like the side of a cliff—and straight down.

"If you want to be a friend of ours, you've got to grow up a little more, and a way to grow up quickly is to go down the cliff," said Josie.

"Okay, I'll show you I'm not afraid." Ruth hoped the others wouldn't notice the shaking in her voice. She tried to walk slowly, hoping something would happen so she would never reach the river bank.

After a few moments of foolish talking, Josie said, "Here we are, Ruth. It's time now to prove how grown-up you are."

"Yes, over you go," said Margaret. "We'll go to the other slope and meet you at the bottom."

Ruth dug the toes of her shoes into the steep side, and very slowly she started down. She felt almost numb. But she just had to keep going now. She inched along slowly, carefully, and then—in a sandy place her foot slipped. She felt herself going and tried to dig her fingers in. Her hand hit something hard, and she grabbed tightly to a little shrub, and held on.

Down below the other girls watched, not knowing what to do. They had never gone down that place on old Drumbo themselves. They had no idea Ruth would try to, or they wouldn't have said what they did.

"Hold on, Ruth," called Josie. "We'll get a rope somewhere."

Ruth held on so tightly that her fingernails made marks in the palms of her hands, and her knuckles were white. It seemed like hours. Oh, if only she hadn't come! What were the last words she had heard from the open window of the church?

"Jesus loves me! He will stay  
Close beside me all the way."

"I'll never leave Sunday school again," vowed Ruth, "even if I live to be a hundred. Why don't they come? I can't hold on much longer."

Soon three men appeared at the top. They tied a rope firmly to a tree, and one man was lowered over the edge. Down, down he came until he got hold of Ruth, and then the other men pulled up on the rope.

Ruth, very tired and frightened, thanked them for saving her life, and then lay on the grass a while before making her way back to the car at the church. She huddled in a corner of the back seat, hoping her dad and mom wouldn't notice her torn clothes, bruised arms and legs, and dirty face.

On the way home Mr. and Mrs. Toby listened to the pathetic story. They felt

their daughter had learned her lesson well enough without any scolding.

At home, Mrs. Toby went to the kitchen to prepare dinner. Ruth followed close behind.

"What in the world are you doing, Ruth?" her mother asked.

"Just tying myself to your apron strings, Mom," grinned Ruth. Then she started setting the table, humming softly - - -

"Yes, Jesus loves me!"

—My Pleasure



## PALS

When I see a boy who hasn't a dog,  
Or a dog that hasn't a boy,  
I think of the lot they are missing  
Of frolic and genuine joy.

Some parents think dogs are a nuisance—  
Just something to bark and annoy;  
They can't know how badly a boy needs a  
dog,

Or how badly a dog needs a boy.

—MAE NORTON MORRIS



## CHUCKLE

David, a round-faced, jolly youngster, had recently come to live at the Methodist Home for Children, and had entered the first grade in school. Several weeks later he came home one afternoon, and announced that he thought he'd quit school.

"But why?" asked a surprised staff member.

Squaring his shoulders, David replied, "Cause it takes too much time from my playin'."



## BIBLE QUIZ

*Bible Mountains and Hills*

1. The hill on which Abraham prepared to sacrifice Isaac. \_\_\_\_\_
2. A hill near Jerusalem named for a fruit tree. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The hill on which Paul delivered a notable address. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The mountain on which God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses. \_\_\_\_\_

## Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. False.
2. False. (The Bible refers to the *love* of money.)
3. True.
4. False. (David wrote many of them).
5. True.



## Sunday School Lesson

FOR OCTOBER 23

By **RAYMOND A. SMITH**

Head, Department of Religious Education,  
Greensboro College

Lesson Scripture: Psalm 42

Background Scripture: Psalms 19 and 43

### OUR NEED OF GOD

It is our need of God that makes us human. It is a need that marks us off from the lower orders of creation. This need of God may be conscious or unconscious. There are millions of us distraught and wretched people today who, because of one thing or another, refuse to recognize this need. We seek satisfaction in a thousand unworthy ways and wonder why we never find it. We forget St. Augustine's words: "Thou has made us for thyself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee."

In an earlier lesson we mentioned the fact that the Psalms are a mirror of man's moods. In the 42nd (our Scripture for today) the mood of despondency alternates with that of hope. It is as if the psalmist's two selves (the despondent self and the hopeful self) were conducting a dialogue. How true this is to life! Who has not found "I" talking to "me?"

Biblical students tell us this 42nd Psalm was written by a man who, for some reason, had been exiled from Jerusalem. He was a man who had greatly loved the worship services of the Temple. Now he is far away in some distant place where these great hours of worship are only a memory. But what a memory they are! The author of this Psalm pities himself for being separated from the Holy City, and yet it is just this memory of the experiences in the temple that lift him up in his hours of discouragement and save him from utter despair.

We are told that Psalms 42 and 43 are not separated in the Hebrew Bible. That there is no title for Psalm 43 is another reason for considering it part of number 42. Read them together and you will notice how the same theme is sustained throughout. For example, in Psalm 43:3 there is a beautiful prayer for a return to "thy holy hill" which, for the psalmist, means Jerusalem. Going on to verse 4 we read, in the first part of it, a line in which has been incorporated into the liturgy of the Church and used these many centuries. It is used as the priest approaches the altar: "May I go to the altar of God, to God my highest joy."

Notice that the refrain occurs in Psalm 42, verses 5 and 11. It is heard also in Psalm 43, verse 5. Elmer Leslie calls this refrain the greatest line in the entire Book of Psalms. Certainly it comes as close to being the universal cry of the human spirit as anything to be found in the Bible, or anywhere else. "The still, sad music of humanity" has been a favorite theme of the poets; but it is of a discouraged humanity that they sing. Even Jesus, or Lord, when hanging on the cross revealed to us his humanity when he repeated the words of Psalm 22:1, "My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" And the latter part of verse 10, "Where is your God?" was echoed by the

jeering priests who, at the foot of the cross, mocked Jesus, saying "He trusts in God; let God deliver him now and we will believe in him" (Matthew 27:43). But this wasn't the final word of Jesus on the cross. Later he repeated a verse from another Psalm (see 31:5): "Into thy hands I commit my spirit."

Finding the source of help and strength in the Psalms, Jesus set an example for his followers down through the ages. We know that many Christians, in periods of persecution and distress, have drawn courage from this never-failing source. Many of the Hugenots in France and the Covenanters in Scotland went to their deaths singing lines from the Psalms. If we moderns, distraught and often perplexed by the swiftness of the changing scene, would live with this literature more, we should find ourselves growing in spiritual stature; thus meeting, to some degree at least, our need of God. This perpetual need has been well expressed in a poem by Gamaliel Bradford, part of which follows:

"Day and night I wander widely through  
the wilderness of thought,

Catching dainty things of fancy most reluctant to be caught . . .

But my one unchanged obsession, whereso'er my feet have trod,

Is a keen, enormous, haunting, never-sated thirst for God."



In Him man was made perfect: in Him  
God was made manifest.—*John Baillie.*

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## Union Methodist Is Oldest Church In Pasquotank County

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The history of the Methodists in this county began with the coming of George Whitefield to this area, in 1739. The Methodist Circuit of which Union was a part was formed in 1774 by Thomas Coke and Francis Asbury. The first circuit preachers were Edward Dromgoode, Francis Paythreas, and Iham Tatum.

Union Methodist Church is in the Salem Township and is located near the main branch of the Flatty Creek on Boyds Neck Road. The church has 182 members. It is located about 12 miles from Elizabeth City, N. C.

All members, former members, ex-pastors, and friends of the church are invited to attend this special service October 9th. The Rev. H. F. Leatherman, pastor of the Methodist church at Manteo, will be the guest speaker.

The pastor, the Rev. Murry L. DeHart, Jr., urges that all members and others who are interested in Union Methodist Church will be here for the homecoming and harvest day activities. There will be special music, fellowship, and good preaching.

## WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

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## General Board of Evangelism Organizes

The Nominating Committee of the General Board of Evangelism met in Nashville, Tenn., on September 15, 1960, at 9 a.m. The following were present: Bishop W. Angie Smith, Walter F. Anderson, Truman W. Potter, Cecil P. Culver, Harold N. Rye, J. B. A. Dyson, Silas B. Hodge, and Harry Denman.

Bishop W. Angie Smith, president of the Board, called the roll. Mr. Walter F. Anderson was elected chairman of the Nominating Committee. The following nominations were submitted:

General secretary: Dr. Harry Denman.  
Officers of the Board: vice-president, Bishop Edgar A. Love; recording secretary, Mr. Ray W. Ragsdale; assistant recording secretary, Miss Lou Dozier; treasurer, Mr. D. E. Jackson.

Members-at-large: Dr. R. Lambuth Archibald, Dr. Allen Claxton, Mr. Sollie E. McClell, Dr. George A. Fallon, Dr. Norman L. Trott, Mrs. E. V. Moorman, Dr. Earl N. Dorff, Mr. Wilbert Dougherty, Mr. Thomas W. Spradling, Mrs. Charles W. Mead, Mr. Dallas E. Wood, Mr. Hally P. Johns.

Executive Committee: President, Bishop W. Angie Smith; Central, Bishop Edgar A. Love; North Central, Dr. George A. Fallon; Northeastern, Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke; South Central, Mr. Thomas W. Spradling; Southeastern, Bishop Marvin A. Franklin; Western, Dr. Ray W. Ragsdale.

Mr. Walter Anderson of Raleigh and Dr. Wilson O. Weldon of Charlotte attended the organizational meeting of the board held at the Sherman Hotel in Chicago on September 23.

## Salem Church To Have Laymen's Revival

Salem Methodist Church in the New Bern District, Rev. A. S. Lancaster, pastor, is having a Laymen's Revival on the weekend of October 14, 15, 16. The theme will be: "God in the Lives of Laymen, or Making God Real to Laymen." Speakers will be, Friday night, Mr. Robert Rose; Saturday night, Mr. Edward G. Watson; Sunday morning, Mr. Henry Gibbons; Sunday night, Ralph Jinnette. On Sunday afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30 there will be a workshop or discussion period on some of the problems of laymen, or the part the layman should play in the local church program.

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# CAROLINA BRIEFS

☛ THE REV. Z. V. COWAN, of Milton conducted revival services at Shady Grove Methodist Church at Inez October 10-14.

☛ DR. J. S. HIATT was the speaker at the homecoming services October 9 at Warrentonville Methodist Church, of which Rev. Keith Tutterow is pastor.

☛ BETHANY MISSION, known as the Portuguese Mission, a mission project, is served by the Gaston preacher. A revival was held at this mission recently, with 22 uniting with this church on profession of faith.

☛ DR. E. STANLEY JONES will conduct a meeting for the metropolitan area of Washington, D. C., October 23-29. All services will be held in the Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church.

☛ REV. RALPH TAYLOR, High Point district superintendent, will conduct revival services at Oakview Church October 30-November 4. Rev. Fletcher E. Howard is pastor.

☛ REV. AND MRS. PHILLIP F. GIBBS announce the birth of their second son, Byron Lee, on October 7. Mr. Gibbs is associate minister at Dilworth Methodist Church, Charlotte.

☛ THE MILFORD HILLS CHURCH, Salisbury, has provided a new parsonage for the pastor and his family. Rev. E. R. Freeman, pastor, and family are preparing to occupy the new home.

☛ REV. HOLLAND HALE, pastor of the West Rockingham Methodist Church, entered Duke Hospital, Durham, Wednesday, October 12, for an operation. He will be there for several days.

☛ DR. H. ELLIS FINGER, JR., president of Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss., preached at Myers Park Church, Charlotte, at both morning services on October 9, and also spoke to the Youth Fellowship and to the Fidelis Group in the evening.

☛ SHADY GROVE METHODIST CHURCH in Caswell County observed homecoming day Sunday, October 16. Rev. W. L. Maness, a former pastor, was guest speaker. Picnic lunch was served after the service. Rev. T. R. Conway is pastor.

☛ MRS. C. H. TURLINGTON, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the North Carolina Conference, spoke to a group of around 50 women at the Benson Methodist Church on Tuesday, October 4. The group represented the ladies from the Benson and Elevation Churches.

☛ THE SALISBURY DISTRICT held an evangelistic rally Sunday evening, October 9, at Trinity Church, Kannapolis. Several ministers took part, and Dr. E. H. Blackard, chairman of the Conference Board of Evangelism, preached the sermon.

☛ FIRST METHODIST CHURCH in North Wilkesboro, Rev. Roy E. Bell, pastor, has assumed the support of a missionary. The Commission on Missions requested the pastor to go to New York and confer on the selection of the missionary. Announcement will be made as to the selection.

☛ TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH, Gastonia, is having a series of Sunday evening services in preparation for the revival beginning November 13. Mr. J. Ed Stowe, layman of St. John's Methodist Church, was the speaker October 9 at 7:30. Rev. C. E. Rozzelle will be the revival preacher.

☛ HOMECOMING will be observed at First Methodist Church, Hamlet, Sunday, Oct. 23, at 11:00 a.m., with a picnic dinner on the church grounds. Rev. John A. Russell, a former pastor, will preach the homecoming sermon. All former pastors and friends of the church are invited to attend.

☛ REV. PAUL C. BROWNING, pastor of Sunset Park Church, Wilmington, attended the annual council on evangelism of The Methodist Church, held in Bloomington, Ill. the past week. In his absence Rev. O. L. Hathaway preached at the morning service October 16, and Rev. A. W. Lore preached at the evening service.

☛ ATLANTIC METHODIST CHURCH will conduct a Spiritual Life Mission October 23-27 each night at 7:00 o'clock, sponsored by the Commission on Membership and Evangelism. The Rev. H. F. Pollock, pastor, will be the preacher for the series. The meetings will be directed jointly by the local Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Methodist Men's Club.

☛ SHILOH METHODIST CHURCH, Gaston Charge, in the Rocky Mount District, has been renovated. A new roof has been put on the church, and a new oak floor. New brick steps were built. New church pews have been purchased and installed in the church. Some interior work is being done. New folding doors are being purchased. The total cost is approximately \$5,000. The Rev. G. C. Kinlaw is pastor.

☛ FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Cherryville, recently welcomed a new director of Christian education, Miss Helen Overcash, who is a graduate of Pfeiffer College, and for the past two years has served the Methodist church under the supervision of the Woman's Society of Christian Service as a short term home missionary in Kentucky. Miss Overcash is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Overcash of Kannapolis.

☛ MT. OLIVET CHURCH, Lenoir, will observe homecoming October 30, at the 11:00 o'clock service. Rev. Horace R. McSwain will be the speaker. Dinner will be served at the church following the morning service. There will also be a singing in the afternoon. All former pastors, members and friends are invited to join in a day of fellowship and worship. Rev. F. R. Davis is pastor.

## Biscoe Methodist Will Observe First Homecoming

The Page Memorial Methodist Church in Biscoe will observe the first homecoming day of its 60-year history in services to be held at the church on Sunday, October 23.

The Rev. Miss Mildred Long, a former member of the church now serving as a Methodist minister in Fredericksburg, Va., will be the preacher for the 11:00 a.m. worship hour. A fellowship dinner will be served on the church grounds at 12:30.

Formally organized as a Methodist church in April of 1900, the church grew out of a Union Sunday school that was held in an old white frame building located on the same site as the present building. For several years, this was the only church building in town and served as meeting place for the Baptist, Presbyterian, and Methodist congregations. Around 1914, Mr. Frank Page, member of one of the leading families in the area, approached members of the church with a suggestion that his family would like to build a new Methodist church as a memorial to his parents, Allison Francis Page and Catherine Frances Page. The proposed building was completed in 1916 and named Page Memorial Methodist Church. The same building still serves the congregation today.

For many years the church was part of the Aberdeen Circuit, and was later attached to the Troy Circuit. In more recent years Biscoe, Candor, and Star composed the Biscoe Charge with the parsonage located in Biscoe. Candor withdrew from the charge in 1956, leaving Biscoe and Star. This two-point charge was divided in 1959 as both churches became station churches.

Through the years the congregation has grown steadily and now numbers 176. Value of the church is estimated at \$50,000 and the parsonage at \$20,000. The Sunday school attendance averages about 115. The church also has an active W.S.C.S., Methodist Men, M.Y.F., adult and children's choirs, and a well-organized administrative group. The present pastor is the Rev. James C. White, Jr., who came to the church in 1959 as its first full-time minister.

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# EDITORIALS

# LETTERS

Kapit Sarawak, Borneo  
September 24, 1960

## THEME FOR THE WEEK

*"O Lord, how great are Thy works!  
and Thy thoughts are very deep."*

—Psalm 92:5.

## Never Too Late!

The Pittsburgh Pirates won the World Series baseball pennant after waiting thirty-five years for an opportunity. We recall that in the past ten years or more they have been engaged in what they called "building a club." They occupied the "cellar" most of those years, and some people began to wonder if they would ever be a team in contention for high honors. But they were never willing to give up. Even during the recent series they were beaten three times by large scores—16-3; 10-0; 12-0. But they kept trying, and now they are the proud possessors of the world pennant. There is more implied here than mere baseball history. It is said a man may be down but he is never out. That is, if he keeps trying. Many people lose heart and give up hope when it seems the chips are down and things are not favorable. It is our reaction to emergencies that really reveals character. When things go wrong, and the way is hard, and the going is rough, we should be challenged to muster our best efforts and set ourselves with renewed devotion to the task. In the hour of uncertainty, when the disciples were looking for assurance, Jesus said, "I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you." And that promise still holds for those who have faith in divine providence. However, this requires complete commitment and trust. Someone has suggested that God never does for us that which we can do for ourselves. There is a little couplet which fits into this setting very nicely, when the poet said:

*"You can do anything you try to do,  
If only you try to do it;  
You must have a little heart,  
You must get a little start,  
Then a long, strong pull, and go to it."*

*Oh, it may take years to worry it through,  
And you may break a leg, or an arm or two,  
But in the bye and bye you'll find it true  
That you can do anything you try to do  
If only you try to do it."*

From this world series can be drawn a spiritual analogy: that if we keep going in the right direction we will eventually arrive at the right place. The

Pirates began by wining; they ended by winning. If they had given up when the going was rough it might have been a different story. Read again the 10th chapter of Matthew. Jesus warned of dangers and pitfalls, but promised that "he that endureth to the end shall be saved."

## Something To Think About

J. Edgar Hoover has a large store of information concerning many things and particularly with reference to crime in America. This has been gleaned from many sources through his office as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In a recent report he stated that the annual crime bill in the United States is \$22,000,000,000. This, said he, is \$128 for every man, woman, and child in this country. According to Mr. Hoover, for every dollar Americans spend for education, they spend \$1.11 for crime. Somewhere we have seen it stated that there are three and one-half times as many young people in prison as are in all the colleges and universities combined. When we consider the above figures we are not too much surprised. These statements from a man in J. Edgar Hoover's position should shock us into the kind of action that undertakes to do something about it.

## Using The Fifth Sunday

The fifth Sunday in October offers a splendid opportunity for the church to give special emphasis to some phase of its work. Many churches use it as an opportunity to pay in full their apportionment to the work of the Children's Home. We find that most people will respond to the challenge if properly presented. Some make it a special offering for the Home over and above their regular askings. Others use it as homecoming day when people are invited to come, bring food, attend worship, and have a fine fellowship with each other. Some use it as a time to raise funds for a building program, or to retire a debt on the church or parsonage. Whatever the emphasis may be, it should certainly be used in the best way possible to advance the kingdom in some particular manner. Opportunities unused are like opportunities abused. The fifth Sunday is a good time to do something of real importance for the cause of Christ and the church.

Dear Friend:

Mrs. Allen and I are visiting southeast Asia and around the world under the sponsorship of our Board of Missions. We have visited our work in Hawaii, Japan, Hong Kong, Philippines, Formosa, Malaya, and for one week we have been visiting our mission work in the jungles of Sarawak. Yesterday we visited former head hunters and examined many heads. The Chief presented us with an eight-foot spear, saying, "In gratitude for what Methodist missionaries have done for us we no longer want to kill. We have changed our way of life and want to serve Christ. Please send us more missionaries." The Chief wore only a piece of cloth around his waist and his hair came almost to his waist.

Every Methodist should be proud of our mission work. I have met several North Carolina missionaries in southeast Asia who want to be remembered to their friends back home.

We feel fine but tired. The heat is terrific here. The people are so appreciative and friendly one almost forgets about the hardships of the jungle. I slept on three planks last night and ate the food prepared by the natives, and am grateful. We leave today for Rangoon, Bangkok, Delhi, India, Africa, Italy, and home October 9th.

Best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

—H. G. ALLEN

## Brother Ebenezer Myers Writes The Editor

Dear Brother Starnes:

I want first to make an announcement: My name is at the head of the Chronological Roll in the W.N.C. Conference. I think I am the only preacher in the conference that was in the first session (the organizing session) of the conference in 1890. I lack about three months of being ninety-five years old; and though I am happy and busy in His service here in my last days: I have a wonderful Bible class of between thirty and forty meeting in my home, each Friday evening. We have gone through the Bible in about five years, and are now studying it topically.

I also have a successful tract work. I have written about two hundred tracts and sermons, and booklets, more than three hundred thousand have gone for free. My dear Lord sends in the money for printing. I have not sold a tract or asked for a penny.

I realize I must soon give it all up, and go to be with Him who saved and kept me in His love and service these seventy-six years.

So I am announcing to my friends not to send flowers to my funeral. I have lived a simple, plain life, and I want a very plain funeral, with only a vase of flowers on the table by the pulpit, the usual custom at all services.

I want my friends who would like to send flowers to just send a check to Mrs. Rose C. Powell, 210 N. Boundary St., Lenoir, N. C., who will receive all checks and cash and will send it to our hospital at Elkin, N. C. (which takes good care of



our preachers, and took good care of me through a long siege of surgery and treatment) for a memorial.

In the second place: I want to bring up some facts and figures of those early years of our conference and compare them with the present. First, preachers' salaries, my own experience.

My salary was fixed at \$250.00 a year for nearly ten years. My second charge was Brevard Circuit, seven churches; see in the minutes for one of the years I was there. The salary was set at \$250.00 and paid \$235.00. Now, Brevard alone is paying the pastor \$6300.00. The one church pays the pastor more money in one month than the whole circuit paid me in two years; and I did more real work in one year than that pastor does in two years. I did more preaching, traveling over bad roads on horseback or in a buggy, and visiting all the people, beside the regular Sunday services. I held revivals of from ten days to two or three weeks, in all seven of the churches.

In these revivals we were saving the people by the hundreds. In my forty-seven years as pastor I had about six thousand conversions, and received three thousand fifty-three members into the church. My average for these years was about sixty-five members received per year. Compare this with what is being done now; very few revivals and few conversions.

In the year 1958, there were two hundred and forty-nine charges in the W.N.C. Conference that had not received a single member on profession of faith, and figures from the N. C. Conference showed about the same a few years ago by Bishop Garber.

I would like to make some other comparisons but this letter is getting too long.

Wishing you success, I am yours in Him,  
—EBENEZER MYERS

### Greetings From The Bighams in Brazil

We have written many of our friends personally since our last newsletter went out, but we'll try to bring all of you up to date. And you can expect regular reports in the future. *(You can help us by reporting any change of address to the office listed in the note at the bottom of this page. Additional copies for Commissions on Missions, etc., can be secured from the same office.)*

We completed our first year in Brazil in March and celebrated by beginning our duties as pastor of the church in Jundiaí. Those first few weeks in March were rather hectic, since we were trying to complete our studies in the interdenominational Language School at Campinas. With the ink still wet on our diplomas, we arrived in Jundiaí (baggage, children, and dog) the day after graduation. There hasn't been much time to breathe since then.

For those of you who think that missionary work consists of visiting native huts, preaching under trees, etc., let's begin by saying that this is only "partially" correct. Our "native huts" are not unlike your houses—probably a good bit poorer—with the usual furnishings. We do preach out-of-doors, but most of our work falls into about the same pattern as the work of your own local church. Jundiaí is a modern industrial city, with more than 100,000 people. Our church, until we can get something better built, is a small, rented room, located on

one of the busy, narrow cobble-stoned streets.

Our little congregation of sixty-three members is kept busy with a full schedule of activities: Sunday school and worship on Sunday morning, an evangelistic service on Sunday evening, prayer meeting and Bible study on Thursday nights, commission and committee meetings on Saturday evenings, Youth Fellowship, Men's Club and Woman's Society. We have just opened a new Sunday school in a poor residential area, and with the coming of warm weather we will have a regular schedule of open air meetings.

We are now looking for property and with the aid of the recently-approved loan we hope to start the first part of our building program soon. A tithing campaign has more than doubled the level of giving. We hope to be able to finish this first building with only local resources. At first, all of our members were saying, "We can't do it!" But now they seem to have caught a vision of their own possibilities. Many of the church's internal problems are melting away as the members re-dedicate themselves.

And what a city of opportunity! I recall a "state-side" church member saying, during an evangelistic canvass, "I don't know anyone who isn't a member of a church." Here, by conservative estimates, there are probably 50,000 people with no church contact. Another 20,000 will defensively claim to be Catholics, although they admit that they never go to church. One response we often hear to our invitation to visit our church: "Thanks, but I'm not interested in religion. I'm Catholic, you know, but I don't even attend my own church." More than 50,000 people to be won for Christ, right here in our city! How we need your prayers!

The Brazilian people are basically religious — the difficulty is the confusion of ideas from African culture, the native Indian element and Roman Catholicism. They will believe almost anything, and yet are hesitant to commit themselves to anything. Superstition and the lower forms of voodooism are prevalent. Along with their religious nature, the Brazilians are blessed with a natural friendliness. We have been warmly welcomed, especially by our own people. Our weariness with moving vanished with joy when the little congregation arrived to welcome us, with all the makings for a lovely reception.

We've added a member to the family—a Brazilian girl. Ana is thirteen years old and seems to be getting accustomed to our "strange American ways." The boys love her, and she is helping them with their Portuguese. Martha is studying organ and plays for all of our services. Blondie, our dog, who only understands English, and Scottie, our Brazilian canary, help Alex and David keep things lively for us. The mildness of "winter" is giving way to really warm weather, so we'll be able to put the children and their pets outside. It's the peace "inside" that counts anyway!

Deus vos guarde e abencoe! (God keep you and bless you).

—BILL

(for all of the Bighams in Brazil)

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Brazil, South America

### Greensboro District Has Active Mission Society

The Greensboro District has an active district missionary society which is interested in establishing new churches and assisting churches not financially able to carry their full load of building needs. Every church in the district is asked to contribute a minimum of one dollar per member to the cause, and every Methodist in the district is invited to join the Ten Dollar Club, and contribute that amount toward the building of each new church. Not more than two calls are made in one year. The Board of Managers at a recent meeting adopted as its goal ten percent of the members of each church as members of the Ten Dollar Club.

Some of the churches recently assisted by this means include Saint John's Church in the Hunter Hills section of Greensboro; Guilford College Church, organized a year ago; and Woodmont Church of Reidsville, which was organized the past July and already has more than 200 members. The controlling body of the district mission society is the Board of Managers, which is constituted by all the pastors and one elected member from each charge. This group meets twice a year. A call is now being made for Saint Paul Church, Greensboro, which is relocating in the O. Henry Oaks community of Greensboro, a fine residential section. The Saint Paul Church is ready to start construction on its first unit, consisting of a fellowship hall-sanctuary, nine classrooms, pastor's study, kitchen, rest-rooms and storage areas. The building will have around 8,000 square feet of floor space. The anticipated cost is approximately \$83,000. It has a building site of approximately five acres already paid for.

### High Point College Installs New Organ

Another milestone was accomplished at High Point College this past Wednesday morning in its ever-present desire to advance and improve on the offerings available to its students. This progressive step was heard and realized by the student body and faculty as the beautiful tones of the newly-installed organ were heard throughout the audience assembled in Memorial Auditorium. The work and efforts of the music department staff as well as those busy for the past week in the installation of the new organ came to life with the opening hymn of Wednesday's assembly program.

High Point College prides itself on having one of the finest music departments among the small liberal art colleges in the state. This addition of the new organ will make it possible for this already outstanding department to increase its offering of instruments even more to its organ majors. The department now has two organs of the finest quality for its students to advance in their study of this musical instrument.

The new organ will make it possible to accept more students at the college desiring to major in this instrument. This is a new incentive for students wishing to major in organ to study here at High Point College.

High Point College takes pride in making this latest advancement in organs available to the study and enjoyment of its student body, faculty and to the community of High Point.



# High Point's Wesley Memorial Moves Into New Building

High Point's Wesley Memorial Church moved into its new two million-dollar building Sunday and formal services will get underway October 23 when Bishop Nolan B. Harmon will preach at the first full service in the new building.

It was "moving day" last Sunday when sacred objects from the old church were taken to the new building following the final service in the building which for nigh onto a half century had housed that congregation.

Several "lasts" were racked up sadly in the old structure—the last funeral was Friday afternoon before moving when rites were held for Fred P. Ingram, who had been a member of that church throughout his 79 years here—and the wedding of Miss Unity Nash, a faithful member of the church, and Harold Funderburk of Charleston, S. C., Saturday evening, Oct. 22, will be the first marriage rites in the new edifice.

Official change of residence took place Sunday morning when Dr. C. C. Herbert, Jr., pastor, led the congregation from the old to the new church. Harold E. Wagoner, the celebrated Philadelphia church architect who designed the building, was there, together with C. C. Hartmann, the Greensboro architect who collaborated locally in the plans and construction of what is said to be one of the great churches in traditional architecture. The impressive building is Gothic in stone and presents a lovely appearance.

Complete except for the sanctuary, which is to be added later at a cost estimated at around a million dollars, it represents an investment in excess to two million dollars. It was erected by the firm of R. K. Stewart and Son of High Point. R. T. Amos was chairman of the building committee. Two financial campaigns were conducted, the first raising one million dollars and the second about half that amount. The old church property, located in the heart of the business district, will be sold. It is the hope of church officials that with the sale of that property and collection of outstanding pledges by the end of next year, debt will be cleared and the way open for the final drive to complete the sanctuary.

The new buildings stand on a 19½-acre site in the northwest section of High Point, representing a shift from a downtown to a suburban church. Elaborate groundwork is transforming it into a beautiful setting, with city and state highway officials cooperating with street improvements that add to attractiveness, utility and safety of the layout. Hundreds of visitors have come to see the new building under construction. Many former members living elsewhere came back Sunday to join in the final service in the old church which had served so well down the years.

The schedule calls for guest preaching by Dr. G. Ray Jordan on Sunday night, Dr. Walter J. Miller Monday night, Dr. Embree H. Blackard Tuesday night, Dr. C. Excell

Rozzelle Wednesday night, Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., Thursday night, Dr. W. Arthur Kale Friday night and Dr. Ralph H. Taylor, district superintendent, on Sunday morning, Oct. 30.

Dr. Herbert said that open house for the public will be held on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 23, and arrangements will be made to conduct building tours throughout the following week.

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## Better Music For Church And Church School

Friday and Saturday, October 21-22, are important days in our program for providing better music in both the church and church school. The Asheville, Marion, and Waynesville Districts are promoting attendance from every charge. It is hoped that delegates from other districts of the Conference will also participate. A similar session, however, will be held at Wesley Memorial, High Point, January 13-14, 1961.

*Registration—3-5 p.m.*

*Fellowship Hall, Central Church*

While advance registrations have to be cleared with Edwin Easter, it will be necessary to check in from three to five o'clock in the afternoon. The advance fee of \$2.50 will cover the cost of the banquet and the registration fee. These items must be cleared with Edwin Easter well in advance, in order that proper plans can be made for the banquet.

*Session on Methodist Hymnal*

*Friday—4:30-6:15 p.m.*

*For Ministers Only*

It is hoped that all ministers will register in advance and will participate in the entire program on Friday evening. Dr. Edward Moyer, Wesley Seminary, Washington, D. C., is the main resource person. Other leaders are Edwin Easter, Nelson Adams, and Henry Faust. Instruction will be provided for children and youth choirs, adult choirs, and instrumental and repertory playing.

*Banquet and Panel Discussion*

The banquet is scheduled for 6:30 in the fellowship hall at Central Church. Dr. Moyer will speak on NaFOMM and Music in Christian Education. Following the banquet message, there will be a panel discussion dealing with general questions in church music, relationship of the minister to the music program, and ways of providing better music in the church school program.

*Saturday Sessions*

The Methodist Publishing House will have a display of choir robes, sheet music, anthems, and hymn books. Time will be provided for browsing and for an examination of these materials. There will also be class sessions on children and youth choirs, adult choirs, and instrumental playing. After another session on the *Methodist Hymnal*, a closing worship service will be led by Dr. Embree H. Blackard of Central Church.



## Plan Conference On Early Marriages

The executive committee of the N. C. Family Life Council met in Raleigh recently to lay final plans for the Annual Conference on the family which will be held Oct. 30-Nov. 1 in West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro. The theme of the conference will be "Early Marriages . . . Problem or Challenge," and the discussions will be based in part on a survey of early marriages in the nearly 900 high schools in North Carolina. Conference officials shown in the picture are Marvin Vick, Kinston, executive committee member; Jesse H. Lanning, Linwood, president of the Council; and Dr. Irwin V. Sperry, Greensboro, chairman of the Council's Program Committee and director of the survey of the state's high schools upon which the conference discussion of early marriages will be based.

## Louisburg College Has Largest Enrollment In Its History

Enrollment for the fall semester at Louisburg College has reached 497, the largest in the history of the college, according to Dean-Registrar John B. York. Of this number 168 are classified as sophomores and 329 as freshmen. There are 354 men and 143 women students.

There are 302 students enrolled in the general liberal arts curriculum. Ninety students are taking the pre-professional courses with 39 in pre-engineering and 19 going into full-time church work. Business students number 96 and there are nine special students.

North Carolinians number 366 with Franklin, Durham, Vance, Wayne, Halifax, Wake, Alamance, Cartaret, and Granville Counties leading. There are 105 students from Virginia and 24 students from other states. There is one student from Japan, and one from Iran.

Methodist and Baptist comprise the larger number of students in religious affiliation with 246 Methodists and 142 Baptists. Episcopalians number 34, Presbyterians, 29, Christian, 12, and Catholic, eight. Ten other religious groups are represented, and twelve students indicated no religious affiliation.

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He who receives a good turn should never forget it; he who does one should never remember it.—*Charron*.



# Credentials of a Christian

By W. D. CHARLTON  
Swansboro, N. C.

When the writer applied for a social security card some years ago, he was asked about scars or incisions on his body. In case of some emergency, there were to be identifying marks.

Bearing the marks or scars received from some persecution, Paul spoke of himself as "a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God." Christianity is meaningful for us if we are willing to pay some price of discipline and witnessing for Him.

Someone defined a Christian as "a decent, civilized, presentable person." What a watered-down religion! As a slave or servant of Christ, the apostle was all out for Him.

A child once saw a statue of Christ, and referred to him as "a great man." The sculptor didn't like the child's opinion of his work of art. So he touched up the stone until the youth exclaimed: "That was the Christ." Our brand of Christianity may bear some touching up, or re-making.

A devoted servant of his Lord, Paul said, "For to me to live is Christ." When Sparks Cadman, a famous and beloved preacher, was very ill, blood transfusions were needed. One man said that he would give all of his blood to save his friend. That was the measure of Paul's devotion to his Lord. Real religion demands more than a casual relationship; it requires a tremendous devotion.

Moreover, Paul felt that he was called to be an apostle. The word means sent or appointed to a mission or some worthy and challenging task. God lays his hand on a person and speaks: "This is what you are to do." Under conviction or compulsion, Paul exclaimed: "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel!" Today, we believe in a sense of vocation, a feeling of mission, a call to do our particular assignment in the world.

Stanley Jones tells of attending a luncheon party in Japan when he asked the pastors and laymen about their business or profession. One 82-year-old man said, with a radiant face: "My business is witnessing for Christ." Our daily work and life may speak for him.

A teacher in the first grade left her classroom one day. When she returned, the children had their hands raised, and one little child was in the teacher's chair. "Oh," said the child, "I was just asking the children how many loved Jesus."

Burning with a passion to share the good news, the early Christian was convinced many of the reality and power of their faith. A man once stood on a barrel on a busy street and gathered the people around him. "My friends," said he, "I have good news for you this morning." Then he told the simple story of God's concern and love for them. Not only the preacher, but all are workers together to share the good news for our fellowmen, and God's concern for building a better and brighter world.

A skillful surgeon opened the eyes of a man who had long been blind. The man

was so thrilled with what had happened to him that he wanted to share the good news with all who groped in darkness. So his story went out in Braille, giving hope for others who were denied their sight. In the Bible, we are reminded that the Christians told others of "the things that had happened to them."

Another credential of a Christian is that he is set apart, separated unto the gospel. We are to have the distinction of bearing some likeness to Christ and letting his light shine through us. A four-year-old grandson attended a children's meeting at church and was recognized as a visitor. "I am not a visitor," the little boy exclaimed, "I am a Christian." Are we merely visitors at church, or sideline spectators?

If we are set apart, it means that we do not conform "to the world, the flesh and the devil." A recent convert, a lumber-jack, attended a troop of laborers to another section of the state. When he returned home, someone asked him how did he get along with the rough fellow-workers. "I spent two weeks with them," he said, "and they didn't find out that I am a Christian." Do we bear the distinctive marks of a Christian?

A young college student once did a wrong deed and was called in for an interview with the president of the institution. When the president asked the young man about his conduct, he replied: "Dr. X, hardly ten students will be found who wouldn't have done the same thing." The president rejoined, "Did it ever occur to you that you could have been one of those ten?" The action of many people is determined by group pressure rather than by the credentials of Christ.

The sculptor, Jacob Epstein, created the statue of Christ standing before Pilate with his hands tied behind him. Observing the bound hands, an elderly woman said: "If only we could untie his hands!" What a difference it would make if we would loose Christ in our lives and in the world!

Mark the credentials of a Christian: "A servant of Jesus Christ called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God."

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## Dr. Sockman Returns to 'National Radio Pulpit'

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, minister of Christ Methodist Church, New York City, is back on NBC's "National Radio Pulpit" for 26 weeks, which began Sunday October 2 (10:05-10:30 a.m., EDT).

His sermon subjects for October will be "Creators of Confidence," October 9; "The Kind Who Keep Us Free," October 16; "What Do You Expect from Life?" October 23, and "Faith of Our Fathers," October 30. The 60-voice choir of Maryville (Tenn.) College will sing on each of the October broadcasts. The program, an NBC Public Affairs presentation, is produced in cooperation with the National Council of Churches.

## New Camp For Albemarle and Salisbury Districts

By I. L. SHARPE

History was made October 11, when forty representatives from Salisbury and Albemarle Districts met at Stony Hill Methodist Church, near Albemarle, to make definite plans about a bi-district church camp.

After a trek through the rugged terrain of the 50 acres, which have already been bought and paid for, and which join Morrow Mountain State Park, the representatives returned to the fellowship hall of the church and ate supper and talked business. Before a division was made in the Salisbury District, forming the Albemarle District, the Salisbury District had purchased the camp-site and had made plans toward development. This meeting October 11 was for the purpose of making the camp a bi-district proposition. After a vote was taken, it was found that the two districts were 100 per cent in favor of such a proposal.

Dr. James Stokes, of the Salisbury District, presided. Dr. Carl King spoke on the new venture on the part of several districts and individual churches in setting up camps to take care of the overflow of Tekoa and Junaluska. "More and more the Methodist church is realizing the value of its camping program," Mr. King said as he fully endorsed the idea of this new church camp.

The camp committee will make a full report to the district conference of the two districts involved, and request further instructions as to where they go from here.

## National Workshop for Conference Lay Leaders

Chicago—A national workshop for conference lay leaders will be held October 28-29, in Chicago's LaSalle Hotel, it has been announced by Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, general secretary of the Methodist Church's Board of Lay Activities. About 75 men are expected to attend.

A special feature of the workshop will be a series of three lectures by Melvin J. Evans, a Chicago management consultant. He will speak on the following subjects: "Evaluation of Leadership," "How Do People Grow?" and "One Man With God is a Majority."

The program will open Oct. 28 at 10 a.m. and will conclude Oct. 29 with an evening communion service in the "Chapel in the Sky" in Chicago Temple. Leading the service will be the Rev. Dr. Charles Ray Goff, minister of the church and preacher on the Methodist Men's Hour radio program, which is sponsored by the Board of Lay Activities and Methodist Men's groups throughout the country.

Several staff members of the board will serve as resource persons on the two-day program.

While the workshop is being planned especially to brief new conference lay leaders on their responsibilities and opportunities for service, Dr. Mayfield made it clear that the meeting is open to all conference lay leaders—new and old—and that associated conference lay leaders are also welcome to attend.



# New Committee on Publishing Interests Plans Its Program

By DALLAS MALLISON

For the general purpose of promoting more and better reading and for the specific purpose of furthering the publishing arm of the Methodist Church, the North Carolina Conference and its more than 100 sister conferences are setting up new quadrennial agencies to be known as the Committee on Publishing Interests.

The basic purpose or philosophy underlying this new agency is found in the historical statement prefacing the *Methodist Discipline*. This statement says that "He (John Wesley) made the press a servant of the church." The General Board of Publication believes that this objective is an authentic description of its duties and responsibilities. The new committee affirms this belief.

The membership includes not fewer than three or more than five members at large, the resident bishop, the district superintendent, and the director of public relations and Methodist information shall be members ex-officio, and there may also be one additional person from each district who shall be designated as district secretary on publishing interests.

## Membership

The five members at large are Morris S. Clary of Tarboro; J. E. Davis of Sanford; the Rev. H. B. Baum of Raleigh; the Rev. C. H. Mewborn of Havelock; and the Rev. Neil Thompson of Fair Bluff.

There are now 12 ex-officio members. These are Bishop Paul N. Garber, Dallas Mallison of Carolina Beach (chairman of the Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information), and the Rev. G. R. McKenzie of Raleigh (chairman of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation). The nine district superintendents are also ex-officio members.

There are nine district secretaries on publishing interests who are members. They are: Burlington District, the Rev. R. T. Commander of Burlington; Durham District, the Rev. Clark R. Cahow of Duke University; Elizabeth City District, the Rev. E. E. Edmond of Gates; Fayetteville District, the Rev. T. Fant Steele of Vass; Goldsboro District, the Rev. E. M. Thompson, Jr., of Stantonsburg; New Bern District, the Rev. D. M. Tyson of Williston; Raleigh District, the Rev. Robert H. Eason of Raleigh; Rocky Mount District, H. L. Swain of Williamston; and Wilmington District, J. Ward Andrews of Wilmington.

The officers, who comprise the executive committee of the whole committee, are the Rev. R. H. Eason, chairman; the Rev. T. Fant Steele, vice-chairman; and the Rev. E. M. Thompson, secretary.

## Meetings

The committee has held two meetings and is planning a third in November. The first was to organize, held at Rocky Mount at the annual session. The second was held on September 15 at Westover Methodist Church in Raleigh. The third will be held at the same place on November 1, for the

purpose of formulating specific ideas and suggestions for district work.

During the present year the committee will strive to develop an overall working plan for the conference for the entire present quadrennium.

## Dr. Curry Reports

The September 15th meeting was held to hear Dr. George M. Curry of Nashville, Tenn, an associate publisher with the Methodist Publishing House. Eleven members were present.

Dr. Curry pointed out several objectives and goals for the committee. The general aim is to promote more and better reading among Methodists and greater use on their part of Methodist publications, Dr. Curry said, those of the Methodist Publishing House.

1. By promoting the greater use of Methodist publications, Dr. Curry said, the committee will be giving Methodists more and better information about the total program of their church. The numerous and varied publications of the Publishing House are the best and most reliable tools with which Methodists can work and yet many do not utilize these tools, he said.

The Publishing House regularly issues four periodicals of wide and timely interest, Dr. Curry pointed out. These are *THE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE* (semi-monthly), *Together Magazine* (monthly), *Music Ministry* (monthly), and *Religion In Life* (quarterly).

In addition, he said, the Publishing House supplies almost every conceivable kind of religious literature and materials, prepared especially for the local church, but also for every organization and individual within the Methodist church.

The publisher also pointed out a valuable reader service the House renders which is too little known or used. Editors each year select certain books as the most significant ones of that period, and these are highly recommended to Methodism.

2. An important aim of this committee is to promote more and better reading on the part of Methodists. While not advocating censorship groups, Dr. Curry did suggest the formation of good literature committees in each local church. He also suggested that the better books could be pointed out, with the conference organs giving publicity to these books.

The committee should also encourage the building up of good local church libraries and devise imaginative and effective ways of promoting the development of such libraries, he said. The formation of good home libraries could also be encouraged. The establishment of regional book stores was also suggested, such as the Cokesbury book stores.

3. There are many ways in which the new committee can work effectively with the N. C. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, the Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information, the Commission on Promotion

and Cultivation, and the Television, Radio and Film Commission, Dr. Curry said.

The committee can work with the ADVOCATE district directors and otherwise in promoting the circulation of the ADVOCATE, he pointed out. The group can supply the ADVOCATE with lists of good books and articles on good literature and Methodist materials. The wider use of better films, film-strip, and other audio-visual materials can be aided by the committee.

4. Dr. Curry pointed out miscellaneous services the committee can render. One of these, he said, will be to work with the Conference Program Committee to insure the best presentation of the Publishing House interests and benefits to the conference, on the first day if possible.

Dr. Curry declared that no other Protestant denomination provides as much reading materials and aids of better quality and wider appeal than the Methodist church. Yet, he observed, the average Methodist reads no more, and perhaps less, than many other Christians. The new committee faces the huge task of trying to correct this deplorable situation, he said.

## Methodism Welcomes Three New Colleges This Fall

Methodism welcomed three new colleges to the fold of Christian higher education this fall.

North Carolina Wesleyan College of Rocky Mount, one of the three, enrolled a charter freshman class of 85 on Wednesday, September 21.

President Thomas A. Collins introduced a faculty of twelve, and welcomed the students to the 200-acre campus. Approximately \$2,000,000 was pledged by the Rocky Mount community and \$2,000,000 by the North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Church for capital construction.

Four buildings are occupied this first year—administration, science and classroom buildings, plus the heating plant. Dormitories for men and women as well as a cafeteria-Student Union building are now under construction for use in the fall of 1961.

Wesleyan is a co-educational, liberal arts institution, as are the other two new colleges, Alaska University and Methodist College of Fayetteville.

## Nashville Student Wins Wesleyan Scholarship

*Rocky Mount*—Miss Clyde Elaine (Patsy) Matthews of Nashville, a student at North Carolina Wesleyan College, has been named winner of the first Rocky Mount Lions Club Scholarship valued at \$500 for the freshman year. Marvin Viverette, local Lions Club president and Wesleyan College official, made the announcement.

The scholarship was established by the Lions to be given to a youth of the Rocky Mount area who plans to enter a field related to helping the visual handicapped. Patsy is taking a pre-med course at the college. She is an honor graduate of Nashville High School where she was president of the Beta Club and co-editor of the school paper. Last spring she won a Wesleyan award valued at \$450.



# Conference Director of Evangelism Promoting District-Wide Programs

Rev. C. Freeman Heath, Director of Evangelism in the North Carolina Conference, has worked out a program for the districts, which includes "A Day Apart" for ministers of each district. In these meetings plans are projected for the program of evangelism in the district and in each local church. The following schedule will give something of the overall plans for some months ahead:

1. On September 16, 6:30 p.m. through 10:30, September 17, Day-Apart Meeting with the Wilmington pastors at the Good Shepherd Home at Lake Waccamaw. Dr. D. E. Earnhardt was the inspirational speaker. Rev. C. Freeman Heath spoke on Methods; Dr. J. E. Garlington outlined plans for the year in evangelism. Dr. Earnhardt led the group in a period of sharing and closed with a consecration service at the altar. On the week of February 27 through March 4, the ministers of the district will put on a visitation evangelism campaign at the Sunset Park Methodist Church. This will be followed by a week of preaching. Each church in the district is expected to have a period of evangelistic visitation during the year.

2. September 30, 10:00 a.m. New Bern District Day-Apart for the ministers. Dr. D. E. Earnhardt was the inspirational speaker. Very much the same program as the Wilmington District program with this exception: each sub-district met and worked out a program of evangelism that would strengthen each local church. The day closed with dedication service at the altar.

3. Thursday, October 6, at 3:00 p.m., Elizabeth City Day-Apart. The Reverend Calvin Johnson, Pastor of Christ Methodist Church, Newport News, Virginia, brought two messages: "The Evangelistic Heritage of Methodism" and "Empowering for the Task Ahead." The program had a sharing session of "personal witness of recent victories" and plans for this year. There were group meetings of sub-districts. The Rev. C. Freeman Heath led a discussion period on "Planning Our Program." Altar service and dedication followed by dinner and benediction.

4. Friday, October 7, 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., Rocky Mount Day-Apart at Tarboro. Message by Dr. D. E. Earnhardt. Group meditations with five leaders on Psalm 51: 10-13. After supper, session on Methods, led by C. F. Heath, Rev. Leon Couch, J. B. Speight, and Dr. W. C. Ball. Closing with service of dedication.

5. Orange County Week of Evangelism with Dr. Clovis Chappel as evangelist, October 9-16.

6. Fall meeting of the Board of Evangelism at St. Paul's Methodist Church, Goldsboro, October 28, 10:00 a.m.

7. October 31, Goldsboro Day-Apart with ministers of the Goldsboro District at Salem Methodist Church, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Message by Dr. D. E. Earnhardt; period on methods, group sharing period with leaders. Summation by Dr. Mark Lawrence, district superintendent. Closing period of dedication.

8. November 7, 8:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Durham Day-Apart at McMannen Church, following the general pattern of the other Day-Apart meetings. Sermon by Dr. D. E. Earnhardt; group sharing period; session on methods. Summation by Dr. C. D. Barclift. Closing service of dedication by Dr. Earnhardt.

9. November 13, 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Burlington Day-Apart at Graham. Will begin with devotional. Ministers will divide into five groups and will spend one hour in a time of sharing. Mr. Heath will lead the group in a discussion of methods for one hour. Dr. Clegg will lead the group in planning for the evangelistic work of the district for one hour. Supper, 7:30 p.m. A union evangelistic service with outstanding minister. Closing with dedication at the altar.

10. November 28, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Raleigh Day-Apart at Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh. Same general program as the other Day-Apart meetings. Outstanding speaker to bring the inspirational messages. Methods by J. Kern Ormond and C. Freeman Heath. Dr. G. S. Eubank, district superintendent, will spell out the plans for the district program.

January 22, district evangelistic rally at Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., with Bishop Arthur J. Moore as the speaker.

February 19 to 25, Week of Visitation in each church of the district.

11. January 30-February 1, three days and nights of visitation evangelism in the Fayetteville Sub-District of the Fayetteville District.

February 6-8, three days of visitation evangelism in the Rockingham Sub-District of the Fayetteville District.

February 13-15, three days and nights of visitation evangelism in the Troy Sub-District of the Fayetteville District.

The ministers will meet each morning for devotions and instructions. They will be divided to work in groups with the lay visitors of the host church, visiting the prospects for church membership.

After the sub-district meetings the pastors will team up and will help each other until a visitation evangelism campaign is put on in each church of the district.

12. The districts will formulate definite plans for evangelism in each local church in the Day-Apart meetings.

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## Revival Services At Dover Church

The Dover Methodist Church held its annual evangelistic services, which began October 16, at 7:30 p.m., holding services each night thereafter and closing the following weekend. Rev. J. C. Staton of St. John's Methodist Church, Kinston brought the message each evening. Special music was rendered each night by a visiting choir and congregational singing.

## Day Apart Retreat Held In Elizabeth City District

Thirty-one pastors of the Elizabeth City District and five guests attended the Day-Apart Retreat planned by the District Board of Evangelism under the direction of Rev. Irvin Cook, district director, and Rev. Robert Jerome, district superintendent, and held at South Mills Methodist Church Oct. 6-7. The Retreat was planned as a period of prayer, planning, and initiating the evangelistic program of the district. During the discussion periods, the sub-district programs and district rallies were mentioned. Rev. C. F. Heath led the group in outlining the programs and implementing them on the local church level in a concerted program of visitation and preaching missions. Study guides and aids in this connection were introduced and discussed by Mr. Heath. The sub-district groups are to work out their programs and rallies for each group. A final decision on a district rally was referred to the district committee.

A number of ministers led in the program areas for the two-day period. Rev. Irvin Cook led in the opening orientation period. Rev. Oscar Williams led the first sharing session. Rev. Calvin Johnson, pastor of Christ Methodist Church in Newport News, Va., spoke to the group in the first evening session on the "Evangelistic Heritage of Methodism." Rev. James Auman led the closing fellowship period.

Rev. W. E. Eason led the group in the devotional period Friday. The Rev. C. F. Heath, our dynamic and most effective Conference Director of Evangelism, led us in planning our program and Rev. Calvin Johnson, our inspirational speaker, spoke at the 11:00 o'clock hour on "Empowering for the Task Ahead." Rev. R. L. Jerome, our most efficient district superintendent, led in the closing altar service of dedication, as each person prayed for God's holy spirit to breath on our lives and create within us pure hearts dedicated to His service as dynamic disciples in this decade of the 1960's, as we labour together in His vineyard with the quadrennial theme of Methodism, "Jesus is Lord."

Special thanks must go to our District Committee on Evangelism, the district director of evangelism, our district superintendent, and the fine folks of the South Mills Church who cared for us as though we were their own.

## Dr. Leo Rippy, Jr. On Scarritt Faculty

Dr. Leo Rippy, Jr., has recently received the Ed.D. degree from Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn., where he did his study in the field of curriculum and teaching. His doctoral dissertation was on "Human Relation Skills in the Classroom." A member of the Western North Carolina Conference, Dr. Rippy is presently on the faculty of Scarritt College as assistant professor of Christian Education with special responsibility for teaching Christian education in the field of youth work, recreation, adult work, and worship.

Dr. Rippy was Minister of Education at Central Methodist Church, Shelby, N. C. from 1954 to 1956. Before that he was director of youth work for the South Carolina Conference.



## Bishop Garber Addresses N. C. Wesleyan Students

*Rocky Mount*—Bishop Paul N. Garber, of the North Carolina Methodist Conference, called on the first students, faculty and friends of N. C. Wesleyan College to establish worthy tradition recently when the formal opening convocation was held at the First Methodist Church here.

Addressing the college community, Bishop Garber reminded that we are not without traditions even at the point of beginning.

We have the traditions of those who have dreamed great dreams. We have the tradition of the Christian Church, always vitally concerned about higher education. We have the tradition of the masses preparing the way for educational progress.

Mayor Allan Mims welcomed Wesleyan College and its many guests to the Rocky Mount area. For Rocky Mount this also represents fulfillment of cherished ambitions, he reminded those in attendance.

Wesleyan opened last week with 85 freshmen enrolled as day students. The administration building and the science building are occupied and the classroom building is nearing completion. Dormitories for men and for women are slated to be finished in the spring of 1961.

At this time temporary dormitories in town house about a dozen young ladies and a dozen young men.

Wesleyan opened this year culminating plans initiated in 1956 when local citizens called on Bishop Garber and the Methodist Church to assist Rocky Mount in securing a college for this area. Citizens of Nash and Edgecombe Counties pledged over \$2,000,000 to get the college started. Rocky Mount citizens also pledged \$50,000 annually for the support of the institution.

## A Day on Bahama Charge

The editor spent a very pleasant day on the Bahama Charge October 16, preaching at Ellis Chapel at 10:00, at Mt. Bethel at Bahama at 11:00, and at Mount Tabor at 7:00 p.m. Rev. R. H. Lewis and family were gracious hosts. The very delightful luncheon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen was a pleasure, and the ladies at Mt. Tabor served supper at the church for the evening meal. It was an honor and a privilege to preach in the church to which our former Governor, Hon. Wm. B. Umstead, was a long time member. Mr. Umstead is buried in the nearby cemetery. He was a treasured friend of this writer.

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The Editorial Council for the "Methodist Story" will meet at Longview Methodist Church, Raleigh, October 26. Rev. O. L. Hathaway, a member of the Council, is in charge of arrangements.

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Taxes paid by Class 1 railroads in the first quarter of this year amounted to \$266,237,113, a rise of 7.2 per cent over the corresponding period of 1959, according to the Association of American Railroads. About 25 per cent of this outlay went for federal income taxes, 37 per cent for payroll taxes to finance retirement, survivor, and unemployment and sickness benefits, and 38 per cent for all other taxes.

## Homecoming Tribute to the Rev. J. L. A. Bumgarner



In special services throughout the day, Millers Creek Methodist Church honored the Rev. J. L. A. Bumgarner on homecoming day, September 25. The theme for the day was "Heroes of Faith," and Millers Creek Church paid many tributes to its own "hero of faith," Mr. Bumgarner. He had served this church as pastor for ten years, and has been a member of the Millers Creek community for many more years. He became a member of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church in 1908 (then the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference). Although he has been classified as "retired" since 1946, he has continued to serve churches in Wilkes County until recent years, and is still in demand for preaching services, weddings, and funerals in the community.

In the morning worship service, three members of the church, Mrs. Fred Gaither, Miss Joy Johnson, and Mr. C. C. Brooks, Jr., joined with the pastor, the Rev. R. G. Russell, Jr., in special tributes to Mr. Bumgarner. Following the service, dinner was served on the grounds at 12:30 p.m.

The afternoon service at 2:00 o'clock featured the Rev. C. J. Caudill, pastor of the Main Street Methodist Church in Kernersville, N. C., former pastor of this church, as the principal speaker. In honoring Mr. Bumgarner, Mr. Caudill spoke on the subject, "What Do You Expect of Your Ministers?" In his remarks, he pointed out the many ways in which Mr. Bumgarner has served the church through the years. Just before the message, Mr. J. Van Caudill, church school superintendent, gave special recognition to the members of the choir for their service to the church by presenting them with choir pins. Following the message, the pastor presented Mr. Bumgarner with a gold engraved wrist watch, a gift from the church congregation.

A daughter of Mr. Bumgarner, Mrs. J. W. Tysinger of Houghton, N. Y., could not be present for the services. She honored her father with a poem of tribute, entitled

"Dad," which was read as a part of the afternoon service.

Special guests for the day were children of the Rev. Mr. Bumgarner, with their families: Mrs. J. Allie Hayes, of the Brushy Mountains; Dr. John R. Bumgarner of Greensboro, and the Rev. G. W. Bumgarner of Kannapolis.

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## Lay Witness Mission

Each Sunday during the month of October at 7:30 p.m., special worship services will be conducted by the laymen of Main Street Methodist Church, High Point. These lay messages will be a testimony to faith and practice in the Christian church.

In addition to this public witness, there will be visitation in every home of the church by the Adult Department of the church school. The Commission on Membership and Evangelism will be visiting prospective members.

The Lay Witness Mission is one of the emphases of the fall program in the church. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

The speakers will include Mr. Reitzel N. Morgan, chairman of the Official Board; Mr. C. C. Culler, Jr., teacher of the Willis Kirby Bible Class; Mrs. J. W. Johnson, chairman of the Commission on Christian Social Concerns; and Mr. Lyles Kearns, superintendent of the church school.

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DR. MORRIS L. HUSTED, pastor of the Cokesbury Methodist Church of Stedman will be the guest preacher at a revival service to be held in the Johnson Memorial Methodist Church of Fayetteville beginning Sunday evening, October 23 through Friday, October 28. The Reverend Clarence Warren is pastor of the host church and will preside at each service. Dr. Husted will sing a special number during each service using, as far as possible, the favorites of those who attend.



# Our Heritage From Yesterday

\*By MRS. JOHN HOYLE, JR.

We wish it were possible to pay tribute individually to every woman who in the past twenty years has given her time, talents, and material possessions to bring the Conference to its present level of achievement. The only way to do that would be to say to each woman who has worked in the local society and Guild, "It is because of your contribution that the Conference has been able to reach today's level of achievement. You have made it what it is!"

Permit me to say for myself, personally, that I appreciate the confidence this Conference has shown in me through the many opportunities and privileges of service it has given me.

At the twenty-eighth annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Western North Carolina Conference held at the First Methodist Church in Salisbury, April, 1940, the women gathered for the last meeting of the group as a Woman's Missionary Society. In the president's address, Mrs. C. C. Weaver paid tribute to the women who "labored in that far-off day of small beginnings." Looking backward, she assured the Conference that "the path has been an ascending path, our work a growing work, and our influence an expanding influence."

We were informed of the new magazine, *The Methodist Woman*, which would appear in September. We were assured that our new church and Woman's Society of Christian Service would have many problems, and that in the days to come would be in special need of God's help and power for its task.

The pledge that year to the Council treasurer was \$49,200. The Conference paid \$53,55.97, with a membership of 18,268, organized into 492 societies.

On Tuesday, October 1, 1940 at 10 a.m., Statesville, Bishop Clare Purcell called to order the organizational meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference. Mrs. C. C. Weaver, president of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Western North Carolina Conference of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was elected president for the day. Mrs. R. M. Andrews, president of the Woman's Work of the North Carolina Conference of the former Methodist Protestant Church, was elected recording secretary for the day. At the request of Bishop Purcell, Mrs. Andrews read the report of the Research Committee.

Before submitting the report of the nominating committee, it was voted that the editor of the Woman's Page of the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE be separated from the duties of the corresponding secretary, and that the editor of the page be made a member of the Conference executive committee.

On that day many plans were made for the future. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. C. C. Weaver; vice-president, Mrs. C. N. Clark; recording secretary, Mrs. John Hoyle, Jr.; treasurer, Mrs. P. N. Peacock. Secretaries: Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. J. W. Payne;

Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Mrs. R. M. Andrews; Wesleyan Service Guild, Mrs. W. F. Redding, Jr.; Student Work, Mrs. Walter Lannier; Young Women's and Girls' Work, Mrs. E. A. Lamb; Children's Work, Mrs. George Hoyle; Literature and Publications, Mrs. R. C. Kennedy; Supplies, Mrs. J. W. Harbison; Editor Woman's Page in the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, Mrs. R. W. Harris.

Mrs. Weaver, in accepting the office of president, spoke on the responsibility that had been delegated to her and asked the prayers of the Conference that she might be able to successfully perform the duties of new office.

At this charter meeting, 495 delegates registered and reported 21,505 charter members enrolled in the local societies of the Conference.

Mrs. R. C. Kennedy, president of the Woman's Work in the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, was asked to speak concerning the district setup, at that time optional in the recently reunited Methodist Church. Following her remarks on the district setup she moved that we have a complete district organization of our Conference. The motion carried and the Conference ordered a district organization in each of the ten districts of the Conference. The women met in groups, by districts, and determined date and place for the organizational meeting of each district.

In November the district meetings were held under the new plan. The work was begun and gathered momentum.

In the president's message of the first annual meeting of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service in Greensboro in March, 1941, Mrs. Weaver asked that one of the projects the women have this year be to have no thought of Methodist Protestant, Methodist Episcopal, or Methodist Episcopal, South, for those words do not exist any more. Since October 1, 1940, we are just Methodist women, she said.

Special mention was made of the Wesleyan Service Guild and of its splendid cooperation. "The thing that towers above everything else is the fine spirit of give and take," declared Mrs. Weaver. The reports showed that 569 charter Woman's Societies with a membership of 23,325.

Mrs. Redding, in reporting the Wesleyan Service Guild, said, "We in United Methodism are heirs of this wonderful organization. It wills to us a name that is full of meaning." The secretary reported 76 units in the Guild, with a membership of 601.

Mrs. R. W. Harris, in reporting the work of the editor of the Woman's Page in the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, said, "There is might in missions and there is power in print." With this, she told of how stories of missions had awakened, stirred, stimulated, directed and empowered the women in their missionary advancement.

Mrs. J. W. Harbison, in the president's message to the Annual Meeting in 1954,

told the women, "What happens here is not half as important as what will happen in your local society as a result of you having come to this meeting."

Up until 1949, the Conference was interested when the time came for the question, "Where shall we meet next year?" That year, Mrs. J. W. Payne, the president, presented an invitation from Dr. F. S. Love, the superintendent of Lake Junaluska, to hold the 1950 Annual Meeting at Lake Junaluska. This invitation was accepted. There was some doubt as to whether this would be for more than one year, but here we are still meeting at the Lake in 1960.

Each district secretary of promotion sent out the information about the Annual Meeting to the societies in the particular district. One year a district secretary wrote, "Do not feel that you cannot go for lack of sufficient clothes, for you won't have to change your clothes, anyway."

The combined membership of the Woman's Society and Guild has increased from 23,234 in 1941 to approximately 50,000 in 1960.

In 1941, the first full year of reporting in the Woman's Society, Mrs. Payne, secretary of Missionary Education and Service, reported 1,170 study classes with 22,000 women in attendance. This led all Conferences in Methodism in the number of classes. The Waynesville District that year had a study class in every society. In 1959 the report shows 2,493 classes with 30,428 women attending. This increase was accomplished by the work of many women. The Conference School of Missions was started as a joint project with the North Carolina Conference at Pfeiffer College in 1947. This school has grown until now the report shows 253 women attending and 241 credits issued in 1959.

Women give because they know the needs where their support is asked. The women come by this knowledge through the society's significant program of study classes. In Supply Work giving and in giving through the appropriations progress has been made in both the Woman's Society and in the Guilds. In 1942 the pledge of the Woman's Division was \$56,400. The Conference paid \$66,483.84. For the fiscal year of 1959-60 the pledge was \$165,000 and the total giving was \$278,012.64.

In 1940 at Unification our Conference had eleven missionaries on the foreign field. Some of these had to be recalled on account of the war. Others have been sent to replace them. Recruitment has been a definite objective throughout the entire period, but for some reason the youth of our Conference have not responded in numbers for the missionary cause as we wish they had. Who is to blame? Have they been nourished in the faith of the church in such a way that they are challenged? Have we been eager and interested enough in giving, recruitment, and Christian education to make them feel that it was worth their while to give themselves? Have we committed ourselves to the principles and Spirit of Christ for all of life? Does our giving present a salary that will make it interesting or do we feel that a better salary will take away the spirit of sacrifice? The message of Christ is carried by His messengers. We are



given the greatest task in life—that of carrying His message to all the world.

Christian Social Relations during the past few years has made strides in the advance of brotherhood among men, and goes beyond the local church into all the world. Christian Social Relations speaks to social crises whether at home or abroad.

The work of the Conference has been undergirded with spiritual power. We today have a rich heritage. Those who have been in this work say to those assuming it today, "The foundation has been laid. You will be building on this foundation. Take care how you build. You are the today connecting yesterday with tomorrow. Make that connection strong. Dedicate yourself to fulfilling the task and meeting the responsibilities committed to you. As your mission for today, unite to witness and serve." Mrs. Frank G. Brooks has said, "Let us remember that if we forget the greatness of yesterday we are not likely to find the glory of tomorrow."

Giving has increased, membership has enlarged, study classes are greater in number, Supply giving has increased, our youth are better informed, our Christian Social Relations program covers a broader field of interest. We have made progress. Now is the time for us to look to the future with confidence realizing that all our work must be undergirded by the Spirit of Christ.

Bishop Arthur Moore said, "The only way we can pay our debt to the past is to put the future in debt to us!" We owe a debt to the past. May we accept the challenge of the future, and dedicate ourselves to meeting the responsibilities facing us in this changing world.

## Greensboro College Elects Ten New Trustees

At its meeting held at the college Monday, October 10, Greensboro College elected ten new members to the Board of Trustees, and approved the largest budget in the history of the 123-year-old school. The new budget for 1960-1961 totals \$774,000, which tops last year's figure by a \$67,000 increase.

Mr. J. C. Cowan, Jr., president of the Board, presided at the meeting. Elected to membership of the Board were, Nile F. Hunt of Raleigh, director of the Division of Instructional Service, Department of Public Instruction; George Ratterman, of Mebane, vice-president and sales manager of the Mebane Co.; W. W. McCracken, of Henderson, president and treasurer of McCracken Oil Co.; J. Harold Smith of Burlington, president and director of Liberty Hosiery Mills, Inc.; Bland W. Worley, of Greensboro, senior vice-president in charge of the Greensboro office of Wachovia Bank and Trust Co.; Mrs. Jean Cole Hatcher, of Charlotte, president of Cole Manufacturing Co.; Charles D. White, of Kannapolis, minister of Trinity Methodist Church; Ivey Cowan, of Spindale, president of Stonecutter Mills; Richard T. Chatham, Jr., of Elkin, executive vice-president of Chatham Manufacturing Co.; and C. W. Womble, of Winston-Salem, law partner with Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge, and Rice. These additions bring the Board's membership to 32.

# Interesting Methodist Matters

Bishop Paul E. Martin of Houston, Texas, has been chosen to head the Council on World Service and Finance of the Methodist Church. He succeeds Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, who retired last June.

A report on the largest continuing rehabilitation program overseas to be underwritten by U. S. Protestant churches to date revealed that in 1959 alone it represented an investment of \$6,000,000 in cash and contributed goods.

Total enrollment at Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn., is 250, more than ten percent higher than last fall. Scarritt is owned by the General Conference of the Methodist Church, and its primary function is to train lay persons for full-time church work.

Bishop Donald H. Tippet, San Francisco, has been re-elected to a four-year term as president of the Television, Radio and Film Commission of the Methodist Church.

## Interesting Methodist Matters

Appointment of Leonard W. Bucklin, a Sanford, Maine attorney, as vice-president in charge of development at West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, has been announced.

Sixteen years of service as the top financial guardian of the church were recognized in Chicago recently with Dr. Thomas B. Lugg as guest of honor at a dinner.

Bishop and Mrs. John Owen Smith of the Atlanta Area were honored October 7 at a North Georgia Conference reception in Atlanta.

The Rev. Perry O. Hanson of Iola, Kansas, a missionary to China for 48 years, has received an outstanding achievement award from the University of Minnesota, from which he graduated in 1899.

The Ford Foundation has made a five-million-dollar grant to the University of Denver. It is contingent upon the university raising twice that amount from alumni and friends.

J. Reginald Smith, public relations director for the Louisville (Ky.) Area for four years, has resigned to complete his work for a master's degree. Sam Adkins of Louisville, for 10 years chairman of the area commission on public relations, is serving temporarily as acting director.

One of America's great philanthropists is dead. Funeral services were held Sept. 17 for J. J. Perkins of Wichita Falls, Texas. His gifts to Southern Methodist University at Dallas have included more than five million dollars for Perkins School of Theology and numerous other benefactions. He gave nearly a million dollars to the Methodist Children's Home at Waco, Texas.

A scholarship in honor of Bishop Eugene M. Frank of the Missouri Area has been established at the new National Methodist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo.

Dr. Earl E. Harper, director of the School of Fine Arts of the University of Iowa, has been named chairman of the editorial executive committee of the Commission on Worship, charged with revision of *The Methodist Hymnal*. Dr. Emory Stevens Bucke, Nashville, book editor, is secretary of the editorial executive committee.

Prof. Donald Maynard of Boston University School of Theology was one of the participants in the first USAF Chaplains' Protestant Religious Education Seminar, Sept. 12-14, in Wiesbaden, Germany.

One of the remarkable church construction projects of recent times will be occupied October 16 when Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, moves into its \$3,000,000 Gothic stone edifice. The church has been two years building and will replace the nearly 50-year-old structure in the heart of the city. The new church is suburban. Dr. C. C. Herbert, Jr., is pastor. R. T. Amos headed the building committee.

Florida Methodists greeted their new episcopal leader, Bishop James W. Henley, and Mrs. Henley at a reception in Jacksonville Sept. 20. The ten district superintendents and their wives were hosts at the affair.

New members of the Board of Education are Ralph Daniel Loyd, Texarkana, Texas, and Miss Gayle Graham, Waynesboro, Miss., both representing the Methodist Student Movement, and the following representing the MYF: Donald Baldwin, San Rafael, Calif.; Roger Collins, Bristow, Okla.; Charles Miller, Chestertown, Md.; and Miss Kathy Wagner, Rapid City, S. D.

New president-elect of the American Bar Association is John C. Satterfield, prominent Methodist layman from Yazoo City, Miss.

Dr. Ewart Watts of First Church, Topeka, Kansas, is chairman of the South Central Jurisdictional Board of Education.

Two Methodist ministers have been named to staff positions by the American Bible Society. The Rev. Reginald H. Wheatley has been appointed executive secretary of the society's Central America agency, with headquarters in Guatemala City. The Rev. James P. Smith has been chosen a regional distribution secretary in ABS' Western and Pacific office in Los Angeles.

Although eligible to collect his life insurance when he became 96 on September 17, Dr. James A. James of Evanston, Ill., passed it up and kept on with his research work on a history of Northwestern University, where for many years before his retirement he was dean of the graduate school. He is a well-known Methodist layman.

For the first time, a Negro has been elected president of the Charleston (W. Va.) ministerial association. He is the Rev. B. M. Hargrove, pastor of Simpson Memorial Methodist Church.





# Woman's Activities



## Field Worker to Visit N. C. Conference

By MARY GARDNER

A field worker for the Woman's Division of Christian Service will spend the entire month of November in the N. C. Conference speaking before sub-district Woman's Society of Christian Service and district Wesleyan Service Guild meetings, as well as other church groups. She is Miss Louise Nichols, of New York City.

A deaconess and ordained elder of the Methodist Church, Miss Nichols is a graduate of National College, Kansas City, Mo., and of Wynters School of Dramatic Art, with additional study at Ohio State University.

Among Miss Nichols' several services with the Woman's Division of Christian Service have been group work at the Philadelphia Deaconess Home and Settlement and at the Ethel Harpst Home, Cedartown, Ga. For eight years she was secretary to the bishop of the Ohio Area. Miss Nichols has traveled extensively, observing Woman's Division of Christian Service projects in 14 European countries, Puerto Rico, the Caribbean area, and Alaska. Her varied experiences as a district secretary of missionary personnel, president of a local unit of the Wesleyan Service Guild, secretary of N. Central Jurisdiction Deaconess Association qualify her well for interpreting the work of the WDCS.

Miss Nichols' itinerary in the N.C. Conference includes: Oct. 30, Raleigh District Wesleyan Service Guild, Highland Methodist Church, Raleigh, 2:30 p.m.; Oct. 31, Hay Street Methodist Church, Fayetteville, 2:30 p.m.; Nov. 1, Salem Church; Nov. 2, University Methodist Church, Chapel Hill; Nov. 3, St. Paul Methodist Church, Burlington; Nov. 6, Durham and Burlington District WSG meetings, Calvary Methodist Church, Durham, 2:30 p.m.; Nov. 7, Goldston Methodist Church; Nov. 8, Garner Methodist Church; Nov. 9, Franklinton Methodist Church; Nov. 10, St. James Methodist Church, Tarboro; Nov. 12, Williamston Methodist Church; Nov. 13, Elizabeth City and Rocky Mount Districts WSG, First Methodist Church, Rocky Mount, 2:30 p.m.; also, Nov. 14, Milwaukee Methodist Church; Nov. 15, Manteo Methodist Church; Nov. 16, Edenton Methodist Church; Plymouth Methodist Church, 3:00 p.m.; First Methodist Church, Washington, 8:00 p.m.; Nov. 17, Queen Street Methodist Church, Kinston; Nov. 20, Goldsboro-New Bern District WSG, Queen Street Methodist Church, Kinston, 2:30 p.m.; Nov. 21, Centenary Methodist Church, New Bern; Nov. 22, St. Luke Methodist Church, Goldsboro; Nov. 23, First Methodist Church, Clinton; Nov. 27, Fayetteville and Wilmington District WSG, Page



MISS E. LOUISE NICHOLS

Memorial Methodist Church, Aberdeen, 2:30 p.m.; Nov. 28, Fifth Avenue Methodist Church, Wilmington; Nov. 29, Elizabethtown Methodist Church; Nov. 30, Page Memorial Methodist Church, Aberdeen.

All meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m. unless otherwise indicated.

### MSC Representatives Attend Planning Retreat

Three representatives from the Wesley Foundation at East Carolina College, Greenville, attended a recent Planning Retreat for the Methodist Student Movement at Camp Chestnut Ridge, near Effland, N. C. They included Miss Mamie Chandler, director of the Methodist Student Center's program; Ann Campbell, of Raleigh; and William F. Mitchell, Jr., of Louisville.

The Planning Retreats are held annually for the purpose of setting up the Methodist Student Movement program for the current year, as well as definite plans for the annual State MSM Conference scheduled to be held next January.

Miss Campbell was elected as a member of the N.C. Conference Commission on Social Concerns. She is a member of the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Raleigh, of which the Rev. George W. Blount is pastor.

### Fayetteville District Seminars Held

The Woman's Societies of Christian Service of the Raeford and Rockingham Methodist Churches were hostess to the recent two fall educational seminars of the Fayetteville District.

The four current mission study courses were presented by Mrs. W. C. Sellars, Miss Ethelynde Ballance, Mrs. C. H. Riley, Mrs.

J. K. Melvin, Mrs. J. A. Waugh, and Mrs. F. J. Duplissey. Mrs. W. M. Clark discussed the program materials. Children and Youth study course materials were presented by Mrs. M. W. Warren and Mrs. W. O. Simpson, respectively. Mrs. H. B. Riley was in charge of the literature room.

The seminar was under the direction of Mrs. W. A. Saunders, district secretary of missionary education and service.

## Western N. C. Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

### News of India And Evelyn Strader

"Barely room for the teacher to squeeze into the room," writes Evelyn Strader of the new school term at the Methodist High School in Kanpur, India.

"Even then we were forced to turn away hundreds of disappointed applicants," she continues in her letter written to friends at home late in the summer.

Miss Strader has been in India since 1949. She is due to return to the United States the last of this year. She hopes to be home for Christmas to spend the holidays with her family at Draper, N. C.

During the vacation months she spent six weeks in Landour. She said, "Fellowship with friends, inspirational missionary conferences and the natural beauty of the surroundings were some of the enriching experiences of the summer."

Of the beginning of the new school year she writes, "All classes are filled to capacity. One father even offered to supply a desk and chair if only we could admit his son. We assured him this was not the main problem—more classrooms were needed before giving thought to more furniture. How to cope with the problem of admissions is a very real one facing all of our mission institutions. These schools are held in high esteem by the public. This presents a tremendous challenge to church-related schools. May God help us to make our schools worthy of the name of Christ."

Her deep concern for the great task of teaching is shown in the letter as she writes, "As yet my successor has not been located. Please pray with me that God will guide in this matter and that just the right person will be found for the work. My heart is filled with gratitude to God for many, many blessings. One of the choice blessings has been friends such as you."

### Lucille Gibson Scholarship

The Woman's Society of First Methodist Church, Randleman, paid tribute to its former president, Mrs. Walter I. Gibson, by establishing the Lucille Gibson Scholarship to be awarded annually.

The award was presented recently to Mrs. Gibson, whose picture was chosen to use on the cover of the September issue of *The Methodist Woman* magazine as the typical Methodist woman of 1960.

The Randleman women sent a lovely arrangement of flowers to Mrs. Gibson, with the following letter: "The flowers you have just received are but a token of our love for you. We are very proud of you and the wonderful work you have done in the Western North Carolina Conference, the Thomasville District, in our own church,



and now in the new High Point District at Pfeiffer College.

"You are now known from coast to coast as the symbol of all Methodist womanhood. It is a great honor and one you richly deserve.

"We are proud and happy to tell you that as our way of honoring you we are setting up a scholarship fund to be known as the 'Lucile Gibson Scholarship Fund. It will be given each year to the girl of your choice, who is studying for full-time Christian service. May God bless and keep you."

### New Society at College Village Church

A new Woman's Society was organized this month at the College Village Methodist Church in High Point.

Mrs. J. T. Morgan of High Point was chosen as president, and Mrs. W. W. Wood as vice-president, Mrs. Margaret Peeler, recording secretary, and Mrs. William Clinard, treasurer.

The secretaries of lines of work are Mrs. Lois Brown, children's work; Mrs. R. A. Pratt, Christian social relations; Mrs. Everett Moris, literature and publications; Mrs. Kathleen Kennedy, missionary education and service; Mrs. Lee Rice, promotion; Mrs. Dan Stowe, spiritual life; Mrs. Iva Whistler, supply work; and Mrs. Helen Simmons, youth work.

Mrs. Reid Rich, secretary of promotion for the High Point District, assisted with the organization.

### Greensboro District Tops List

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Greensboro District had almost 400 persons in attendance at its Missionary Education Seminars in September, thereby taking first place in attendance among the 13 districts.

Sub-district No. 2 met at Rehobeth Church, with Mrs. Charles Riley of Pleasant Garden in charge. The four studies for the year were given.

Sub-districts 1 and 3 met at Stokesdale, with Mrs. Leroy Sweeney of Leaksville as leader.

Officers' training sessions were held in the afternoon at each meeting.

The district study on "Basic Christian Beliefs," taught by Dr. Clay Madison, superintendent of the Greensboro District, is reported to have been one of the finest studies ever held in the district. This was planned by Mrs. N. D. McNairy, district secretary of spiritual life.

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### Dr. A. Purnell Bailey In Revival at Hamlet

Dr. A. Purnell Bailey, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, Richmond, Va., will be the revival speaker at First Methodist Church, Hamlet, October 24-28. In preparing for the revival, the church community was divided into 19 zones in which prayer study group meetings were held. The book, *Steps to the Christian Life*, by C. Ernest Thomas, was presented. A prayer rally was held in the sanctuary of the church on Wednesday evening, October 19, and a 12-hour prayer vigil will be held on October 22. Three nights of lay evangelistic visitation was held the week prior to the revival.

### 201 Years Service to Biltmore Church



On September 11, Mrs. W. A. Bostic, Sr., Mrs. J. H. Rea, and Mr. A. C. Williams, three people who for a long time have been members of Biltmore Methodist Church, were honored with words of recognition and appreciation by the pastor, Rev. John A. Lowder. The ladies were given corsages of white carnations, and Mr. Williams was given a boutonniere. Mrs. Bostic has been a member of the Methodist Church for 70 years, and has been a teacher in the Sunday school for 37 years. Mrs. Rea has been a member of Biltmore Methodist Church for 63 years. Her marriage was the second one to be performed in Biltmore Church. She has served as president of the Woman's Organization and has been active in many other phases of the church work. Mr. Williams was for more than 25 years Sunday school superintendent and served on the Building Committee when the new building was planned in 1951. He has been active in all phases of church work for many years. He served in the choir for 40 years, and is presently an active member of the Men's Chorus of the church. Together these three people represent 201 years of service to their church. This program was sponsored by the Christian Social Relations Committee as a part of Laboy Day Sunday observance.

### Lane's Chapel Will Observe Homecoming

Lane's Chapel on the Dover-Lane's Charge will have the First Quarterly Conference and Homecoming Day on October 23, at 11:00 a.m. The Rev. Dr. A. J. Hobbs, district superintendent of the New Bern District, will deliver the morning message. There is to be special music during the program of worship by the adult choir and youth choir. Following the Quarterly Conference, a picnic table will be spread on the church grounds. All former pastors and members who now reside away are given a special invitation to come back and worship in and visit in their former church and renew old acquaintances. This invitation is extended to friends, neighbors and others who will come and worship and fellowship with us on this day.

### 132 Students Registered At Methodist College

At the close of the official registration period at Methodist College, there were 132 students registered for the first semester, according to the figures released by Sam R. Edwards, registrar and director of admissions.

President L. Stacy Weaver expressed considerable satisfaction at this response "especially when one considers that these are all non-resident students. If one multiplies this figure by four, he observes that in four years we would have a student body of over 500 without resident students."

The trustees of the college have authorized the building of resident facilities as soon as possible. President Weaver states that plans are being projected to construct these facilities prior to the next school year. These will not be the dormitories which are projected in the basic campus plans, but will be smaller units, one for men and one for women, which may be converted later into apartments for faculty or married students. The availability of these facilities will enable the college to begin accepting student applications from anywhere in or beyond North Carolina.

The geographical representation in the first semester registration at Methodist College is as follows: Fayetteville 84, Hope Mills 6, Fort Bragg 6, Roseboro 5, Linden 3, St. Pauls 2, Spring Lake 4, Erwin 2, Stedman 2, Parkton 2, Dunn 2, and one each from Autryville, Lexington, White Oak, Clinton, Robbins, Whiteville, Elizabethtown, Carthage, Garland, Salemburg, Benson and Wallace. There are two out-of-state students—one from St. Joseph, Mich., and one from New Castle, Pa.

Members of the faculty have expressed real pleasure in finding a larger percentage of high quality students in the first class of the new college.

### Busy Freshman

Mrs. Virginia Kern, a freshman at Methodist College, Fayetteville, has been named winner for the Seventh Congressional District in the North Carolina Poetry Writing Contest.

The announcement of this award was made Wednesday in a letter to Mrs. Kern from Charles A. Shull, secretary of the Poetry Council of North Carolina, sponsors of the contest. In his letter, Mr. Shull said, "Your poem, entitled 'Futile Fertility,' is delightfully new in form and provocative in theme."

Mrs. Kern, who has lived in Fayetteville for the past seven years, is the wife of Chief Warrant Officer Martin C. Kern now stationed in Japan with the U. S. Air Force. She is carrying a full load at Methodist College and still finds time to be a good mother to her three children ages 12, 15 and 16.

Mrs. Kern's interest in attending college has been building up for a number of years, and when asked what precipitated the decision she said, "My children are not as dependent on me now; Methodist College is convenient, and I am interested in preparing myself to be better able to contribute to a society which has given so much to me." She is preparing herself to teach English in the secondary schools.





# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



(Editor's Note: We are happy to present another page of material written by or about children and young people).

## Dolls

Little girls all over the world play with dolls.

Eskimo girls love and play with a carved piece of whalebone.

Girls in the south used to play with dolls made out of corncobs wrapped with a rag.

Over in Africa the girls play with a clumsily carved piece of wood.

In Japan little girls play with dolls with slanted eyes and black hair, and dressed in little kimonos.

In Mexico they have funny looking dolls made of baked clay.

In the British Museum there are dolls more than three thousand years old, that were found in tombs of ancient Egypt.

Little girls have played with dolls of some kind for a long, long time.

—By Leslie Ann Walleigh—Age 10  
Bethesda, Md.

## THE SONG OF LIFE

The song of life is a baby's cry,  
A friend's "Hello" as he passes by;

A hymn that's sung on a Sunday morn,  
A sinner's "Amen" as he's reborn;

A child's "Here, I brought some for you,"  
And his playmate knows that he's wanted,  
too.

A drop of rain on a window sill,  
The wind in the trees on top of the hill.

The song of life is these and more,  
They're all at the entrance to God's great  
door.

—By GAIL BRADSHAW—Age 15  
Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

## I WONDER

I wonder where the river goes,  
As swiftly o'er the rocks it flows;  
I wonder where the smoke ring drops,  
In the sea or on the crops.  
I wonder where the bluebird flies  
As it wanders through the skies;  
I wonder about the wind that blows,  
From whence it comes, and where it goes.

All these things I wonder about,  
Can't you help me find them out?

—By BETH FELMET—Age 13  
Asheville, N. C.

## DREAMS

Dreams can be very assuring to the human being, for we are dependent on dream-thoughts for the future.

In our hearts we have a longing for more riches to add to our possessions. Whether the riches we desire are of worldly importance, or of spiritual value, they bring a certain peace to us all.

We long for many things in our life span, and they seem to compose the different slices of the fruit cake of life. Each portion helps to make up our total self.

From this day forth, may our dreams be good, wist and fruitful.

—By Nancie Allen—Age 15  
Williamston, N. C.

## THE ROSES YOU SENT

My loving child, you've been so sweet,  
To send me that retreat  
Of beautiful roses  
That smell so very sweet,

I've set them in the window  
And looked at them each day;  
And I ask the Lord to keep you,  
And guide you all the way.

—By NINA SUE MOORE—Age 12

## A THANKFUL PRAYER

Thank you, Father, for your blessings,  
For the birds that fly so high;  
For missionaries far away  
Under the endless sky.

Thank you, Father, for your blessings,  
For the flowers and the trees;  
For the leaves so colorful—  
Thank you, God, for these.

—By LILLIAN PRUITT—Age 15  
Raleigh, N. C.

## WHY GOD MADE THE EARTH

God made the earth so round and bright  
For us to live in day and night;  
He made the sky, each flower and tree,  
The birds to fly, and the little bee.

And He put us here a job to do,  
To help each other, me and you.  
We should be good for Him, and try,  
Until the very day we die.

—By LINDA TROTTER—Age 15

## HOW COME?

We heard the other day about a little  
boy who has a very wonderful grand-

mother, and they are real pals. She's a grand person, just as all true grandmothers are, with a kind face and pretty gray hair, but there's something about her that the little fellow just couldn't understand. (You see, his grandmother is quite small, and not as tall as other grown-up members of his family.)

One day, when he was more puzzled than usual about his problem, he said to her in all seriousness, "Grandma, how come you got old before you got big?"

Could you answer that one?

## BIBLE QUIZ

*Fruits of Bible Times*

1. What fruit was used as a design in the priestly garments? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What were the chief articles made from grapes? \_\_\_\_\_
3. From what tree do dates come? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How old do olive trees live to be? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Are oranges or lemons mentioned in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

## Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Mount Moriah
2. Mount of Olives
3. Mars Hill
4. Mount Sinai

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## Methodist Crusade Scholar Establishes Church in Argentina

The first Methodist churches in northern Argentina are the result of the hard work of a Methodist Crusade scholar now studying in Emory University's Candler School of Theology.

Four years ago Bishop Sante Umberto Barbieri sent V. J. Triputti into Tucuman, a city of 224,000 persons. There was no Methodist church in the whole area. Today there are small but thriving churches in four cities in the section.

"I started meeting people by selling Bibles from house to house," said the 35-year-old minister. "I also put letters in church papers asking Methodists to give me names of relatives who lived in Tucuman. By the end of the first year I had only seven members. Now we have sixty in full membership and forty on probationary membership."

The home church in Tucuman meets in the sanctuary built in Mr. Triputti's house. "We knocked out a wall," he said, "and made a meeting place from two rooms."

Despite intensive work in prisons and much special work, Rev. Mr. Triputti's congregations are middle-class and have been largely so since the beginning.

"University people like our meetings where we give our position on philosophy and social themes and let others express themselves."

The first seven members at the Tucuman church included a tailor, the wife of an engineer, a retired banker, a young woman medical student, the owner of a restaurant and a worker in a bank.



## Sunday School Lesson

FOR OCTOBER 30

By RAYMOND A. SMITH

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### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

**Background Scripture:** Psalms 1; Romans 12

**Lesson Scripture:** Psalms 1; Romans 12:1-2

The first psalm is an introduction to the psalter. The implication is that in what follows (that is, the rest of the psalms) there is an outline for two ways of life—the way of the good man, and that of the evil man. In the first verse there are indicated three steps by which a man becomes involved in evil. These steps should be avoided if the good man is to keep out of trouble. They are, first, *walking* with evil men; then *standing* with them; and, finally, *sitting down* with them. However, this refusal to have anything to do with evil people is not what Jesus taught and practiced (see Mark 2:16-17).

In the second verse good character is put in a positive way: the good man meditates on the law both day and night; that is, the law becomes a part of him. This was said to be the favorite verse of Saint Jerome, translator of the Bible from Greek into Latin in the fourth century. The word "delight," as used here, refers to the delight of the artist in his painting, sculpture or music; or the joy the craftsman takes in a job well done. In short, the building of a good life may be an art in which anyone may delight.

Only those who have lived in a land of scant rainfall are able to appreciate fully the figure of speech used in verse 3: "Like a tree planted by the rivers of water." The tree has resources by which it may constantly refresh itself. That is what it takes to live triumphantly. There must be places where the soul may turn for repeated restoration.

Now when it comes to the last part of that verse: "Whatsoever he doeth shall prosper" or, as the RSV has it, "In all he does he prospers," we have to take a second look. This cannot mean that everything a good man attempts to do always turns out right. Some interpreters drew from this the negative view that if things don't work out well it is a sure sign that a person is not good. This was Job's problem when his so-called friends told him his suffering was a sure sign of hidden sin. Some people once asked Jesus whether a blind man's condition was due to the man's own sin or that of his parents. Jesus replied that it wasn't necessarily either one. Here is where the New Testament view seems truer when it says: "We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28). It's not what happens to us, but how we respond to it that counts.

Verses 4 and 5 portray the reward of the ungodly. The figure of the threshing floor is used to illustrate their fate. Their lives are made of no account and are "like the chaff which the wind drives away." Unlike the tree which is rooted in the good earth, the chaff has been cut off from its natural

source of life and thus has become worthless.

"The Lord knoweth the way of the righteous" has a deeper meaning than one would suppose at first glance. In the Hebrew language the verb "to know" means a certain intimate connection with a thing or person. The teaching is that God knows, not as a disinterested person who sees another conducting his life badly or well and cares nothing about it one way or another, but he yearns for his welfare and hopes he will make the right decisions.

Turning, in our closing moments, to the exhortations found in Romans 12:1-2 we have space to stress one point only—that of the necessity of being transformed by the new life in Christ rather than being conformed to the world. Goodspeed translates it this way: "You must not adopt the customs of this world but by your new attitude of mind be transformed so that you can find out what God's will is—what is good, pleasing, and perfect." The struggle between the church and the world is a never-ending one. Whose will the victory be? Will the church become more and more "conformed" to the world so that it will eventually be impossible to tell who is a member and who isn't? Or will the Community of Believers be true to their Lord so that the world may see their good works and glorify their Father who is in heaven?

### Appoint New Editor Of Lutheran Witness

St. Louis—Fifty-year-old Rev. Martin W. Mueller, a 1931 graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary, here, has just been appointed the new editor of the *Lutheran Witness*, official organ of the 2,400,000-member Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

The *Witness*, with a record high bi-weekly paid circulation of 530,000, has one of the largest subscription lists of any official church periodical in the country.

Rev. Mueller was named to succeed Dr. Lorenz F. Blankenbuehler, 74, now editor emeritus, who served beyond the age of retirement and had asked to be relieved. The appointment, made September 28th by the *Lutheran Witness* Editorial Board, will become effective immediately pending his acceptance.

Before coming to St. Louis, Rev. Mueller held the pastorate of St. John's Church, Hamlin, New York.

## Lest We Forget

By LOUISE STAHL

### V. Edward Dromgoole

Edward Dromgoole was an Irishman, born at Sligo about 1761. He became a Methodist and read a public recantation in the Catholic church, which caused a commotion. He sailed for America in 1770.

Settling in Baltimore he was led into the ministry by Robert Strawbridge, another Irish immigrant who introduced Methodism in Maryland, and probably in America, and who raised up more early Methodist preachers than any other man. Dromgoole began preaching in 1774 and was appointed to Baltimore by the second conference held on these shores.

He was successful from the start, an eloquent preacher, deeply pious, and of a high order of intellect.

He was sent to the Carolina circuit in 1776 and he added two hundred and fifty-seven members that year. He then went to Virginia, but in 1782 he returned to the Edenton area of North Carolina to form a new circuit. The Rev. Mr. Pettigrew, an Anglican, received him kindly there and he soon visited several points, about some of which we have little information—Plank Bridge on the Pasquotank River, Indian Town, River Bridge, Yeopin Church, and other places. In 1784 he was sent to the Mecklenburg Circuit, and then to the Bertie Circuit.

In the meantime he had married Miss Miss Walton of Virginia and this in due course necessitated his location. It also caused Bishop Asbury to write in his *Journal*, "Edward Dromgoole is a good man, but entangled with a family."

Dromgoole was a member of the Christmas Conference which organized the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1784-1785 and he lived to see Methodism spread over half the continent. He died in 1836 in Brunswick County, Virginia. One of his sons was for many years a Congressman from that state and a grandson was a professor in Randolph-Macon and LaGrange Colleges and the University of Alabama. The Dromgoole papers, consisting of two thousand priceless items, are at the University of North Carolina.

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## Arkansas Editor Elected To National Publication

Nashville, Tenn.—The Rev. Dr. Ewing T. Wayland, Little Rock, Ark., editor of the Arkansas and Louisiana official Methodist publications, both of them weekly newspapers, has been elected editor of THE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, the Methodist Church's magazine for ministers and other church leaders.

Also, Richard C. Underwood, Chicago, has been elected executive editor of *Together*, the denomination's family magazine. He has been serving in that capacity for several months, after moving up from associate editor.

The editorial offices of both publications are in Chicago.

Dr. Wayland took the new position October 15, succeeding Bishop T. Otto Nall, St. Paul, Minn., who was elected bishop in July.

Mr. Underwood succeeds Glenn Hensley, who resigned to become editor and general manager of a publishing enterprise of an international concern primarily engaged in the distribution of power farm equipment.

Leland D. Case, Chicago, is the editorial director of both *Together* and THE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

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One solitary individual can be an eloquent witness to the truth . . . Numbers are no indication of what is right.—DR. JAMES LAIRD, minister of Central Church, Detroit, in an address at the North Central briefing conference on Christian Social Concerns, Sept. 29, in Detroit.

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## Autograph Party For High Point Authors

High Point College and Straughan's Book Shop of High Point will jointly sponsor an "Autograph Party" on Friday, October 21, beginning at 3:30 p.m. Featured on this event will be the books written by faculty members of the college. High Point College faculty members who have recently had books published include Dr. Walter Blackstock, Dr. Lincoln Lorenz, Dr. Alexander Berkis and Miss Clarice Bowman.

Dr. Blackstock is head of the English Department at the college and has written several hundred poems many of which have been published in collections.

Dr. Lorenz was head of the English Department at the college from 1948 to the beginning of the new academic year when Dr. Blackstock assumed the chairmanship of the department. Lorenz, also a poet, has written widely in this field with the most recent collection of his work being published last spring under the title, "Quest at Dawn."

Dr. Berkis is an associate professor of history at the college and is a native of Latvia. He has written widely in the fields of history, political science and law having himself been admitted to the bar for the practice of law in Latvia before coming to the United States.

Miss Bowman is an assistant professor of Religion at the college and is a native of North Carolina. Miss Bowman has written many books, church manuals and articles for denominational periodicals. Included among her books are *Guiding Intermediates*, *Ways Youth Learn*, *Spiritual Values in Camping*, and the most recent one published, *Worship Ways in Camp*. Miss Bowman has at present several books she is in the process of writing, some of which are to be published in the near future.

These four authors will be present at the "Autograph Party" to personally autograph copies of their books. The public is cordially invited to attend this event at Straughan's Book Shop.

## Homecoming and Dedication At Newton Grove

Homecoming services at the Methodist Church of Newton Grove, N. C. will be held Sunday, November 6, at the 11:00 o'clock hour. The district superintendent of the Goldsboro District, Rev. M. W. Lawrence, will bring the message. Special music will be under the direction of Mrs. J. B. Warren. A picnic luncheon will be served at the church. In the afternoon, the pastor of the church, the Rev. Carroll H. Beale, and Rev. Mr. Lawrence will dedicate the beautiful sanctuary with its lovely educational annex of classrooms, kitchen, fellowship hall and nursery. Former pastors, members and friends are cordially invited to attend all services.

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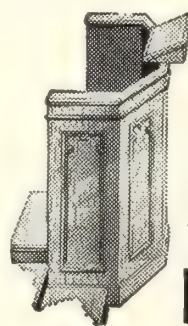
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## REFORMATION DAY 1960

Protestants Around the World Will Observe  
Reformation Day October 30

The Reformation was the movement in the religious life between western Europe in the 16th century which resulted in the formation of the Protestant Church. There had long been a feeling that conditions in the leadership of Christendom needed improvement. The Reformation began in Germany through the work of Martin Luther. A peasant by birth, and a university graduate, he desired to make sure of his own salvation. He became an Augustinian monk and practiced all the austerities of the order but did not find assurance of salvation. Through the help of friends in the order, by his study of the German mystics, and especially through the study of the New Testament he came to the belief that a man is not justified by works, but by faith alone in Jesus Christ. Justification by faith came to be the foundation of his theology. He became professor in the University of Wittenberg and preached in that city. While he was there, the indulgence seller, Tetzel, began his work near Wittenberg and Luther preached against the sale of indulgences because it was contrary to his conception of salvation by faith in Jesus Christ. On October 31, 1517 he posted his 95 theses, in this way stating his own position on the subject and challenging to a debate. This brought him into conflict with the papal authorities and it was found that there were great numbers in Germany who accepted his views. Efforts were made to bring him back to the Church but in vain. His further study of the New Testament and the Church Fathers led him to take views directly antagonistic to the papacy. He taught that a general council could make mistakes, that all Christians were priests before God and that in matters of doctrine the papacy had departed from the teachings of the Bible. He was excommunicated and at the will of Emperor Charles V, placed under the ban of the empire but continued to be the leading spirit in the German Reformation. His most important assistant was his fellow teacher at Wittenberg, Phillip Melancthon, the thinker and scholar of the Reformation as Luther was the aggressive leader.



# CAROLINA BRIEFS

☛ REV. W. REID HARRIS, retired, preached at the Whitnel Methodist Church, Statesville District, Sunday, October 16. Rev. McRae Crawford is pastor.

☛ CHIEF OF POLICE Jesse James of Charlotte spoke at Laymen's Day services at Bradley Memorial Methodist Church in Gastonia, Sunday, October 16.

☛ REV. G. G. ADAMS, JR., is holding a week of revival services at the Myrtle Church, Gastonia, assisting the pastor, Rev. W. Frank Heffner.

☛ JUDGE J. B. CRAVEN of Morganton will be the Laymen's Day speaker at the Valdese Methodist Church, October 30 at 11:00 a.m.

☛ REV. ROBERT G. TUTTLE, superintendent of the Asheville District, last week assisted in revival services at the Wesley Memorial Church, Statesville, of which Rev. Marvin Boggs is pastor.

☛ MR. PHILLIP B. McGRUDER of Greensboro was the speaker at Laymen's Day services October 16, at Central Church, Concord, of which Rev. J. J. Holmes is pastor.

☛ REV. AND MRS. PAUL BOONE of Lake Waccamaw announce the birth of a son, Paul Wendell Boone, Jr., Oct. 12. Weight: six pounds, 15½ ounces. Rev. Mr. Boone is pastor of the Lake Waccamaw Church.

☛ TABERNACLE METHODIST CHURCH at Townsville will observe the annual homecoming day Sunday, October 30. All former members, former pastors and friends are invited to attend. Rev. Milton T. Mann is pastor.

☛ COKEBURY CHURCH at Stedman will observe Laymen's Day October 30, with the lay leader, Mr. Lacy Maxwell, as the speaker. At the same time Dr. Morris L. Husted, the pastor, will preach the homecoming sermon at the Princeton Methodist Church.

☛ DR. C. EDWIN HARWOOD, professor of English and chairman of the Division of Humanities at North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, preached at the 11:00 o'clock service October 16 at the Methodist Church in Mebane.

☛ FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, High Point, will engage in a preaching mission October 30-November 4. Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, pastor of Myers Park Church, Charlotte, and former pastor of the High Point church, will be the visiting preacher.

☛ LOVE'S METHODIST CHURCH of Walkertown will hold a Neighborhood Rally Sunday night, October 30. Rev. Horwood P. Myers, pastor of the Leaksville Church, will speak to the group.

☛ REV. CHARLES G. BEAMAN, of Forest City, will assist Rev. John H. Barnes, pastor, in revival services at Drexel Methodist Church, Marion District, beginning Oct. 30 and continuing through the week.

☛ DR. WALTER J. MILLER, district superintendent, preached at the 11:00 o'clock service at Kilgo Methodist Church, Charlotte, Oct. 23, and led the congregation in laying the cornerstone for the new building.

☛ DR. E. J. COLTRANE, former president of Brevard College, died in Raleigh Oct. 18. He was 77 years old. Funeral was conducted Thursday at 11:00 a.m. in High Point, and burial was in Guilford Memorial Park Cemetery.

☛ REV. O. L. HATHAWAY, executive secretary of the Board of Missions of the North Carolina Conference, will preach at the Wrightsboro Methodist Church, near Wilmington, at 11:00 o'clock Oct. 30. Wrightsboro is one of the new churches of the Wilmington District. Rev. Allen Wentz is pastor.

☛ BROAD STREET CHURCH, Statesville, observed Sunday, October 16, as homecoming day. Rev. Julian A. Lindsay, pastor, preached at the 11:00 o'clock service, and the congregation enjoyed a picnic luncheon and fellowship in the Sloan hall.

☛ REV. ROY E. BELL, pastor of the First Methodist Church, North Wilkesboro, is assisting the pastor, Rev. C. Harley Dickson, in revival services at Main Street Methodist Church, Albemarle, October 16-21.

☛ FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Elizabeth City, will hold evangelistic services November 13 - 18. Dr. John Bishop, pastor of Emory Methodist Church, Jersey City, N. J., will be the guest minister, assisting the pastor, Rev. Virgil E. Queen. The meeting will be known as a Festival of Faith.

☛ REVIVAL SERVICES will be conducted in Fellowship Methodist Church in the Goldsboro District during the week of Nov. 7-11. Rev. J. D. A. Autry, minister of the First Methodist Church, Hamlet, will be guest minister. Everyone is invited to attend services each evening at 7:30. Rev. McGee Creech is pastor.

☛ HOMECOMING will be observed at Micro Methodist Church, Micro, Sunday, Oct. 30, at 11:00 a.m., with a picnic dinner being served in the Micro Community Building. Rev. C. R. Hollowell, a former pastor, will preach the homecoming sermon. All former pastors, members and friends of the church are invited to attend.

☛ THE ANNUAL Christian Workers School for the Burlington area will be held Nov. 6-10 at Front Street Methodist Church beginning at 7:30. Included on the teaching staff are Dr. Kenneth Taylor, Dr. Creighton Lacy, Dr. J. Clay Madison, Rev. Harold Minor, Rev. Harold Hipps, Mrs. Edwin Diggs, Rev. Bill Wells, and Mrs. Virgil E. Queen.

☛ DR. BEN L. SMITH, district lay leader of the Greensboro District, spoke at the Laymen's Day services at Broad Street Church, Statesville, October 9. Rev. Julian A. Lindsay, pastor at Broad Street, preached the homecoming sermon at Centenary Church, Greensboro, on the same day.

☛ MISS CLARICE BOWMAN, assistant professor of religion and philosophy at High Point College, participated in a leadership training school at Park Avenue Methodist Church, Norfolk, Va., October 23-27. She taught "The Meaning of the Christian Faith."

☛ DR. ROBERT E. GOODRICH, JR., pastor of First Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, will preach four evenings at the Dilworth Church, Charlotte, October 31-November 3. For the past 13 years Dr. Goodrich has been pastor of the big 5,500-member church in Dallas.

☛ THE CHOIR of the Bethesda Methodist Church on the New Hope Road, Gastonia District, is broadcasting each morning this week over Radio Station WGNC. Rev. Paul R. Taylor, pastor, is also giving the morning devotions in connection with the musical program.

☛ FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Elkin, Rev. J. H. Brendall, pastor, held an organ dedication recital for the chapel organ Sunday, October 23, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., with Mrs. Franklin Folger at the keyboard. A reception was held in the social hall following the recital.

☛ REVIVAL SERVICES will be held at the Milford Hills Methodist Church, Salisbury, November 6-11. The services will begin on Sunday evening and run through Friday evening at 7:30 each day. The Rev. Harold Simpson, pastor of the Coburn Memorial Church of Salisbury, will be the visiting preacher. The Rev. E. R. Freeman is pastor.

☛ REV. E. V. DUNN, director of the Good Shepherd Home at Lake Waccamaw, announces that Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dunn have come to work full time at the Home. Mr. Dunn feels this an answer to prayer. The Good Shepherd Home is operated on faith for those who feel the need of help in dealing with the alcoholic problem.

☛ PRINCETON METHODIST CHURCH observed its homecoming service on Sunday, October 30, at the 11:00 o'clock worship hour. Following the morning services the homecoming dinner was served in the community building. The Reverend Morris L. Husted, pastor of the Cokesbury Methodist Church, Stedman, brought the homecoming message. An invitation was extended to all the former members and former pastors of the church. The Rev. John R. Blue is pastor.

☛ MR. HENDERSON BELK, outstanding business man of Charlotte, who is vice-president of the Belk Mercantile Corporation, was the Laymen's Day speaker at the Boone Methodist Church Sunday, October 16. Mr. Belk committed his life to Christ in 1958 and has since given liberally of his time and efforts in the Christian cause. He went to Australia and Moscow in connection with the Billy Graham campaigns in the interest of the Christian cause.



# EDITORIALS

# LETTERS

## THEME FOR THE WEEK

*"As the heart panteth after water-brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God."*—Psalm 42:1.

## Encouraging Reports on Sunday Evening

It is heartening to note from church bulletins and other media that many churches are beginning again their Sunday evening services and others report increased attendance. It will be recalled we wrote an editorial recently suggesting the importance of Sunday night preaching services. One reason for that, perhaps, was the fact that we were having a little difficulty in finding some of our Methodist churches open on Sunday evening when we desired to attend a worship service. As a result we attended services at two different churches of another denomination, and found they were well attended, and the services were inspiring. At one there were between four and five hundred people present on a rainy Sunday night. The minister administered the rite of holy baptism to two people during the first part of the service, then preached and gave an invitation and two others responded. At the other church, not as large as the first, there were some 100 or 125 present. The pastor preached, gave the invitation, and baptized three persons—two men and one young woman. And that seems to be happening wherever Sunday evening services are taken seriously and people are encouraged and given an opportunity. We are familiar with what has been going on at both Grace and First Methodist Churches in Atlanta for years. Literally hundreds of people are in attendance at the Sunday evening preaching and worship services. We recall what one of the pastors of one of the larger Methodist churches in this state said to us a year or so ago, after he had just returned from Atlanta and had attended the Sunday evening service at Grace Church. He declared he would never again apologize for the Sunday evening service, and he would not fail to give his people an opportunity to attend it. These things are not said to find fault with anyone or any church, but to remind us that we are neglecting a mighty fine evangelistic opportunity when we are satisfied to discontinue our Sunday night preaching services. Maybe some people do not want them and will not attend, but there are many others who will gladly respond. Of course, it takes some effort to

build up the attendance by encouraging people to come and then giving them something really interesting and helpful. It is our feeling that the Sunday night service should be less formal and more spontaneous. Good congregational singing with zest and feeling will do much to make the service appealing, but the sermon also means a lot. A cold, doctrinal treatise which gives the people the feeling that the minister is more interested in displaying scholarship than in dealing with human needs will hardly be sufficient. People are looking for warmth and challenge that will send them out feeling they have something to strive after and to live for. The Sunday night preaching service can be made one of the finest evangelistic opportunities the church faces.

## Advocate Campaign Is Picking Up Momentum

Our *Advocate* campaign is picking up momentum as the days go by. Many ministers are sending in good lists, and many others assure us they are going to give a good account of their charge soon. We need the help of every pastor in this important matter of making the *Advocate* possible. It will make better Methodist Christians of our people if they receive the paper. Right now during the fall season is the best time to give all-out emphasis to this campaign. If the people get the paper now it will make a fine contribution to the work of the church during the year.

Rev. W. A. Tew of Rosemary Church is really going after *Advocate* subscriptions in his church. He has an *Advocate* chairman in the WSCS, all adult classes, each circle, the Methodist Men's Club, with the chairman of the Commission on Education as overall chairman. They are setting a goal of at least 75 subscriptions in their church.

Many of the other ministers are giving strong support to the campaign, as are the various district chairmen in the two conferences.

We look eagerly for each morning's mail to bring us a large batch of new subscriptions to the church paper. Just a few hours work will do the job.

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Announcement was recently made that Duke University has received a grant of \$40,600 from the National Science Foundation to be used in studying crabs. It just occurred to this editor that some of us might well take heed, lest we find ourselves in the laboratory under the microscope.

Dear Brother Starnes:

Just a line to tell you why my membership is at the Methodist church, Helton Charge, Lansing, N. C.

I sold my farm in Ashe County in 1947, came here and bought a home. I was 67 years of age. My wife and I decided to remain in the church there—I have been a member of that church for 65 years. It was my mother's and father's church most of their lifetime. Brother Ralph Surratt is the pastor.

I want Helton Church to get the credit for the *ADVOCATE*. I have been a subscriber of the *ADVOCATE* for 60 years. It is a welcome visitor to our home. We just read all of the news in the *ADVOCATE* and enjoy it so much.

With best wishes for you and the whole staff of workers in the office with you, and the Western North Carolina Conference.

I am yours in Christ,

—RILEY G. WEAVER

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Elkton, Maryland

Dear Editor:

I highly respect Reverend Bob Hardee as a colleague and his right as an individual to express his convictions regarding current issues. I cannot, however, personally accept his opinion regarding Catholicism as it is related to the current campaign. For me personally to assume that one should not be elected President of the United States solely because of his religion would, in my opinion, cast a reflection on my attitude toward America. To say the least, it would be a confession upon my part that America is not big enough and great enough for men of all creeds and races. It would also be, in my opinion, a confession upon my part of insufficient faith in the Constitution of America.

I agree with the editor of the *Shelby Daily Star*:

"A campaign 'against' an American on the basis of his Catholicism alone is not in keeping with either the idea of religious freedom or American opportunity."

Sincerely yours,

JOSEPH M. TAYLOR, JR.

Concord, N. C.

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## Long's Chapel, Junaluska, Has Fine Revival Meeting

The Rev. J. James Miller, pastor of the Methodist church in Gibsonville, was the guest speaker at revival services held at Long's Chapel Methodist Church, Lake Junaluska, N. C. In the words of the older members of the church, "This was one of the greatest spiritual revivals the church has ever known." The altar was overflowing each night with people receiving Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour. Truly, this week was an experience that the church will long remember.

—F. S. MCFARLAND, *Pastor*

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Liberty is from God; liberties from the devil.—*German*.



## Church Union Commission Elects Bishop Phillips

Dayton, Ohio—Bishop Glenn R. Phillips, Denver, Colo., has been chosen to head the agency of the Methodist Church authorized to represent the denomination in explorations looking toward unification with other church bodies.

In his new position as chairman of the Commission on Church Union, to which he was elected here October 3, he succeeds Bishop Frederick B. Newell, retired, of New York.

The Commission, composed of a layman, a minister and a bishop from each of the six jurisdictions not only met for organization for the 1960-64 quadrennium but also held a joint session with the Commission on Church Federation and Union of the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, Des Moines, Iowa, was elected vice-chairman of the Commission and Charles C. Parlin, New York, secretary.

These three officers and the following members compose the executive committee: Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., St. Louis; the Rev. Jolly B. Harper, Shreveport, La., a district superintendent; and Dr. Charles F. Marsh, president of Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C.

Executive committees of both denominations will continue to make an intensive analysis of the problems which a merger of these two church bodies would involve.

## Supply Pastors' School For High Point District

A training school for Supply Pastors and Probationers of the High Point District will be held at the Main Street Church, High Point, November 7, beginning at 1:45 p.m. The school is designed to cover the entire field of the Christian ministry.

Bishop Hazen G. Werner of the Ohio Area will deliver the closing address.

The subjects to be discussed and the discussion leaders are as follows: "What Makes a Preacher Great?" Rev. Ralph Taylor; "Preparation and Delivery of Sermons," Rev. Don Payne; "Pastoral Visitation," Rev. Cecil Hefner; "The Art of Visiting the Sick," Rev. F. E. Howard; "Receiving Persons Into the Church," Rev. Brunson Wallace; "Administering the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper," Rev. L. E. Mabry; "The Keeping of Records and Making Reports," Rev. Clark Benson; "The Wedding," Rev. Robert Stamey; "The Funeral," Rev. J. S. Higgins; "Ministerial Ethics and Etiquette," Dr. C. C. Herbert, Jr.

## Miss Vera Idol Author of Upper Room Meditation

Nashville, Tenn. — Miss Vera Idol of High Point, N. C., is the author of a meditation accepted for publication by the *Upper Room*, world-wide devotional guide, according to an announcement by Dr. J. Manning Potts, editor. The daily devotional guide with a circulation of over 3,250,000 copies, is printed in 37 editions and 31 languages. It is distributed in more than 100 countries.

The meditation written by Miss Idol is published in the November-December issue and will be used on December 23.

## Interesting Methodist Matters

Mrs. Ralph E. Dodge has been re-elected editor of *The Africa Christian Advocate*.

Enrollment in Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., is 250—more than 10 per cent higher than a year ago.

The Rev. Maurice A. Phillips, supervisor of devotional literature for *The Upper Room*, Nashville, has resigned to become minister of education at Tarrytown Church, Austin, Texas.

The Rev. William A. Nighswonger, a member of the Virginia Conference, has been appointed Washington, D. C. representative for World Neighbors, Inc., an agency aiding community development programs in Asia and Africa.

The Rev. Herbert F. Hoskins of Blossburg, Pa., has been appointed director of the Wesley Foundation at Alfred, N. Y., and chaplain to Protestant students at the State University of New York A.&T. Institute there.

## Fellowship Teams Dedicated At High Point College

The Department of Religion and Philosophy of High Point College has announced plans for the dedication service of Student Fellowship teams for this academic year. These fellowship teams are composed of students who are majoring in religious work on campus. The dedication service for this year's teams was held Tuesday evening, October 25. Approximately 70 persons compose the teams this year.

Guest speaker for the dedication service was Mr. William Buckey, assistant pastor of the Wesley Memorial Church of High Point. Also participating in the service were Dr. William Locke and Dr. Walter Hudgins, both of the departmental staff of Religion and Philosophy at the college. These teams have been in training at various churches in High Point since the beginning of school and are now ready to be sent out as teams into churches around the state. These teams will be helping to strengthen the programs of youth work in such churches. Invitations for Fellowship Teams have already been received from churches in Raleigh, Winston-Salem, Fayetteville Madison, and many other communities.

Miss Betty Lou Williams, a senior at High Point College this year, will be one of two students from the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church to attend a church vacation meeting at Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn., October 25, 29 and 30.

Miss Williams is the daughter of Mrs. Sadie H. Williams of near Ayden. She is a graduate of Ayden High School and is majoring in Religious Education and Sociology at High Point College. She has been quite active in many organizations on campus. She plans to go into religious education work upon graduation in June, 1961.

## Bishop Harmon Preaches at Town and Country Rally

About 250 people made up a near capacity congregation at Biltmore Church, Asheville, October 16, at 7:30 p.m., to hear Bishop Nolan B. Harmon.

The occasion was a rally for the people from Town and Country Churches in the Asheville District. Presiding over the service was Rev. Boyce Huffstetler, district director of Town and Country Work, assisted by Rev. R. G. Tuttle, district superintendent. Special music was provided by the choirs from Bethesda and Montmorenci Churches. Brief reports were made by Rev. O. L. Brown of Burnsville; Mrs. Tillie Brooks, church and community worker in Yancey County; Rev. Jack Waldrep, director of the Lord's Acre Movement; and Rev. W. W. Blanton, executive secretary of the Commission on Town and Country Work.

In his sermon Bishop Harmon encouraged each person to do the best work he possibly can with what he is and what he has, realizing that it is the combined labor of the whole connection that makes Methodism strong and the kingdom a reality.

Following the sermon the congregation was dismissed with the benediction by Rev. J. A. Lowder, host pastor.

## "Bugs" Barringer Directoor Wesleyan News Bureau

Rocky Mount—O. L. (Bugs) Barringer, Jr., local photographer and free lance writer, has been named director of the News Bureau at North Carolina Wesleyan College, according to Thomas A. Collins, president of the college. Mr. Barringer is taking the job on a part-time basis.

Barringer is well known in newspaper circles in the Carolinas and Virginia. He is a native of Charlotte and attended Webb School at Bell Buckle, Tenn., Virginia Military Institute at Lexington, Va., and Davidson College at Davidson. He has worked on *The Charlotte Observer*, *The Rocky Mount Telegram*, and is a columnist for the *Raleigh News and Observer*. He is also correspondent for the various state papers, Radio Station WPTF and United Press International.

## Central Church, Concord To Have Preaching Mission

The Rev. Frederick M. Morris, D.D., S.T.D., the rector of St. Thomas Church, New York City, will be the preacher for the Twelfth Annual Houston Preaching Mission which will begin Sunday morning, Nov. 13, at Central Methodist Church, in Concord.

Dr. Morris is widely known as an author, teacher, lecturer, and preacher. He has served churches in Wyoming, Massachusetts, Maryland, St. Marks Cathedral in Minneapolis, Minn., in addition to his present parish. He taught homiletics at the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Mass. His latest book, entitled *Power To Save*, came off the press this year. Among his other books are *Preach the Word of God*, and *God's Way And Ours*.



## New Hope of Winston-Salem Opens New Sanctuary



New Hope Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, observed its homecoming day Sunday, October 16, by entering into its new \$165,000 sanctuary on Shattalon Drive. Two former pastors, Rev. John Sills and Rev. J. Edwin Carter, were present and took part in the service. Mr. Sills preached the sermon and Mr. Carter spoke briefly, read the Scripture, led the responsive reading, and gave the prayer of thanksgiving. The Rev. J. Clyde Faulkner, pastor, gave the welcome, offered the invocation, and at 1:00 o'clock a picnic lunch was served. The public was invited to attend open house at the church from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The new building, with 15,000 square feet, was designed to take care of a membership of 800. The sanctuary has a balcony and seats 450. There are eleven stained glass windows in the sanctuary, given as memorials to Thomas G. and Mary Yarborough Thacker, Mr. and Mrs. Alonza Francis Yarborough, Kerner Henry Stoltz, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Marion Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Monroe Pratt, W. T. and Sarah Lee Skouse Sprinkle, the Isaac N. Leinback family, Paul Robert Yarborough, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Hampton Yarborough, Miss Elizabeth Geraldine Pratt, Mrs. H. S. Rogerson, and Mrs. H. F. Dotson. Mrs. John Sprinkle led in raising money for the memorials. Fund-raising for the building was led by Mr. E. M. Hauser, who is church lay leader, and Mrs. Gray Leinback led in raising money for the new pews.

The church dates back to 1874 when a congregation was formed under the leadership of Ransom Walker, John Mitchell, Richmond and Francis Pratt. The first

building was a 20 by 32-foot log cabin. In 1879 it was named New Hope Methodist Church, and became a part of a 12-point charge. The minister at first traveled on foot and by horseback, later securing a buggy. In 1896 a frame structure was added. So there might be room for expansion in future years, Mrs. Sarah Butner and Miss Dora Stultz deeded a lot to the church in 1932. The next year a vestibule was added to the front and Sunday school rooms to the rear of the sanctuary, and these will eventually be joined to the new sanctuary. The church now has a membership of 379.

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### Dr. Liston Pope At High Point College

Dr. Liston Pope of the Yale Divinity School will be guest lecturer at High Point College on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 1 and 2. Dr. Pope is the first visiting lecturer to be brought to the college under the newly established Finch Lecture Series. This series of lectures was brought about through the Charles F. Finch Endowment for Religious Activities Fund given to the college last year.

Dr. Pope is a native of Thomasville, having received his A.B. at Duke University; B.D. and Ph.D. at the Yale Divinity School.

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Liberty cannot be established without morality, nor morality without faith.

—Horace Greeley.

## Methodist College Observes Founder's Day

On Monday, October 31, Methodist College at Fayetteville observed Founder's Day and Fall Convocation.

The formal service was held in the auditorium of the science building from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Reverend Virgil E. Queen, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Elizabeth City, and chairman of the Commission on Christian Higher Education of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, gave the main address for this historical occasion.

Queen, a native of Burke County, North Carolina, received his A.B. degree from Catawba College and the B.D. degree from the Duke Divinity School. In addition to his present pastorate, he has served as pastor of the Methodist church in Carrboro, Haymount, Fayetteville; and Duke Memorial Durham. He has also served as district superintendent of the Wilmington District and on the faculty at Duke University.

From 1956 to 1960, he was president of the N. C. Annual Conference Board of Education. It was during this time that Methodist College was chartered and the Conference-wide financial campaign was conducted to build two new colleges.

He is a charter member of the Board of Trustees of Methodist College and still serves on the Board. He served as chairman of the Academic Affairs Committee 1956-1959 and from 1956 to 1957 was chairman of the committee to select a president for the college. It was his committee which selected Dr. L. Stacy Weaver who became the unanimous choice of the board of trustees.

Another feature of the Founder's Day program was the reading of the charter of the college by Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, president of the college.

Special music for the occasion was furnished by Dr. Willis C. Gates, professor of music and violinist, and by the Methodist College mixed chorus.

At 12:30 p.m. luncheon was served in the dining hall of the Student Union for the trustees and executive board of the Fayetteville College Foundation.

Following the luncheon the executive committee and the board of trustees and the building committee met in joint session to give further consideration to the building of resident facilities on the campus prior to the next school year.

### Concerning the 1960-64 Courses of Study

The 1956-60 Courses of Study were outdated the end of July 1960. The *Discipline* specifies the new course is effective "following the first session of the Annual Conference after the General Conference." The 1960 Student's Handbook, etc., were available as of July 15. There are now only graders for the 1960-64 courses. We urge all Course of Study students to please follow this notice.

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# An International Week-end

By REV. W. M. WELLS

An international experience was shared by a group of students from the Greensboro area on Sunday, October 16, in the form of a bus trip to the Blue Ridge Parkway. The project had the dual purpose of cementing international friendships and providing the opportunity for students from other countries to see some of the beauties of this country.

The trip was under the sponsorship of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church and was directed by the district secretary of Student Work, Mrs. D. E. Leonard, with the enthusiastic cooperation of many of the women.

Twenty-nine students and their leaders made the trip. The students making the trip came from South Viet Nam, the United States, Sarawak, Singapore, Jordan, Hong Kong, Sweden, Formosa, Japan, India, and Korea. In addition to Eastern Orthodox and Protestant Christians of several denominations, there were in the group members of the Jewish, Buddhist, and Hindu faiths.

With food and coffee prepared by the women of several churches, the group started off about nine o'clock in the morning and went from Greensboro via Guilford College to pick up students there, then through Mount Airy up to Cumberland Knob on the Blue Ridge Parkway. There they paused for lunch, a worship service, and a short hike—going on later to Dough-ton Park, where they witnessed hand-weaving on an old loom at the Brinegar Cabin.

The worship service was led by the Rev. W. M. Wells, Jr., state director of the Methodist Student Movement of North Carolina. The service consisted of the reading of Psalm 100, a spiritual writing held in high regard by adherents of several faiths. It contained hymns selected by members of the group on the trip. There was a message which dealt with the idea that each student's vocation is primarily to serve God as He is known by that student; and that our secondary vocations, whether we are students or in other work, fall in line according to our dedication in our primary vocation. Devotional thoughts were drawn from people from Europe, England, India, Palestine, the United States and from people of the following faiths: Roman Catholic, Anglican, Methodist, Syrian Orthodox, Hindu, Jewish, and the Islamic tradition. Prayers expressed appreciation for this international week-end and petitions that we might be helped to live better in the religion that we know.

The meaning and purpose of the Methodist Student Movement were mentioned on the trip, mainly through literature and announcements. The students were invited to attend future conferences which are to be held by the MSM of North Carolina.

One of the adult counselors was an Australian lady who enjoyed leading the group in singing the fun song from her country, "Waltzing Matilda." The group will remember the cake-maker who thought there would be some Irish students in the group and put green icing on the cake. They will also remember a lady unknown to any member of the group who stopped

every section of the group as they descended from a mountain hike in order to take pictures of each individual part of the group.

Students commented to the leaders on their appreciation for the food which was sent, of how much they like the experience or living in the neighborhood of Greensboro, and the enjoyment of getting to share this international week-end. Mr. Misenheimer saw the mountains through the eyes of a bus driver thusly: "I don't see what's so great about that Blue Ridge Parkway. You're going either uphill or downhill all the way." Later, however, he added, "I could drive this route every day for a month and see something different each international boundaries, they warmed up time."

As students got to know each other across in the conversations, becoming more personal and open in their remarks. There were expressions of appreciation and criticism of each others' countries. Such remarks as these were heard: "Our country does not need your finances nearly as much as we need your friendship." "We wish that you would send your people to come and live among us, that we might get to know each other better—to come and live for two or three or four years, so that we could know each other personally."

Other thoughts expressed were these: "We want to remain neutral." "We international students are disappointed that so few students from the United States participate in the International Relations Club on our campus." "Our country was artificially divided by outside forces." "Why is it that Anglo-Saxon people tend to feel superior to others?"

Several students expressed amazement at the lack of knowledge of other countries on the part of people in the United States: "We studied English and started learning about your country while we were down in high school, but you have not learned much about our country." "Rather than being known as a 'foreign' student, I prefer to be called an international student, for a 'foreigner' sounds like someone you don't want to get too close to."

"The church in our country is a state church, stilted and formal," said one European.

Several students from other faiths tried to express their feeling when Christian missionaries are sent to their country in an attempt to convert them and their families from the things that they have believed through the ages. It caused the rest to consider a little more seriously the problems involved in the Christian world mission.

Money for the international week-end was donated by women of sixteen Methodist churches in the Greensboro District. People too numerous to recall made contributions of their time and encouragement to the undertaking. Of special note were the contributions made by the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild of West Market Street Church and by the Wesleyan Service Guild of College Place Methodist Church. Ladies from the latter group prepared a hot supper and had it

ready when the students returned an hour or so late from the mountain trip.

Accompanying the students on the trip were Miss Evelyn Pike, secretary of Student Work at Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church; Mrs. Violet Holbrook, secretary of Student Work at Mt. Pisgah Methodist Church; Miss Hollyce Highfill, district director of Youth Work; Miss Laura Ingram of Muir's Chapel Church, who took group pictures on the trip; Mr. Harold Gelfand of the Guilford College faculty; Mrs. Leonard, and Mr. Wells.

Included in the group were Tim Vanhoy of Kettering, Ohio, and Guilford College; Giap Vu of Saigon, South Viet Nam, and Guilford College; Miss Dorothy Worth of Moorestown, N. J., and Guilford College; Miss Barbara J. Stroudd of Maple Shade, N. J., and Guilford College; Miss Hie Ping Ting of Sibu, Sarawak, and Greensboro College; Miss Georgette I. Shihadi of Ramallah, Jordan, and Guilford College; Miss Victoria Fu of Hong Kong and Woman's College; Miss Gunilla Roscucrantz of Häl-sinborg, Sweden, and Woman's College; Miss Marian Acrey of Henderson and Woman's College; Miss Glenda Lackey of Aiken, S. C., and Woman's College; Miss Ginger Parker of Greensboro and Woman's College; Miss Marlis Jones of Greensboro and Woman's College; Miss Jane Johnston of Raleigh and Woman's College; Miss Judy Routh of Greensboro and Greensboro College; Miss Lynda Lane of Stantonsburg and Woman's College; Miss Mary Glenn Kiker of Charlotte and Woman's College; Miss En-Yo Yang of Taiwan and Woman's College; Miss Misao Nakagawa of Osaka City, Japan, and Woman's College; Miss Nalini Badlani of Baroda, India, and Woman's College; Miss Marjorie Nieh of China, Englewood, N. J., and Woman's College; and Miss Yoon Jim Lee of Seoul, Korea, and Woman's College.

Those interested in further information concerning this and similar trips and other ways of cementing international friendships may contact Mrs. D. E. Leonard, 3500 Friendly Road, Greensboro, N. C., or the office of the Methodist Student Movement of North Carolina, 310 S. Spring Street, Greensboro, N. C.

## Commonwealth Church To Hear Dr. Farris Moore

The membership of Commonwealth Methodist Church, 2434 Commonwealth Avenue, Charlotte, is looking forward to a great revival meeting scheduled for Nov. 6th through the 11th. Dr. Farris F. Moore, pastor of Belmont Methodist Church in Nashville, Tenn., will be the evangelist. Dr. Moore is a great personality and a great preacher. Just prior to his association with his present church he was district superintendent of the Nashville District. He is much sought after as a speaker and as an evangelist. W. Fred Bonney of Charlotte will direct the music. Considerable preparation has been made for this meeting. Cottage prayer meetings in various homes are being held each week. A most cordial invitation is extended to all who can avail themselves of the opportunity to join in a real soul-refreshing experience with this man of God.



## Lest We Forget

By LOUISE STAHL

### VI. John Dickins

John Dickins was probably the most noted early Methodist in North Carolina. He was born in London on August 24, 1747, and was educated there and at Eton College, which was a distinction indeed at the time. He came to America sometime before 1774, was converted in Virginia and became a traveling preacher in 1777.

His first appointment was to the North Carolina Circuit. Then he went to the "imperial old Brunswick" and in 1780 to the Roanoke. Asbury visited him there and reported that "his voice is gone."

There at Dickins' house on Fishing Creek in Halifax County the first plan for a Methodist school in America was prepared and the first money was given for Methodist education. The donors were Gabriel Long and a Mr. Bustion. Asbury called it "a Kingswood school in America." Presumably it was to be in North Carolina, and a Cokesbury school was established on the Yadkin River near Phelps Ferry in present Davie County around 1793.

Dickins located at the end of 1780, perhaps because of his lost voice and also because he had married Miss Elizabeth Yancey. He settled in Halifax County, North Carolina. There Asbury visited him again on April 5, 1783, and persuaded him to re-enter the itinerant ranks and go to New York. Wesley Chapel, or John Street Church, had been behind the British lines during the Revolution and had disappeared from the appointments, and Dickins was sent to revive it. Asbury wrote, "I prevailed with Brother Dickins to go to New York, where I expect him to be far more useful than in his present situation." Actually, the church had functioned throughout the war under the care of its laymen. It is said that in the city Mrs. Dickins became the first woman ever to live in a Methodist parsonage.

John Dickins met Dr. Thomas Coke when he arrived in 1784, sent by John Wesley to organize the Methodists into an independent church and consecrate Francis Asbury as a superintendent. Coke spent his first night in America at the parsonage and to Dickins he first related the facts of his mission here, which the latter heartily approved. He must have unfolded his plan for a school. Coke wanted a college, and Cokesbury College was established in Maryland by the ensuing Christmas Conference. So Dickins may be regarded as the father of Methodist education in America.

He was a member of the Christmas Conference and by it was elected to Deacon's orders. And when the new church had been agreed upon it was Dickins who gave it the name of Methodist Episcopal Church.

He may have been present at Green Hill's near Louisville, North Carolina, when Asbury and Coke held the first annual conference of the newly-organized church on March 19, 1785. At any rate he returned to the state and traveled the Bertie Circuit.

While on this circuit he prepared, in

1786, the first *Discipline* in the present form.

He then went back to New York for three years. When the Methodist Book Concern was formed in 1789 he became its first agent or superintendent; he had saved \$600 and this he advanced to finance the business. He remained at this post in Philadelphia until his death, also serving St. George's Church there much of the time. As Book Steward he published 14,000 copies of books and pamphlets.

John Dickins was the first author in American Methodism. He prepared and published a *Short Scriptural Catechism*, which Nathan Bangs called "a body of divinity in a few words."

The first periodical was the *Arminian Magazine*. This was also a North Carolina product, conceived in 1789 at the conference held at McKnight's Chapel, near the present Clemmons in Forsyth County. The preface of the first edition was signed by both Asbury and Coke at "North Carolina, April 10th, 1789." Two volumes were published in 1789 and 1790. It then disappeared and was revived as the *Methodist Magazine* in 1818. Since the last date it has been published under various names until the present time.

The first plan for a school, the first collection for education, the first *Discipline*, the first periodical—surely these were notable contributions. And all in North Carolina! He was the first man in America to learn of Wesley's epoch-making plan for the formation of the first Methodist church in the world and he was the man who gave it a name.

John Dickins survived two scourges of yellow fever in Philadelphia. Although he seems to have known that he faced certain death he refused to abandon the post of duty. He wrote to his dear friend Asbury for whom he named his son, "I sit down to write as in the jaws of death. Whether Providence may permit me to see your face again in the flesh, I do not know; but if not, I hope, through abundant mercy, we shall meet in the presence of God."

He died in the third epidemic of the dread disease on September 27, 1798, and was succeeded as Book Steward by Ezekiel Cooper. "What I have greatly feared for years hath now taken place," said Asbury. "Dickins the generous, the just, the faithful, skillful Dickins is dead."

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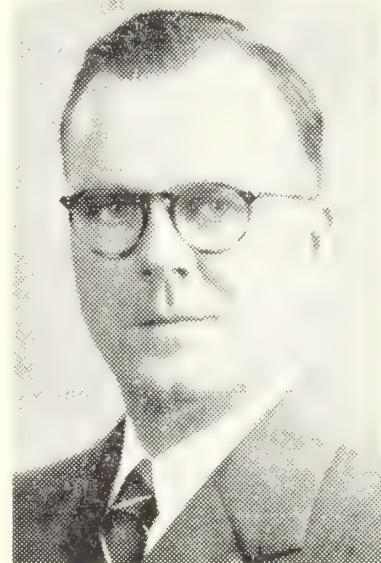
### Church Conference Considers Worlds Social Structures

"The church has to be concerned with the world's social structures in order to recall them to the reason for their creation," an executive of the National Council of Churches told 150 southeastern states' Methodist leaders at Lake Junaluska. Met there Sept. 13-15 for a briefing conference on Christian social concerns, they heard Dr. Harold C. Letts, associate executive secretary for Christian life and work with the National Council, declare, "There is no church unless people are living out in their whole life the idea that they are called to serve each other in the name of Christ; inside the church we nurture and strengthen these people for their task outside the church."

### Dean of Duke Chapel In Kinston Revival

Dr. James T. Cleland, dean of Duke Chapel and James B. Duke professor of preaching in the Duke Divinity School, will preach for a Spiritual Life Revival at St. Mark Methodist Church, Kinston, the week of October 30-November 4.

Dr. Cleland is a native of Scotland and an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church of Scotland. Educated at Glasgow



DR. JAMES T. CLELAND

University, Glasgow, Scotland, and Union Theological Seminary, New York, Dr. Cleland then taught for 13 years at Amherst College, in Massachusetts.

In 1945 he came to Duke University as professor of preaching in the Divinity School. In addition, Dr. Cleland became one of the preachers to the university, a corps of divinity school faculty members who preached regularly in Duke Chapel.

As a preacher to the university, Dr. Cleland rapidly became one of the most popular preachers at Duke. This popularity quickly made him known and sought after nationally by churches and college groups. In recognition of his greatness in the pulpit, Duke University named him dean of Duke Chapel, in March, 1955. This honor followed by only six months another honor in recognition of his status as a teacher. It was in September 1954 that Dr. Cleland was elected to receive one of the coveted Jamse B. Duke professorships, twenty endowed professorships given to the most outstanding faculty members.

Speaking of Dr. Cleland's coming to Kinston, Rev. R. Bruce Pate, pastor of St. Mark Church, has called this event a rare opportunity to hear one of the nation's greatest preachers today.

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Recreational boating has become this country's fastest-growing sport. More than \$2,500,000,000 will be spent on it this year by some 40,000,000 enthusiasts, according to the American Petroleum Institute. At the peak of the season an estimated 8,200,000 pleasure craft have been plying our rivers, lakes and oceans. Their 1960 consumption of gasoline will run to 533,000,000 gallons.



# The Recruiting of Ministers

By THOMAS A. LANGFORD  
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This fall I have visited several campuses of Methodist colleges. At each place I have heard the same word: "The number of pre-ministerial students which are enrolled in our freshman class is lower than that of any recent year." I am not at all sure that this is a universal condition, but it is striking that the story has been the same at each place I have visited. In addition there has also been another word which is equally disturbing. Often the person reporting the information in terms of quantity also remarked that the pre-ministerial candidates which they do have registered are not among their best students. Both of these comments are cause for concern.

## A. The Role of the Ministry

As a teacher I have observed young men come to college interested in the ministry but eventually lose their interest. There is, of course, the other side of the story, also, namely, many men make a positive decision to go into the ministry during their college years. But even so, the total number of candidates is small—and may be decreasing—and the important question is "Why?"

From my own observation I would like to suggest several reasons that seem to me to count heavily against young men being challenged by the Christian ministry. In the first place, we have not made the demand of Christian discipleship as stringent as it really is. We have watered-down, glossed over and minimized what is in its true nature a challenge to total commitment. To put it differently, in attempting to make Christian discipleship acceptable, we have actually pericarpitated its being unacceptable. We have accommodated the claim of the Christian gospel to the easy, half-hearted commitments of every-day life and thereby have lost the emphasis upon singularity of heart, mind and strength in dedication to God.

I am personally convinced that people—young as well as old—both need to hear the demands of Christ and will respond to the call to radical allegiance. When we lose the viril, cross-bearing emphasis in religion we have lost the heart of discipleship, for the challenge of Jesus still stands, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take his cross and follow me." (Mark 8:34). Too often we have been willing to dispense what Dietrich Bonhoeffer has called "cheap grace." We have preached acceptance and love and forgiveness (which are essentials of God's grace to man), but we have not preached the cost of acceptance, the suffering of love or the sacrifice of forgiveness—either on the part of God in Christ or one who is called by His name. We ask too little and we get too little. We do not challenge men to total commitment and we get tenuous commitment. Our recruitment is a failure in part because we have failed to make the demands on the gospel clear to our people.

But there is a second factor which grows out of this first one. By avoiding the call to radical commitment, we have failed to make the Christian message relevant to our

time. Time and again I have met young people who are concerned about giving themselves in service to others, but who have never seriously considered the ministry of the church as a possible channel of the expression for this concern—and many of these are young people of church background! Why is this so? Is it because they see nothing relevant to their concerns being voiced in the churches? As one friend put it, "I am not surprised that young people do not think that the church is relevant, I hear what they hear every Sunday." Our churches are judged by our young people who turn to other places to find an opportunity for services.

Our ministers do preach about moral issues, but in the main most of us have been content to take up the fight over issues which can only be labeled, as Reinhold Niebuhr has suggested, as "irrelevant morality." We preach on subjects which the majority of our people theoretically—if not practically—agree with us on. We do not risk the danger—and thereby fail to capitalize on the opportunity—of speaking to basic issues or controversial issues. Often we actually assist our people in keeping religion on the periphery of life, we help them push it into the corner where it makes no difference in the maelstrom where life is lived. The life of the community of the church does not reflect any commitment which is more ultimate than society around us. Neither in the spoken word nor the lived witness do we reflect relevant and transforming power. Until we make the demand of discipleship truly demanding and truly comprehensive in its demand, we should not expect to challenge the youth of our time.

But why are not more of the best students in our colleges interested in this way? And conversely, why are not more of those who are interested in the ministry among the best students in our colleges? Why do we not attract more of the best minds, more students with intellectual commitment to disciplined discipleship? The answer is obvious. We do not attract people of this calibre because we have not been faithful in representing the true calibre of Christian thought. Continually one hears the comment, "We don't want ministers who are only intellectually committed." Such a reaction has validity. But it is much overworked. For surely we don't need a ministry that does not have a deep intellectual commitment. We need men whose minds and hearts are vassal to their Lord. But can we expect young people to take seriously the intellectual disciple which is a part of Christian commitment when we as ministers do not take it seriously?

Too often our pulpit responsibility has been taken too lightly both by our members and our laymen. We present an uncritical, unreflected form of Christian faith and we get only an uncritical, unreflected response. If faith is to involve the total person, the whole man, then it should involve him in

the most profound way—both spiritually and intellectually.

Why are we not recruiting more men? Why is the call of God made ineffectual? There are obviously many reasons, but fundamental to any consideration of calling men to preach the gospel is the gospel which is preached. And one of the basic challenges is to preach the gospel so that its demand, its relevance and its power is manifest.

It is easy to argue against these reasons for the lack of response to the Christian ministry on the part of our student generation. I have no desire to contend that these are all of the reasons—not even all of the most important reasons—which lie behind our failure to make the ministry a challenge. But I do believe that these reasons should not be dismissed too quickly, and certainly not in a self-defensive manner. If they do speak a word of challenge, let them speak. And let the gospel free us to meet this challenge.

To put the case in this way is to lay the major responsibility for the recruitment of future ministers upon the present ministers. This, of course, is not the only channel, but it is an important channel, and it so happens that it is the one channel which most of us can deal with most directly. It is fundamentally important to remember that ministers are only media, but if through this media the stringent demands of the gospel can be preached and lived, and if through the media of our ministers the relevance of our faith can be shown, and if through the media of our ministers the commitment of mind as well as heart can be exhibited—then perhaps these media can by the grace of God become effective in the calling of others to this vocation.

## B. The Role of the Church

But our ministers do not live in isolation. They are ministers of a church—the Methodist church. And the organization of the church has a basic responsibility for the task of inviting young men to commit their lives to the Christian ministry. There are at least two pitfalls which the church must avoid.

In the first place the church must not allow its organization to become a hindrance to genuine Christian service. Good organization is often—though not always—essential to effective service, and of this we are keenly aware. But involvement in organizational matters can become a millstone around the neck of one who is concerned to make his preaching, his pastoral care and his own personal growth basic instruments of his ministry. Our ministers must be free to serve. And the church must insure this freedom. They must be trusted to determine the needs of their congregations and to devise programs to meet those needs.

One of the most common comments which I hear college students make in regard to the ministry is that they do not want to be put under the pressure of conforming to an organizational image. In our time such a statement can be simply a catch-phrase which is used to excuse oneself from involvement in a planned and necessary program. But we, as a church, should not allow this excuse—if it is an excuse—to provide us with a way to escape our responsibility. The pressures to meet



the demands of the organization can be and often are debilitating, and the church must be consciously aware of the danger in this area.

The very concern of the church for its ministers can have negative results. Hard and fast seniority rights in terms of appointments. More regard for the advancement and well-being of the minister than for the church he is serving. Evaluation of the effectiveness of a ministry in terms of program. These are just a few of the aspects of average conference life that make the young man question the protectiveness of the church. The church needs to make it clear that her central concern is for the proclamation of the gospel and that her ministers are servants to this task. The idea that the ministry is one of the few places where a "decent" income is assured and where mediocrity can "get one ahead" must be overcome with the strong affirmation of the servanthood of the ministry and the call to utter commitment of life.

In the second place the church must not fail to give support to her ministers in their

attempt to proclaim the demands of Christ. On the whole the Methodist Church has had an enviable record in this regard. But if the minister is to think of himself as free to preach on relevant issues and to present the challenge of a cross, he must have the assurance that the church, its organization and its officers are supporting him.

The church can express its support not only with general or annual conference statements, but by the building of a strong sense of the fellowship of the ministry with the strength that brotherhood always affords and by the personal assurances of the district superintendents and bishops that they stand behind him and are ready to support him.

The problem of recruitment is not new. It has always been of importance in the life of the church. But the fact of its longevity does not diminish its crucial significance in the present. And to raise the question of recruitment is simply another way of leading us back into a serious consideration of the gospel we preach and our expression of it in the life of the church.

## Missions Need Not Be Dull

By REV. CONRAD GLASS, JR.  
Youth Director of the Methodist  
Board of Education of the North  
Carolina Conference

"Why, missions is *not* dull!" Such was the comment which arose from the congregation of Layden Memorial Methodist Church after each of its church-wide mission studies. For the past two years, in the month of January, this congregation of less than 200 members has had a real and vital experience with missions. It was not dull. It was alive. "One of the most rewarding and best attended programs of the whole year." What caused this? What made this mission study so different from that of most other churches? Let's see for ourselves.

For one thing, everyone was involved. This was truly a *church-wide* school of missions. Everyone, from the children on up, was urged to attend. Each age group studied the world mission theme. The appropriate Friendship Press material (interdenominational study approved by the Methodist Church) was used by each age group. The primaries used material especially written for them, and so on through the other departmental divisions. Naturally, material especially written for an age level was more interesting to those involved. All of the teachers tried to use the suggested methods of teaching recommended in their respective leader's guide.

Variety was a key to the heightened interest of the entire group. These elements were scheduled each evening according to length of time and arrangement that would best fit the needs of that particular session. Sometimes worship came first, sometimes last. Several times the worship was an integral part of the class period. At other times, the entire congregation participated in an act of corporate worship. The other elements of the program were also varied according to the purposes and needs of each particular session. Such a plan of schedul-

ing kept the session from being "the same old thing" each evening.

The special features really made the mission theme come alive. They were interesting and entertaining, yet they were informative. The special features personalized the mission study. Last year the Layden Memorial congregation studied "Africa." The study was called "A Safari to Africa." The suggested interdenominational film, "New Face of Africa," was used in color. It was worth the extra money to have it in color. A "national" from N. C. State College was the special feature one night. The presence of an *real* African did more for the program of mission in Africa than a million words by our teacher.

A fellowship night was one of the highlights of the mission study. This special feature consisted of a supper composed of the dishes from the countries under study. Recipes and suggestions came from "Fun and Festival in Africa," plus some research on the part of the chairman of the Fellowship Night. The menu was planned and each family was called and asked to bring a certain dish. Attractive table and room decorations added to the festivity. The mission study that night consisted of the meal, the playing of games, the telling of folk stories and the singing of the songs of the African people. Here we were learning about the life and folklore of the Africans. What better way is there to really come to understand a group of people than to understand their folklore? We saw that we weren't so different from them. We enjoyed their meals, their stories, their songs, and we laughed at their humor. There was a real understanding and kinship developing. It was missions—but it was fun!

An actual "Safari to Africa" was planned for the closing night. The congregation was

divided into groups which took a "safari" to the different departments where one phase of their study was shown. The adults had a "palaver," the youth introduced us to the persons in a mission center, and so on. As each group shared their study, the members of the safari were lifted to new heights of appreciation of the African people and of the mission work of our church. The mission study was brought to a climax in the closing worship at which time, as an act of dedication, an offering was presented to the work of African missions.

The previous year the small congregation of Layden Memorial took a "Middle East Pilgrimage." There were similar special features on the program, with a Middle East fashion show as one of the outstanding ones.

Why am I relating all this to you? Because I believe that any church, large or small, can do this effectively. A planning committee composed of the church school superintendent, the chairman of the Commission, the president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the secretary of Missionary Education of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and the pastor made the initial plans and selected the personnel. This committee met two or three months in advance. Many people were involved in the various committees and activities. Materials were placed in the hands of the teachers early. A thorough job of publicity was done. The results of such thorough planning and work? A fresh, new, vital approach to missions! Real steps were being made toward missionary education at Layden Memorial. A truly *church-wide* mission study was held.

So often we have let the missionary education of our church be almost exclusively a responsibility of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The church school, the church service, the Methodist Youth Fellowship all act virtually as if there were no such things as missions. Can we divorce missions from the rest of the church? Is missions apart from, or part of, the basic context of Christian education?

Can we—*dare* we—leave the task of missionary education to the Woman's Society alone? Is our education Christian without missionary education being a vital, active part of our church school program? This year the interdenominational world theme is "Into All the World Together," and the home theme is "Heritage and Horizons in Home Missions." Materials are available from Cokesbury. Write for a catalogue describing the material. Begin *now* to plan!

Your church can have a church-wide school of missions. Will you try it?

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### Maysville Church Revival Nov. 7-13

Rev. John T. Smith, pastor of Maysville Methodist Church, has announced that the week of November 7th through the 13th has been selected for their fall revival.

Bringing the message each evening will be the Rev. W. S. Davenport of the Clark Street Methodist Church, Rocky Mount.

All former members, friends, and visitors are extended a cordial invitation.



# N. C. Conference Makes Great Progress Under Bishop Garber

By DALLAS MALLISON

During the ten-year period ending on June 30, last, the N. C. Methodist Conference has achieved a record of growth unequalled by the progress it has made during any previous decade in its 125-year history and unsurpassed by any of its 100 sister conferences in American Methodism.

This era of unprecedented progress is often called "The Garber era," since it was back in 1951 that Bishop Paul N. Garber, the present presiding bishop, was assigned to the Richmond Area which, of course, includes the N. C. Conference. He is still in this position and will be for the next four years.

Under the inspiring leadership and warm personal interest of Bishop Garber, an adopted Tar Heel who served many years as history professor and dean at the Duke Divinity School, Carolina Methodism has blossomed like a desert flower when irrigated, the N. C. Conference forging ahead with giant strides in almost every direction.

Today all its sister conferences keep a watchful eye on the N. C. Conference and are no longer surprised when it comes up with something new and unique. Under Bishop Garber the N. C. Conference has achieved a truly remarkable place in Methodism. The conference is continually moving ahead on its own, and has chalked up a long series of "firsts" among its sister conferences.

## Membership Gains

Since 1950 the N. C. Conference has experienced a membership gain of 23,894, or 14.2 per cent. This is a gain from 168,629 in 1950 to 192,523 in 1960.

This rate of growth is greater than that for American Methodism as a whole during the past ten years. It is also greater than the rate of increase for the population of North Carolina, especially that in eastern North Carolina, during this period.

Since 1950 American Methodism has been growing at the rate of slightly over one per cent each year or around 12 per cent during this time. Since 1950 there has been a net gain of 467,627 in the population of this state, representing a 11.5 per cent gain, based on preliminary but official figures.

Since 22 of the 39 counties in the state showing losses are located in the N. C. Conference Area, it is logical to assume that the increase rate in the east has been appreciably less than that for the entire state. Furthermore, many of the eastern counties showing gains register very slight increases. There are 56 eastern and central counties in the N. C. Conference Area.

During the past ten years nearly 100 new congregations have been formed in the N. C. Conference, the largest number and the fastest rate of new churches organized in all of American Methodism. During a period of around 75 months during this time new churches were started at the rate of at least one per month—something never achieved elsewhere in all Methodism.

Despite the fact that two districts—Burlington and Goldsboro—were formed in 1954, there is every need and prospect that one or more districts will be formed next year or soon thereafter. There are now nine districts in the conference.

The number of pastoral charges increased from 292 in 1951 to 477 in 1960, a net gain of 185 charges or a 63 per cent gain. Pastoral charges are increasing at the rate of around 22 each year. In this respect the N. C. Conference is also prominent among its sister conferences.

## Financial Gains

Since 1951 the grand total of all money raised from every source in the N. C. Conference has virtually doubled, while per member giving has also doubled.

While in 1951 the grand total of money raised from all sources was \$4,678,114, in 1960 this figure had increased to \$9,026,628. In 1951 per member giving was around \$25 while in 1960 it had jumped to around \$50. These figures also place the N. C. Conference near the top in Methodism.

During this period the conference has been busily occupied in instituting the very best and most modern in business methods and machines. In 1953 the conference treasurer's office was established, something also new at that time in Methodism.

For the purposes of investing permanent and central funds, promoting the making of gifts and wills, and the setting up of student scholarships and other loan funds, the Methodist Foundation, Inc., was set up in 1956. Through June 30 the Foundation had invested \$1,113,975. Resulting dividends paid or declared have totaled \$170,174.74, and capital gains realized have reached \$152,844.13.

District superintendents were paid an annual salary of \$8,400 in 1960, which is an increase of fifty per cent or more over what they received in 1950. In 1940, the first full year following unification, their annual salary was just half of their 1960 pay, or \$4,200.

In 1951 the Conference Pension Fund provided support for retired ministers at the rate of \$38 per service year. It was \$45 per service year in 1960 and now it is \$54.

The conference sustains a program known as the ministers' retirement fund, which provides lump sum cash payments for member ministers at the time of their retirement. This amount has increased steadily and last year it reached a payment of \$2,215. This year it is expected to be even larger. This payment is for maximum membership years since 1936.

For some time the conference has maintained a minimum salary fund which sustains minimum annual salary levels for all ministers. This minimum salary level has been virtually doubled since 1950 and nearly tripled since 1942.

For example, married ministers with dependent children rendering full-time service were assured a minimum annual pay of

\$1,500 in 1942. Such ministers are now receiving at least \$4,000 annual salaries. Other ministers have had proportionate increases also.

Provisions to sustain ministers' widows have been improving just as rapidly as those for ministers themselves. When a minister passes away, his widow draws regular payments. The Conference Brotherhood is an agency that provides lump sum cash benefits, now around \$1,500, to the widow and any dependent children when a member minister dies.

While the Conference Mission and Church Extension budget in 1950-51 was only \$17,000, nearly \$200,000 is available for this purpose now. A full-time secretary is now employed. The Board is incorporated, which enables it to buy sites for new buildings and to conduct many other financial transactions.

Since 1951 more than \$2,000,000 has been spent on local, district, and conference levels for new church buildings. Nearly \$200,000 has been invested by the Missions Board in new sites and in the new "steel chapels."

The Board has purchased at least eight of these prefabricated steel structures which are mainly used to provide meeting places for brand new congregations until they can erect their first permanent units. The N. C. Conference, which began using these steel buildings only a few years ago, was the first in Methodism to do so.

The Ten Dollar Club—something in which the N. C. Conference also pioneered—operates exclusively to help fledgling congregations construct their first permanent buildings. Since 1954, when it began functioning, the Club has raised and helped about 40 new churches with a total assistance of almost \$500,000.

## Educational Gains

In agreeing to underwrite two new senior colleges within its borders, the N. C. Conference did something most unique in Methodism during the quadrennium which has just ended. No other conference has undertaken the simultaneous development of new major educational institutions while sustaining several other colleges.

Just a few years ago the conference conducted a successful \$5,000,000 capital funds campaign to construct N. C. Wesleyan College at Rocky Mount and Methodist College at Fayetteville, along with successful local campaign funds for the same purpose. These two new colleges opened their doors to their first students in September.

Louisburg College, the only college operated exclusively by the N. C. Conference, is receiving liberal assistance as a part of the group included in the capital funds campaign. So are the Wesley Foundation and the Methodist Student Movement which are active on nearly every college campus in this state.

Duke University, High Point College, and Greensboro College, which are operated jointly by the two conferences in North Carolina, receive liberal annual sustaining grants from the N. C. Conference. These grants have increased greatly since 1951. These institutions are also receiving assistance under the capital funds campaign.

Church school education has also been strengthened and marvelously extended in the N. C. Conference during the past ten



years. This is seen in the expanded staff and increased financial support given the Board of Education. Besides a full-time secretary, the Board is now provided with full-time directors of children's work, youth work, and adult work.

In 1960 788 of the 850 churches in the N. C. Conference had organized church school programs. The total church school enrollment has increased from 113,983 in 1950 to 144,278 in 1960. This is a net gain of 30,295 or 26.6 per cent. This rate is over twice as that for the population gain of the same area.

In keeping with the trend toward summer camping, the N. C. Conference has greatly extended its youth camps since 1951. The present program really began with the opening of Camp Don-Lee in coastal Carolina in 1948. More recently Camp Chestnut Ridge in Orange County, serving the western areas, was opened. Soon camps at Kerr Lake and near Fayetteville will come into being.

#### *Social-Welfare Gains*

The million-dollar Methodist Retirement Home at Durham, with a capacity of at least 125 elderly persons, was placed in operation only a few years ago. The Methodist Home for Children, which opened its doors first about 60 years ago on its spacious campus in Raleigh, now receives twice as much financial support as it did in 1951.

Last year three related agencies staged a most successful initial social concerns conference which explored the areas of crime and juvenile delinquency, peace and war, alcoholism and the legal sale of liquor. This year under the new and combined Social Concerns Commission this program is to be continued.

#### *Rural Work Gains*

The Commission on Town and Country Work has become a major agency of the N. C. Conference, expanding greatly its program in recent years with much greater funds for its work. In helping struggling rural churches in reviving inactive ones, this agency has done outstanding work in Methodism.

The program of the N. C. Conference during the next ten years will be greatly aided as a result of a local church survey now being conducted by the Town and Country Commission under the direction of its new full-time director of field work. Much will be known soon about every church in the N. C. Conference as a result of this epochal study.

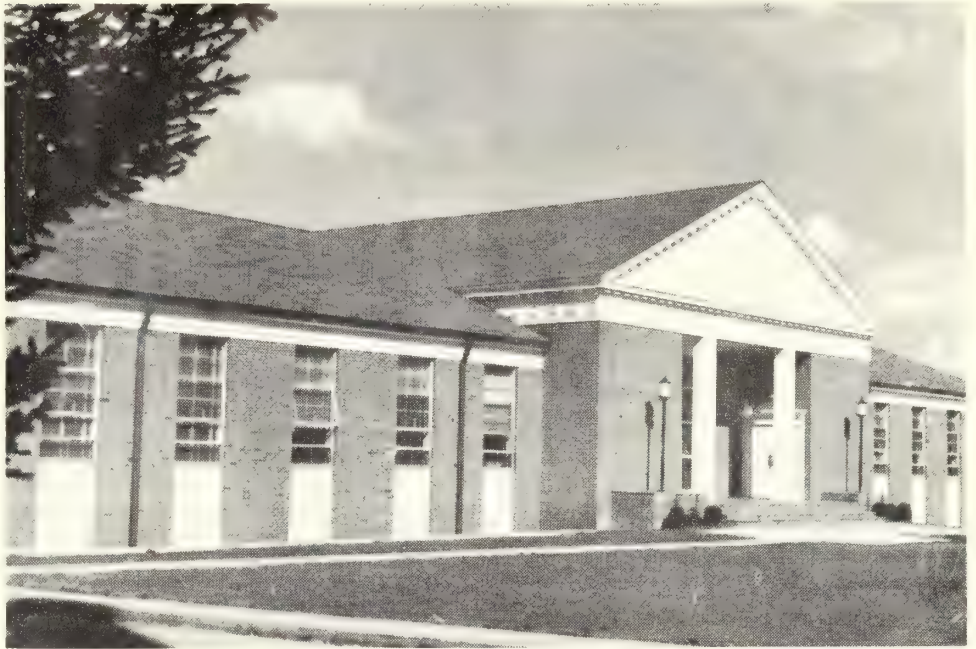
In cooperation with other conference agencies, such as the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualification, the Town and Country Work Commission has rendered valuable yeoman service in improving the morale and training of many rural ministers.

Each year the Duke Endowment, an independent agency, makes liberal contributions to rural Methodist churches, ministers' salaries and aid to retired ministers throughout the N. C. Conference. This aid has just about doubled since 1951. While this aid in 1951 totaled \$99,100, in 1960 it had risen to \$174,575.

#### *Evangelism Gains*

Always evangelistic-minded and motivated by great zeal and ardor for lost souls, the N. C. Conference has witnessed a re-

## Formal Dedication for Sims Campus Building



Formal dedication ceremonies for the Sims Campus Center Building at Brevard College will be held early this fall, according to President E. K. McLarty, Jr. Final indebtedness on the building was lifted last week.

Completed in 1957, the building will be dedicated in memory of Albert Harold Sims and Rufus David Sims, sons of Allen H. and Anne Rankin Sims of Gastonia, N. C.

Mr. Sims is president of the Citizens Na-

tional Bank of Gastonia. He is vice-chairman of the Brevard College Board of Trustees and is chairman of the endowment committee.

At a cost of \$325,000 the building was constructed with funds donated by the churches of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church.

Located in the Sims Campus Center building are the administrative offices, the college auditorium, the student and faculty lounges, and the soda shop.

turn to or renewal of emphasis on evangelism during the past decade.

Four years ago the Conference Director of Evangelism became a full-time official, something rather new in Methodism at that time. As a result, the evangelism program has become increasingly effective. Last year a conference-wide evangelistic rally was held in Raleigh with over 12,000 present. No other meeting of this kind in North Carolina ever drew such a large attendance.

The Pastors' Conference on Evangelism, held each summer at Louisburg College and sponsored jointly by the Commission on Town and Country Work and the Board of Evangelism, attracts half or more of all active ministers in the conference. This program of praying, training and preaching is one of the most effective programs of evangelism in this or any Methodist Conference.

Funds for World Service, an important part of which is missionary work abroad, have virtually doubled since 1951. While in 1951 the N. C. Conference apportionment for this and related items was \$89,542, this amount in 1960 has increased to \$167,707. For the present quadrennium this amount has increased to about \$250,000.

#### *Gains in Women's Work*

Always the most faithful and effective group in the Methodist church, women in the N. C. Conference have made rapid strides in their work during the past decade. No attempt here will be made to compare then and now, but totals reported for

1960 will give a good idea of their achievements.

In 1960 722 of the 850 churches in the N. C. Conference reported having local chapters of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. These Societies reported a total membership of 30,698. The total amount these Societies reported raised for local work was \$270,747. The total amount raised by all the Societies during this time was \$308,804.

#### *Laymen's Gains*

The fact that the conference lay leader became a full-time official in 1960 is an excellent indication of the great advances made by the N. C. Conference laymen since 1951. Highlighting their work has been the initiation and development of three outstanding laymen's programs during the past ten years:

(1) The "no-silent pulpit" program by which over 1,200 certified lay speakers guarantee that no church in the N. C. Conference will go without preaching services on any Sunday during the Lenten season.

(2) The ten annual district lay rallies which attract over 6,000 laymen each year to programs of fellowship and instruction during which times they hear outstanding national Methodist leaders, along with Bishop Garber.

(3) The annual laymen's retreat at Duke University which draws several hundred laymen from throughout the N. C. Conference for fellowship, inspiration, and instruction.





# Woman's Activities



## News of Lorena Kelly in Africa

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

In a letter written October 2nd, Miss Lorena Kelly describes the activities of the Methodist missionaries as they await the time when they may return to their posts in the Congo.

She writes: "Pat (Rothrock) was here the other day. She says she is busy back at Elisabethville. Marlene (Harmon) is either at Elisabethville or Mulingushi. These two towns are so near the border that in the present situation the bishop has agreed for them to be there. Pat looked fine, and seemed happy in her work. I saw Marlene in Southern Rhodesia, and she, too, looked fine.

"I am here with some other missionaries from Central Congo doing some writing. Sally Reinecke and I are writing some textbooks for the Home Economics School and Marjorie is working on the illustrations. We sent for two of our Home Economics school graduates to come down and help us. One is doing the illustrations, under Marjorie's supervision, and the other is our consultant and typist.

"Any hour now we are expecting to hear from Bishop Booth concerning our return to the Congo. He is just back from a stay of about a month up in Central Congo.

"God has certainly been good to us. We are comfortably located in this Ecumenical Center, enjoying the fellowship of multi-racial, international students here learning to do creative writing. At the same time we are privileged to prepare these textbooks which will fill a dire need of our school.

"The general secretary (African) of the All-African Church Conference has just moved here. Dr. Mtinkulu is his name. He has his A.B., M. A., and Ph.D. He spends the most of his time traveling and I am living with his wife to keep her company.

"I send my greetings to all my friends. I greatly appreciate your prayers during these unusual times. Please pray especially for the African leaders who have assumed increased responsibilities during our absence. Bishop Booth has written most encouraging news about the wonderful way in which they are carrying on.

Much love to you.

LORENA KELLY."

Miss Kelly's new address is:

Mindola Ecumenical Center,  
P. O. Box 1310  
Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia, Africa

### New Secretary Missionary Education In WNC Conference

Mrs. Van Dillon, Jr., of Elkin comes to her office as secretary of missionary education and service in the Woman's Society of

Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference well prepared in many lines of work.

Her biggest job was that of secretary of promotion in the Winston-Salem District for four years. Prior to that time she was sub-district leader for two years and had served as president of her local society.

She is the former Caroline Lillard, a graduate of Queens College in Charlotte, with a degree in piano. She is a member of First Methodist Church in Elkin and shares the values of her musical training by being a member of the chancel choir of the church.

Her "pride and joy" centers in her two children, Tom, who is a sophomore at Davidson College, and Caroline, a junior in high school.

She says, "I guess my music is my only hobby. I find myself dabbling in numerous things in which my family gets involved, which are most surprising to me."

Mrs. Dillon was chosen as secretary of missionary education at the recent School of Missions at Pfeiffer College, succeeding Mrs. Gilmer Harris of Cherryville, resigned.



MRS. VAN DILLON, JR.

### First Church, Gastonia, Observes Birthday Party

Mrs. Nolan B. Harmon of Charlotte was guest of honor at the observance of the 20th anniversary party of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of First Methodist Church, Gastonia.

Mrs. Harmon made a talk to the group.

Mrs. John Hoyle, Jr., a member of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, and Mrs. S. Ray Lowder of Lincolnton,

conference secretary of promotion, were special guests at the meeting.

Several officers of the district and of the local society were also present. It was a beautiful and historic occasion.

## N. C. Conference

By MARY GARDNER



### Women's Role In Political Campaigns Important

Women's role in political campaigns has become increasingly more potent, both in numbers and in their influence upon the vital issues involved.

Mrs. T. H. Newbold, conference secretary of Christian social relations, has called attention to some potential activities in which the women may be engaged in the present political campaign. She urges the use of each woman's influence in seeing to it that all women are registered and vote. One very effective media, according to Mrs. Newbold, is the "talk sheet," which means small discussion groups, meeting in homes discussing the political issues of the campaign and post discussions on the TV presidential nominees' debates.

Literature headquarters of the Woman's Division of Christian Service has produced an election packet containing material which is helpful for the discussion groups. They may be ordered from Literature Headquarters, 7829 Reading Rd., Cincinnati 37, Ohio. The price is \$1.00 each.

### Conference Guild Standing Committee Meets

The Standing Committee of the N. C. Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, in a recent meeting at the S&W Cafeteria in Raleigh, voted to transfer its \$1.00 per member special from the work in the Glendon area to the support of the work of Miss Barbara Jean Smith on the Pembroke Charge.

Miss Jean Griffith, formerly a rural worker in the Glendon area, has resigned to become director of religious and recreational activities at the Methodist Home for Children in Raleigh. The work in that area is temporarily closed. Miss Smith has recently been appointed as assistant to Miss Rebecca Modellmog, rural worker on the Pembroke Charge.

Mrs. L. C. Vereen, conference treasurer, reported an increase of \$350.37 in giving during the first quarter of the current conference year over the same period last year. Sensing the need for more emphasis upon the meaning of the pledge on the part of individual Guild members, the Standing Committee voted for a pledge service to be included on the program of the fall district Guild meetings. The order of the pledge service will be prepared by Mrs. Vereen.

"If we are to carry on the work before us, we need the local women," Mrs. C. H. Boyd, conference secretary of promotion, declared. Noting the great influx of women into the business world, Mrs. Boyd cited the need for gaining new members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild. "We want these



women to find their place in the WSC," she said.

Several of the nine district Guild secretaries reported satisfying visits with local Guild units in their respective districts. Others told of plans for visitation with local units.

Mrs. Harriett Fralix, conference Guild secretary, presided.

### District WSCS Executive Committee Meets

Mrs. Sam A. Dunn, Mrs. J. B. Davis, and Mrs. Ralph Wiley were hostesses at a luncheon meeting of the Rocky Mount District Executive Committee at the home of Mrs. Dunn in Enfield.

The group voted to promote the district's goals, copies of which are to be sent to the local Woman's Societies in the district. Reports of officers and plans for the fall sub-district meetings were made.

Southern Central and Tri-County sub-districts will meet on November 10 at the St. James Methodist Church, Tarboro; Northampton and Halifax Sub-districts will convene on November 14 at the Roanoke Rapids Methodist Church.

### Fall Seminar Held

The Rocky Mount District Fall Educational Seminar was in session at the First Methodist Church, Rocky Mount, last month, with 162 women in attendance.

Presenting the current mission study courses were Mrs. T. A. Collins, Mrs. Rom Parker, Miss Camille Staton, Miss Estelle Daniel, and Mrs. Russell Johnson. Mrs. R. J. Whitehurst discussed the program materials. Mrs. J. V. Taylor was in charge of the book room.

The Seminar was under the direction of Mrs. Claude Smith, district secretary of missionary education and service.

### N. C. Conference WSCS Has Scholarships At Pfeiffer

The Executive Committee of the N. C. Conference WSCS, in its recent meeting at the Methodist Home for Children, voted to continue for the 1960-61 conference year the appropriations of \$1,000 for five scholarships at Pfeiffer College. The scholarships are used by students planning to go into full-time Christian service.

Students using the scholarships at Pfeiffer during the current academic year include Joan Hayes, Jamesville; Martha Dawkins, Rockingham; Sylvia Boyte, Aberdeen; Elizabeth Ann Jones, Laurinburg; and Sandra Williford, Merry Hill. Joan Hayes has been invited to attend the annual Vocations Week-end at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., October 28-30.

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### Son of Dr. B. G. Childs Loses Life In Accident

The many friends of Dr. and Mrs. Ben G. Childs of Durham will be grieved to learn of the death of their son, Benjamin Childs, in an automobile accident near Hillsboro, October 7, leaving a wife and four children. In a conversation with Dr. Childs he expresses his gratitude for the concern of his many friends and the never-failing grace of God which has sustained him and his family in this experience.



*Dr. Clarence E. Ficken, dean at Methodist College, congratulates Mrs. Virginia Kern, a student at the college and a winner in the State Poetry-Writing Contest.*

### "Circuit Rider" Returns to Television October 30th

"The Circuit Rider" returns to television Sunday, October 30th. Beginning its seventh year on TV, the Sunday afternoon program will be heard at a new hour, 1:30, over Raleigh's WRAL-TV, Channel 5.

A thirty-minute family worship telecast, "The Circuit Rider" is directed by the Rev. J. Malloy Owen III, minister of the Horne Memorial Methodist Church in Clayton. Mr. Robert Bedle, minister of music and education of Edenton Street Church in Raleigh, and the Rev. Paul Scott, minister of Macedonia Church in Raleigh, will each have charge of the music one Sunday each month.

The program first went on television from Greenville in June of 1954. Last fall it moved to Channel 5. As the name implies, the "Circuit Rider" takes the gospel of Christ to the people in their homes. "The same gospel those early circuit riders preached, we preach, using the most modern means of communication," Owen says in explaining the purpose of the telecast.

### The Wayside Pulpit

By ED EARNHARDT

He did not believe that men ought to train preachers whom God had called to preach. I asked what he was going to do this morning. He said he was going to train his bird dog. I asked where John was. He said he was at the university studying to be a doctor. He said Mary was at Duke Hospital training to be a nurse. So I reasoned that doctors and preachers and nurses and bird dogs need to train for the work that God has made for them. A preacher has to train to be a psychiatrist, a historian, a teacher, a healer, a baby-sitter, a politician, a dietician, and an osteopath.

### Rural Fellowship To Study Church Life

A "Study Conference on the Rural Church," under the auspices of the Methodist Rural Fellowship, will be held in the Chittenden Hotel, Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 7-9. Invited to attend are officers on Conference Commissions on Town and Country Work, and leaders of conference chapters of the Methodist Rural Fellowship.

"The study conference is expected to re-examine the objectives, strategy, and programs of Methodism for rural areas, and to issue recommendations for improving the work there," says Dr. Garland R. Stafford, of North Wilkesboro, the Fellowship president.

Among the leaders who will participate in the program and send a "message" to Methodism on the continuing importance of the rural and the village church in the life of America, are Dr. Philip F. Aylesworth, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture; Prof. Earl D. C. Brewer, of Emory University; Dr. Glenn F. Sanford, of the Board of Missions; Bishop Roy H. Short; Miss Cornelia Russell, Board of Missions; Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, national president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service; Prof. Harry Richardson; Dr. John B. Howes; Dr. Roy A. Sturm; and Prof. Ralph Williamson.

Persons wishing to attend or participate in the conference should communicate with Dr. Stafford at North Wilkesboro, N. C.

### 'In Capable Hands'

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# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## Who Believes In Ghosts?

By Betty Barford

The darkened room was kind of spooky. Maybe it was because it was Halloween.

The four boys were toasting marshmallows in the glowing ember of the fireplace. Every so often a bright orange flame leaped into life, and it threw their huge flickering shadows on the opposite wall.

"Who believes in ghosts?" Johnny asked suddenly.

"Not me," young Billy said.

"Me neither," Don agreed quickly.

The fourth boy remained silent.

"Come on, Frank. What do you say?" they insisted.

"I say, pass the marshmallows," he laughed.

"Honestly now, Frank," Johnny said, handing him the box, "you don't believe in ghosts any more than anyone else, do you?"

"Thousands of people do," Frank said calmly. His friends stared in surprise. They never could be sure what Frank would say.

"You don't scare me," Billy let out a squeaky laugh.

"There are all kinds of ghosts, I read in a book," Frank said softly and stared into the fire. "Some haunt people and some haunt houses. There are harmless ones, and the others—'poltergeists,' they call them. They throw things."

"Who ever saw one?" Don asked, unconvinced.

"Who?" Frank kept his eyes on the fascinating shapes formed in the flames. "That's the funny part. The books say ghosts have been seen by important honest people. They've been seen by lawyers and judges, by law officers, businessmen and clergymen. Some ghosts have been seen by groups of people."

"I didn't know that," Johnny gulped, his eyes wide.

Billy glanced nervously behind him, then swiftly turned away from the shadows playing on the wall. "Did they see them clearly?" he asked, edging closer to Don.

"You don't always see them," Frank said.

"Ghosts' horses gallop past, invisible," he explained. "Sometimes the room is suddenly filled with the ghost's favorite scent."

"Like hamburgers cooking?" Don's laugh erupted sharply, and Johnny leaped up.

"Cut that out, Don!" Billy demanded. Then they huddled together again.

"There's even a story about a ghost lighthouse on Delaware Bay," continued Frank. "Three hundred years ago white men attacked a group of Indians on the shores of the bay. The tribe survivors cursed the spot. Many a ship has sighted the ghost light flashing, and instead of finding safety, they piled up on the rocks."

"Why don't we talk about something else?" Johnny suggested. But Frank continued.

"The ghost of Abraham Lincoln was seen in the White House," he said. "Many people have said they felt his presence there. They say that since he was assassinated his ghost worries about all his unfinished business."

Billy jumped up. "We're out of wood, and the fire's going out," he said, and went to the wall switch. It clicked, but the room remained dark.

"A fuse must have blown. Who'll go down in the basement and help me change it?" asked Johnny.

"I have to go home," Don said nervously. "Let's walk together," Billy suggested.

With that, Frank laughingly said, "I really gave you fellows a Halloween scare. I don't believe in ghosts, either!" Then he joined Johnny, and the two descended slowly into the inky darkness of the basement.

Suddenly a white glow floated through the room. The two boys turned and stumbled hurriedly up the stairs.

"It was just our cat!" Johnny laughed breathlessly. A fluffy white Persian followed them, staring curiously.

"Oh!" Frank said foolishly.

Johnny looked up at the windows of his house. "Gee, the house looks like a ghost head, and the windows are ghost-eyes! And I'll bet my folks are asleep," he said with a shiver.

"Sh-h-h," Frank whispered. "You'll wake them."

"The ghosts?" Johnny gasped.

"No, your folks."

Johnny turned back to the darkened house and took a deep breath. "Well, I might as well go in. Good night, Frank." And the door clicked shut.

Frank stood alone in the shadowy night. Somewhere a wail rose on the

chilly breeze. For a moment he was startled.

"Just a dog," he told himself. "Phooey on my big ghost lecture!"

He set out for home at a fast trot, chased through the darkness by the hollow echo of his footsteps.

—From Reidsville Review



## MR. PUMPKIN

Hello, there, Mr. Pumpkin,  
Looking bold and wise,  
Sitting on the picket fence,  
Blinking your big eyes.  
You needn't think that I'm afraid,  
Mr. Pumpkin-head,  
Of your great big, shiny teeth,  
And your nose all red.  
Think I'll run from you?  
No sir, no indeed.  
Why, I knew you  
When you were just a seed.

—Author Unknown.



## GYPSY RICHES

I have beauty that money can't buy—  
A white lace cloud on a blue satin sky;  
A black and gold bird on a wild rose briar;  
The orange-red flame of bittersweet fire;  
And bright Autumn sunshine, golden and cool,  
And a red leaf floating on a still black pool.

—VIOLET PERRY WANGER

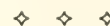


## BIBLE QUIZ

1. Who was the first woman mentioned in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who was the woman who cut Samson's hair? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who was the mother of the twins, Jacob and Esau? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who was the queen who came to visit Solomon? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What woman found the baby in a basket at the river's edge? \_\_\_\_\_

## Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Pomegranate (Exodus 28:34)
2. Raisins, wine, grape honey
3. The Date Palm
4. Hundreds of years
5. No



## Announcements

The Wesley Foundation Board at Boone, with the approval of the Inter-conference Commission on Student Religious Work, has elected Mr. David Andrews as director of the Wesley Foundation at Appalachian State Teachers College.

The Wesley Foundation Board at Woman's College, with the approval of the Inter-conference Commission on Student Religious Work, has elected Miss Carolyn Pentecost as director of the Wesley Foundation at Woman's College, Greensboro.



## Sunday School Lesson

FOR NOVEMBER 6

By **RAYMOND A. SMITH**

Head, Department of Religious Education,  
Greensboro College

*Background Scripture:* Psalms 32 and 51

*Lesson Scripture:* Psalm 32

With this lesson we begin a new unit entitled "Man's Relationship to God Through Prayer." During the next four lessons four types of experiences are considered: (1) a guilty conscience; (2) a man confronted with death; (3) the experience of thankfulness; and (4) courage and steadfastness. The reader may recall that, in our introduction to this quarter's lessons it was pointed out that in the Psalms we have almost every conceivable human emotion described in one place or another. These four lessons further illustrate that point.

During the centuries in which men have been confronted with the Psalms there are hundreds of stories of ways in which they have been used by various people. Psalm 32, which we consider in this lesson, was written on the wall of the room where St. Augustine slept. He explained that he placed the words of the Psalm there so that he could read it as the first and last of each day's activities. Psalm 51 (our background Scripture) was, we are told, recited as her last words by Lady Jane Grey, martyred during the religious strife in England in the 16th century.

Looking now at Psalm 32, we notice that it begins on a note of celebration. The word *blessed* could also be translated *fortunate*; hence we might say "Fortunate is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered, to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit." The author of this Psalm knew what he was talking about, for he had experienced it. He then goes on to tell why such a person is fortunate. To do this he recounts his own experience. First, he tried to hide his sin and caused him great anguish of spirit as well as bodily illness. The description of this unhappy man's condition accords perfectly with that we have learned about the mind-body relationship in psychology. Or perhaps it would be truer to say that much of what modern doctors have written about the effect of a person's state of mind upon his physical condition was well-known to many of the Biblical writers. Sometimes there are cases of illness which stubbornly resist all efforts to cure them until the patient has, on his own volition, poured out the pent-up guilt feelings in unreserved confession.

Shakespeare knew something of this. In *Macbeth*, Act 5, Scene 3, where Macbeth implores the doctor to cure his wife who,


it will be remembered, had murdered Duncan, uses these famous words:

"Canst thou not minister to a mind diseased,  
Pluck from the memory a rooted sorrow,  
Raze out the written troubles of the brain,  
And with some sweet oblivious antidote  
Cleanse the stuff'd bosom of that perilous stuff  
Which weighs upon the heart?"

The doctor showed his wisdom by answering: "Therein the patient must minister to himself."

Having proved that confession is the way to physical and spiritual health, the writer of our Psalm then commends this to others. "Therefore," says he, "let every one who is godly offer prayer unto thee; at a time of distress, in the rush of great waters they shall not reach him." "The rush of great waters" is a Hebrew figure of speech suggesting a time of troubles. This age of ours seems to fit the psalmist's description. Certainly there are times when many of us must feel we are in the grip of vast world movements that we cannot understand. We read our newspapers and listen to the broadcasts and ask, "What next?" Not only are we distressed by the external world but "the struggle of the soul" is forever with us. If we are honest with ourselves we must confess that we need help. And we suspect that our salvation will not be found in any of the current proposals for

either "world reconstruction" or individual "peace of mind." Rather it is to be found in the gospel message of repentance, faith and obedience—a message taught by the church for centuries, but more often neglected than accepted.

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carried in our publication, together with certain information concerning them. We sent the pictures and the information, and now we have just received a copy of the *Recorder* in which the two pictures appear. One of them was the photograph of the beautiful Zion Methodist Church on the Richfield Charge, of which the Rev. G. W. Clay is pastor. It is an attractive country church, costing some \$50,000. The *Recorder* ran a headline over the picture, "American Methodism Builds Well." Then it goes on to give the details of the church. The other picture requested by the London paper was one which appeared in the *Advocate* of August 18, of five young ladies appearing as "The Lake Junaluska Queen" and her four attendants when Miss Betsy Searcy was crowned queen on August 6. The London paper, representing British Methodism, seems to be interested in and appreciative of what Methodists in this country are doing by way of church-building in the open country, and in what is being done in recognition of the youth of the churches. We are most happy that our friends overseas elected to give prominence to what the Methodists of America are doing, and that they selected pictures and information from the pages of the *NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE*.

### Rev. Ralph Fleming Attends United Nations Seminars

The Rev. Ralph L. Fleming, Jr., pastor of the St. James Methodist Church, Newport, attended the United Nations Seminar October 17-21, in New York City.

The seminar, sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Board of Christian Social Concerns, was planned as a unique opportunity for advanced training in the United Nations and world affairs for church leaders with special responsibility in this area. Rev. Fleming is vice-chairman of the Division of Peace and World Order of the N. C. Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns.

The seminar included guided tours of the UN, briefings by members of the UN Secretariat, the UN Mission to the UN, foreign delegations and attending three UN sessions and a series of panel discussions on such issues as technical assistance, human rights, and disarmament, led by members of the staff of the Department of International Affairs of the National Council of Churches and the Methodist UN office.

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—Author unknown.

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## NORTH CAROLINA WESLEYAN COLLEGE

*Shown above is the North Carolina Wesleyan College at Rocky Mount, one of two new colleges established within the last few years by the North Carolina Methodist Conference. Both Wesleyan College at Rocky Mount and Methodist College at Fayetteville opened their doors to students at the beginning of the present school year. Both institutions are off to a fine start. Buildings and equipment are being added as time and needs permit.*



# • CAROLINA BRIEFS •

☛ REV. WALLACE KIRBY and his people at Wallace have decided to launch a financial campaign for \$100,000 with which to erect a church school building.

☛ BISHOP PAUL N. GABER of the Richmond area, addressed Methodists of Dallas, Texas area Thursday, October 27. It was the meeting of the Dallas Board of Church Extension.

☛ REV. GEORGE N. THOMPSON was guest speaker for the chapel service at Pfeiffer College on October 25, at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Thompson is pastor of Morris Chapel Methodist Church, Walkertown.

☛ THE REV. AND MRS. ALVIN G. AMICK, of Norwood, announce the birth of a son, Alexander Dale, October 5, at Stanly County Hospital, Albemarle. Mr. Amick is pastor of the Norwood Circuit.

☛ THOMAS A. COLLINS, president of N. C. Wesley College in Rocky Mount, shared in a seminar on financing higher education October 29 through November 1. The seminar was held at the Sheraton Hotel in Louisville, Ky.

☛ REV. WILLIAM HUDNALL, pastor of the Clemson, S. C. Methodist church, preached at Carr Church, Durham, Sunday, October 23. Mr. Hudnall was assistant pastor at Carr during his divinity school work at Duke.

☛ LAUREL HILL METHODIST CHURCH of the Fayetteville District recently conducted a canvass for pledges and commitments for the building of the education-fellowship hall, now under construction. Rev. Chester Brown is pastor.

☛ DR. WILLIAM EARL STRICKLAND was inaugurated as the 19th president of Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga., October 20. Bishop James W. Henley of the Jacksonville Area presided and Bishop John Owen Smith of the Atlanta Area made the principal address preceding President Strickland's inaugural address.

☛ HOMECOMING will be held at Calvary Methodist Church, High Point, Sunday, November 6. Rev. T. G. Madison, former pastor, will preach at 11:00 o'clock. All former pastors and friends of Calvary have a cordial invitation to the service. Lunch will be served in the Social Hall following the service. C. W. Russell is pastor.

☛ THE EDITOR enjoyed the happy privilege of preaching at Friendship Church, Salisbury District, October 23 at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Earl Cook is pastor. They also met their quota of *ADVOCATE* subscriptions. At the 7:00 p.m. service it was a delight to preach for Rev. Charles D. White at Trinity Church, Kannapolis. A good-sized congregation was present in the very beautiful sanctuary and they were most appreciative and cordial.

☛ THE KINSTON SUBDISTRICT Christian Workers' School will be held at Queen Street Methodist Church November 7-11 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

☛ REVIVAL SERVICES will be conducted at Collier's Methodist Church, Route 4, Lenoir, November 6-11. W. C. Cockman, the pastor, will do the preaching.

☛ THE REV. GEORGE B. CLEMMER, Winston-Salem, was the guest speaker in a series of messages during Spiritual Emphasis Week, October 30-November 6, at First Methodist Church, Marion. The Rev. Horace E. Bolick is pastor.

☛ THE FIRST full meeting of the Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information is called to meet Thursday, November 3, at 10:30 at St. Paul Church, Goldsboro. Mr. Dallas Mallison is chairman, and Rev. W. W. Sherman is secretary.

☛ WESTMINSTER METHODIST CHURCH, Kinston, is preparing for a revival to be held November 13-17. It is planned to have every home in the congregation visited by a team on Wednesday, November 2, and to hold a 12-hour prayer vigil on Saturday, November 12.

☛ DR. KENNETH GOODSON, pastor of First Church, Charlotte, was engaged the past week in the preaching mission sponsored by all the churches of Kershaw, S. C. Mr. Thomas, minister of music at First Church, was in charge of the music for the preaching mission.

☛ THE HIGHLANDS METHODIST CHURCH, Highlands, N. C., will begin revival services on November 6 at 7:30 p.m. Rev. R. T. Houts, Jr., of Murphy, N. C., will be the guest preacher each evening through Friday, November 11. Mrs. Houts will conduct a mission course for the WSCS, meeting on Monday and Wednesday.

☛ THE ANNUAL FORSYTH County Training School has recently been completed. It was held at the Centenary Methodist Church for the evening classes, and at Burkhead Methodist Church for the morning classes. The daily average attendance was over 750. Eighteen courses were offered, eight of which were labs.

☛ CASHIERS METHODIST CHURCH, Cashiers, N. C., held a cornerstone laying ceremony on Sunday, October 16, at 2:30 p.m. Dr. F. C. Smathers, the Waynesville District superintendent, and Dr. L. B. Hayes of Franklin, N. C., were present to take part in the ceremony. The following members of the District Building Committee were also present and took part: Rev. Mr. Ramsey Buchanan of Sylva, and Rev. M. V. Thumm, Rev. A. L. Maxwell, and J. C. Vernon, the pastor of the church. The new sanctuary at Cashiers is under construction. The education unit is now being completed.

## New Pianos Given Methodist Home For Children

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## "Lamp Unto My Feet" CBS Program Nov. 13

Nashville, Tenn.—Problems of parents who have adopted children will be the subject of a CBS-TV "Lamp Unto My Feet" program Sunday, November 13, which will feature an appearance by the Rev. Dr. James E. Doty, Indianapolis, director of pastoral care and counseling for the Indiana Area of the Methodist Church.

The program will be entitled "The Doorbell."

Dr. Doty has directed the establishing of six pastoral counseling centers in the state of Indiana to assist in solving problems in family relations and other areas of life. Four more are scheduled to open in the near future.

Prior to joining the Indiana Area staff, he served as pastor of churches at Alliance, Ohio, Hatteras Island, N. C., and Salem and Lynn, Mass.

"Lamp Unto My Feet" is seen on the CBS-TV network at 9 a.m. (SCT) each Sunday. The November 13 program will be produced in cooperation with the Television, Radio and Film Commission of the Methodist Church.

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# EDITORIALS

## THEME FOR THE WEEK

*"Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."*—Col. 3:17.

## November Eighth Can Be A Day of Destiny

Before another issue of the **North Carolina Christian Advocate** appears in print the American people will have made their choice for the Presidency of the United States. Voting is a responsibility and a privilege that every qualified citizen should exercise. There is too much of a tendency on the part of some to look on everything political as being "dirty" or "shady" to say the least. If there is ever any justification for such a feeling, that is all the more reason for people with high ideals to become more concerned and to make their influence felt at the ballot box. We recently read a headline in a daily newspaper which said, "Nixon lashes out at Kennedy; Kennedy lashes out at Nixon; they lash out at each other." On the face of it that might convey the idea they are stooping to unethical practices, but on second thought it seems only to say they are facing issues and are courageously stating their positions. There was a time when candidates for office went after each other in an unmerciful manner, saying hard things and resorting to almost anything that might add to their possibility of winning. Happily, it seems those days are gone, and men are willing to take their chances upon the issues and state their position on those issues. The candidates in the present campaign seem to be men of stature. They have agreed to face each other in a public debate before the televised audience of the country, when millions of citizens were looking on and listening. It occurs to us that each of them has conducted himself in such a manner as to lend dignity to the campaign. The high caliber of the debate has been due to the high caliber of the men. They have been frank, firm, and enthusiastic, but we have not detected any "low blows." They seem willing to present their case to the American people, and abide by the decision registered at the polls. One of the commentators referring to the fourth debate said, "The character and courage with which these men have spoken has set a high standard for future political debates." It seems to us it is a good thing for men to bring their campaigns out in the open and

discuss the issues involved, and give their stand on those issues. In the present campaign that has been done well, and Americans should be glad they have had the opportunity of hearing these debates.

It has been our policy to stay clear of political commitments. We regard the **Advocate** as a religious periodical, devoted to the work of the church. We have in our constituency many fine people who differ in their political affiliations. We feel they have a right to make their own choice as to what party they support. We claim that same privilege for ourselves. The **Advocate** wants to be a servant of all the Methodists, regardless of their political views. Some church papers have taken sides and as a result have stirred up quite a furor among their people. If it were a matter of a moral question at stake we would not hesitate to take sides. But in selecting between two candidates of different political parties it becomes a matter of weighing the issues from every angle, knowing what the men stand for, endeavoring to measure what the effect would be upon the nation as a whole, and after prayerful consideration casting the ballot in the fear of God and with an eye single to his glory and the good of our nation. This is the best Christian advice we are capable of giving. May the best man win.

## Justice or Prejudice?

It is our feeling that most people want to be law-abiding citizens. We believe in law and order. The Scriptures tell us that the powers that be are ordained of God. But that doesn't remove from "the powers that be" the possibility of making mistakes or of abusing or misusing their powers. We think we have seen this demonstrated in the affairs of men many times over. One of the most recent examples bringing this to our attention is what we read in the daily press a few days ago concerning the treatment given the Reverend Martin Luther King in Atlanta. According to the report he was sentenced to four months in prison, to be served in a road gang camp, for a minor traffic infraction. This is not a suggestion that the law should be ignored, or that anyone should be exempt from its requirements. All would agree that law must be respected and obeyed. The only question here is the impartial application of the law to all people of all races and all creeds, a

guarantee vouchsafed to all Americans. If Mr. King had not been a Negro, would his traffic violation have been rewarded with a stiff active sentence, or a nominal fine? Or if the shoe had been on the other foot, so to speak, and Mr. King had been the judge, and the prosecution had been accused, would the same sentence have been handed down? Are we willing to practice the Golden Rule in our relation to each other and treat them as we would like to be treated? It would appear that Martin Luther King is being punished because of his activities in sit-in protests, rather than for his minor traffic violation. We are not here arguing for or against sit-ins, but only suggesting that in dealing with individuals we should practice justice instead of prejudice.

## Interesting Book By Dr. Camak

Dr. D. E. Camak, a retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference, who now resides in Greer, S. C., has written a book which is to come from the press soon, called "Human Gold From Southern Hills." It is highly recommended by men like Archibald Rutledge, who says, "It is the fine story of one soul sacrificing for others; it is a book to be loved." Bishop Paul N. Garber refers to it as "One of the greatest stories of human uplift I have ever read." The book will be available for those who are interested by contacting Dr. Camak.

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## Alexander County Evangelistic Rally

The Alexander County Evangelistic Rally and Workshop will be held at First Methodist Church in Taylorsville on Sunday night, November 6, at 7:00 o'clock. Mr. Walter Anderson, director of the State Bureau of Investigation, and a leading layman of the North Carolina Conference, will be the inspirational speaker at the worship hour at 7 o'clock. There will also be special music by the Taylorsville choir, and congregational singing led by Rev. Bill Blanton.

Two workshops will be held. One will be for members of the Commissions on Membership and Evangelism from the Methodist churches of Alexander County. This group will deal with the work of the commission, and will be led by Raymond Wilkinson, secretary of Evangelism for the North Wilkesboro District.

The other workshop will be led by Rev. Bob Dennis, and will deal with personal evangelism. Laymen from the county will give personal testimonies concerning some aspect of evangelism. Mrs. H. L. Price of Taylorsville will discuss Prayer. Floyd Fox from the Mount Bethel Church, will discuss Teaching for a Decision. Eugene Moose from Stony Point, will discuss Witnessing. Other laymen will participate on the program.

All Methodists in Alexander County are urged to attend this rally and workshop.



# LETTERS

Dear Editor:

I think Bishop Harmon's editorial, "Christians Are Evangelists," was a very strong and very fine article. Actually, the church has no other excuse for existing but to save lost souls.

Dr. W. E. Sangster, minister of Westminster Central Hall, has written a book, *Let Me Commend*. He drew from one of Charles Wesley's familiar lines, "Oh, let me commend my Savior to you." With the ending of World War II he set his stirred heart and his sturdy hand to the task of calling Methodism and the churches generally to the work of evangelism. Convinced that much of the churches' talk on evangelism moved in a haze of hurtful indefiniteism, he proposed a definition of it had sharp edges—"It is the proclamation of good news to them that are without." It is not Christian education, or the deepening of the spiritual life, or the quest of sanctification of the outworking of Christian ethics in the social order (though it will relate itself to all of these; it is the sheer work of the herald who goes in the name of the King to the people who, either openly or by their indifference, deny their allegiance to their rightful Lord.

As Bishop Harmon says, the Holy Spirit will not and does not come to an unseeking and unsought people. I believe that if our church as a whole, would dedicate itself to prayer, at the conference, in the churches, in the home, that a mighty revival would begin in our country and spread all over the world.

Hope and power are strangely intermingled—hope in the power and might of God and despair over the injustices of the world and man's inhumanity to man. Sometime the individual speaks and sometimes the nation. We see hands outstretched to God groping in the darkness for the assurance of his presence. They cry out in anguish over sin and deep penitence of heart, in pain and despair. With the psalmist in his hour of guilt we pray, "Create in me a clean heart, O God." In hours of aspiration we call out, "My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning." Life is nothing more than man's search for God and God's search for man. "Oh that I knew where I might find him" is the age-old cry of man. The church must sing out, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." That is our only reason for being.

—L. B. REYNOLDS

Asheville, N. C.

The following letter was received by Dr. E. H. Blackard, of Central Church, Asheville, from Miss Margaret Celley, a member of Central, who is teaching in International Christian University, Mitaka, Tokyo, Japan:

Dear Dr. Blackard:

I met David Swain almost the first week of school when he came out here to escort another minister around the campus. The following weekend I went to the Student Christian Center, which is about

an hour away from here, to see him again. I was very impressed with the building and the work he is doing. I hope to take part in one of the discussion groups he will be holding there this fall. He also impressed me very much as a person and as a Christian, and I hope to get to know him better. Thank you for introducing us.

I. C. U. is a very unusual university, as you may have heard. About 12% of the students and an equal percentage of the faculty are from outside Japan—mostly Hong Kong and the U. S. for the students. I doubt if any other university can claim to be so international. It is also unusual in that it is bilingual. Classes are taught in both English and Japanese, and every student who graduates from the university must be able to speak both languages fluently. We J.Y.A.'s have little problem, because so many people can speak English to us, but of course we can't become too fluent in Japanese in one year. Publications are bi-lingual, and church and convocations are accompanied by a simultaneous translation which we hear through ear phones—just like the U.N.! The university is also unique in Japan because of its stated Christian and democratic purpose. In the past, Christian universities have often been inferior here, but I.C.U. has achieved a reputation about equal to the top Tokyo universities. Reputation is determined by the number of graduates who are placed in jobs after graduation, and I.C.U. has been maintaining a 100% record. Our dormitory life, too, is not as usual in Japan as it is in the U.S., and the almost western style of the dorm and the half-and-half style of the food is a subject of comment.

Last week we had a conference, which we called "the I.C.U. Seminar," in which we re-examined the purposes of I.C.U. and tried to evaluate how we are living up to them. The answer was, in some ways, yes; in other ways, no. The Christian influence in the university is at a minimum, I would say. Most of the students of course, are not Christian, and those who are (including me) are not doing anything to witness to Christ other than in their daily actions, which is imperative, but not enough. I hope we will tackle this problem soon.

My courses this year are social anthropology, American literature, introduction to Eastern art, and eight hours a week of Japanese language. It is really a thrill to learn how to read. I am just like a little kid when I ride the train and go down town—I read everything I see, just to show that I can. We have completed the two simpler alphabets and have learned about two dozen of the kanji, the difficult characters.

I will be glad to answer any questions you might have about my activities here or what I have been able to find out about Japanese life.

Sincerely,

—MARGARET CELLEY

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This life is the cradle in which we are prepared for the life to come.—Joubert.

## Duke Divinity School Seminar Set for Nov. 7-8 in Columbia, S. C.

The 13th annual Duke Divinity School seminar will be held on November 7-8 in Columbia, S. C.

Some 150 ministers from central South Carolina are expected to attend the two-day study course at the Washington Street Methodist Church.

Dr. Kenneth Clark of the Duke Divinity faculty, chairman of the permanent faculty committee on the seminar, said the purpose of the program is "to establish primary principles relating to the subject under discussion." This year's theme is "Ministerial Education in a Changing South."

Seminar leaders will be Dr. Ernest Trice Thompson, professor of church history and polity, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.; Dr. Gerald O. McCulloh, of Nashville, Tenn., director of theological education, the Methodist Church; Dr. H. Shelton Smith, professor of American Religious Thought, and Dean Robert E. Cushman, both of the Duke Divinity School.

Also participating in the program will be Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., of the new Columbia Area; Dr. E. S. Jones, district superintendent, Columbia, S. C.; and a panel of four minister-colleagues. They are Dr. R. Brice Herbert of Greenwood, S. C., district superintendent; Dr. Francis T. Cunningham, St. John's Methodist Church, Anderson, S. C.; the Rev. C. LeGrand Moody, Jr., Central Methodist Church, Spartanburg, S. C., and the Rev. Eben Taylor, Cayce Methodist Church, Cayce, S. C.

Made possible through provisions of the James A. Gray Fund and planned originally for Duke alumni, the programs are currently open to ministers of all denominations. There is no registration fee and overnight accommodation will be provided without cost if requested, according to the minister of the host church, Dr. Wallace Fridy.

The seminars regularly scheduled for North Carolina are planned for January.

## Poem Presented to Louisburg By Mrs. L. D. Hayman, Jr.

At the chapel service at Louisburg College on October 26, Mrs. Louis D. Hayman, Jr., of Jacksonville, a member of the student body for the 1944-45 academic year, presented to the college her poem "Winter Scene" which had been illustrated and set in a lovely picture frame. This was given in honor of Miss Ruth Merritt, professor of English. The poem has appeared in *Ideals* magazine and is to be used in the forthcoming volume of poetry to be entitled *Keepsake* which Mrs. Hayman plans to release in the near future.

Mrs. Hayman, the former Carol Bessent of Beaufort, expressed gratitude to the faculty and the college for the help and inspiration she received while a student. Miss Merritt responded and President Cecil W. Robbins accepted the picture-poem on behalf of the college. The picture-poem will be hung in the library. Dr. Hayman, husband, unveiled the picture.



# Ground Breaking Held for New Methodist Headquarters Building

The North Carolina Annual Conference came one step closer to realizing the fulfillment of a long-cherished dream last Monday, October 31, when groundbreaking ceremonies were held in Raleigh for its conference headquarters building to be located on Daniels Street just off Glenwood Avenue. This action was authorized by the special session of conference held in Jarvis Memorial Church, Greenville, last September 9. It was the consummation of planning which had been in progress for several years. The building is to be located on land donated for the purpose by the Methodist Children's Home which is owned and operated by the conference. It will house the conference offices of various boards and agencies including the conference treasurer, and will provide additional offices for rental purposes.

Presiding at Monday's ceremonies was the Rev. O. L. Hathaway, chairman of the building committee. The responsive reading was led by Mr. Nelson Gibson, conference lay leader, and the scripture was read by the Rev. Key W. Taylor of Roxboro. The prayer was led by the Rev. C. D. Barelift, superintendent of the Durham District, and the address was given by

Bishop Paul N. Garber, the presiding bishop of the Richmond Area, of which the North Carolina Conference is a part. Bishop Garber also shoveled the first spade of dirt, and he was followed in this by the Rev. Graham Eubank of Raleigh, the Rev. Leon Russell of Rocky Mount, the Rev. N. W. Grant of Raleigh, Mr. Marvin Cowell of Raleigh, Mr. D. S. Coltrane of Raleigh, the Rev. R. L. Nicks of Raleigh, and Mrs. Gurney P. Hood of Raleigh. The benediction was given by Dr. Olin F. Hunt of Raleigh. It is expected that construction will begin as soon as details are completed and that the building will be ready for occupancy within the next 12 to 14 months.



The following appeared in the Littleton Church Bulletin October 26, 1950: "The flowers on the Communion table today announced the golden wedding anniversary of Mary Lucy Harrell and Marvin Young Self. These flowers express a sense of deep gratitude to the members of Littleton Methodist Church and to members of other churches in the North Carolina Methodist Conference who have provided many experiences along life's pathway."



**OFFICIAL OPENING HIGGINS MEMORIAL**—On October 16 Bishop Nolan B. Harmon officially opened the Higgins Memorial Methodist Church in Burnsville, N. C. A large congregation from Burnsville and Yancey County was present for the impressive service, following which dinner was served in the social room of the educational building.

The educational building was begun in July 1959 and was opened in March of this year, although it was not fully completed. It is modern in every respect.

The sanctuary, one of the most beautiful in the Conference, was remodeled and refurnished during the early spring and summer of this year.

D. M. Shoals of Burnsville, an engineer and architect, designed the educational building and the changes in the sanctuary. T. M. Tyner was chairman of the building committee. Vance Hensley of Burnsville headed the construction work. Co-chairmen of the building fund are G. Leslie Hensley and Mack B. Ray. W. W. Roberts is treasurer.

The church, founded over 100 years ago, looks to the future with vision and faith. O. L. Brown is pastor and has been for over three years.

## The Gospel Really Wins On Mission Fields

*Linthicum Heights, Md.* — The Rev. Kenneth S. Jones, missionary to the Congo, told Baltimore Conference Methodists meeting here that the mission field is one place where the gospel of Christ really wins out.

Mr. Jones, who returned from the Congo last June and will go back in June, 1961, urged more than 600 participants in a missionary institute to enlist more young people for missionary work throughout the world.

"The world needs more people to go and do some of the preaching, sharing, educating and loving that will make God's love a reality," he said.

In the Congo, the Protestant religion has been a "life changing religion," Mr. Jones said. However, he explained that "the needs are still beyond imagining.

"The impact of Protestantism in the Congo has been way in excess of the number of Protestants in that country," he said.

Mr. Jones pointed out that the church in the Congo carried on without interruption during the recent outbursts, which were not nearly so violent as the American press reported. He noted that no harm came to any of the missionaries or mission properties in the Congo.

## Interboard Committees Meet In Nashville

The Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations, which co-ordinates Methodist programs of vocational guidance and recruitment, held its annual meeting in Nashville, Tenn., October 16-17. The Rev. Richard H. Bauer is executive secretary and Bishop Edwin E. Voigt of Springfield, Ill., is chairman.

Also meeting in Nashville for its annual session was the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education on October 18-19. The Rev. Horace W. Williams is executive secretary. Officers for the quadrennium were elected. This was followed by a meeting of the joint committee on Christian Education in Foreign Fields on October 20-21. Bishop Roy H. Short of Nashville is chairman.

## Dr. Peale Talks on "Art of Living" Program on NBC

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, minister of Marble Collegiate Church, New York City, returned to the NBC Radio Network to deliver his annual weekly series of 26 talks on "The Art of Living" which started Sunday, October 2 (9:15-9:30 a.m., EDT).

The program, an NBC Public Affairs presentation, is produced in cooperation with the National Council of Churches. Dr. Peale's subject October 2 was "Aids for Dealing with Your Difficulties." Subjects for the remainder of the month are as follows: October 9: "The Secret of Building Up Your Confidence;" October 16: "Improving Your Personality;" October 23: "Life's Greatest Experience," and October 30: "Three Ways to Have Better Health."



# New Jonesville Church Entered



As early as 1944, the Jonesville congregation had discussed plans for a new church. These were appraised and agreed upon during the 1954-1958 pastorate of the Rev. Russell Burson. By 1959, when the present pastor, the Rev. W. H. Dyar, came, the work was ready to begin, and it was begun in September of that year.

During the interim period, the congregation worshiped first in the Jonesville School. By January of 1960, the Elkin First Church had entered its new church and was gracious enough to let the congregation use the old Elkin First Methodist Church, which was greatly appreciated.

The new church was completed in Jonesville and the congregation formally entered it for the opening service on Sunday morning of October 23, at 11:00 a.m. The mayor of the town of Jonesville, the Honorable Charles Cheek, was present, and other local people. The church was full for the morning service, which was conducted by the pastor, whose sermon was "Concerning This House."

The chapel has a seating capacity of 225. The sanctuary has a divided front and is furnished with an Artist Conn organ. The Fellowship Hall will seat 100. There are eight adequate Sunday school rooms in the educational unit. The unit is complete with kitchen, dining hall, rest rooms, nursery, and children's ward. The heating unit consists of a furnace which heats water by oil and drives it by means of electrical pumps into the registers located within the building. The structure is of contemporary architectural design. The total cost of the plant is near \$80,000.

Records show that in 1794 Bishop Asbury was in Jonesville, then called "On the Yadkin." By 1818, the Methodists

used as a place of worship the chapel part of the Academy which was built. It seems to have gone down to an extent, but in 1853 a Mr. Van Eaton, an influential Methodist, started a second academy which was known as "Van Eaton's Academy" and the Methodists worshiped in the chapel area. This academy stood for many years, and it was a rich history. However, by the turn of the century, there was a need for a Methodist house of worship. In 1915 a young man full of courage and zeal by the name of Daniel A. Oakley was sent by the Conference to the Jonesville Charge. In that year, taking parts of the old academy, he and the congregation erected the 1915 church which stood until 1959. It was moved away in order to place the present building upon the site. This is a very ancient point of Methodism in western North Carolina, and the people are happy to have a new building and an enthusiastic congregation to perpetuate this part of God's kingdom.

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## Book Reviews

**The Douglass Sunday School Lessons**, by Earl L. Douglass. Macmillan, New York. 494 pp. \$3.25.

This lesson commentary, written in simple, unassuming style, but with depth of thought and Bible-centered comment, is particularly appreciated by the Sunday School teacher whose preparation time is limited and who is lacking in professional training; and there are many of us. The volume for 1961 is fully up to standard. — O.D.P.

## Waynesville District Series On Christian Education

A series of Sunday afternoon meetings are scheduled in the Waynesville District during the month of November with special emphasis upon Commission and Committee work. The purpose of these meetings is to bring together, on the subdistrict level, the chairmen and members of the Commissions on Evangelism, Missions, Social Concerns, and the Committee on Christian Vocations. Under the direction of the district superintendent, Rev. Frank Smathers, and Rev. Asmond Maxwell, district director of evangelism; Rev. Herman Nicholson, district director of missions; Rev. Claude Young, district director of social concerns; and Rev. Donald Ellis, district director of Christian vocations, these areas will be stressed and their vital work in the local church clearly defined.

Attention will be focused upon the role and responsibility of the individual in the local church and specifically how this might be carried out.

The sub-district schedule is as follows:

Nov. 6, Haywood, Clyde  
Nov. 13, Jackson-Swain, Sylva  
Nov. 20, Macon, Franklin  
Nov. 27, Cherokee-Clay-Graham, Murphy.

All meetings will begin at 3:00 p.m. and continue through 4:30 p.m.

## Winston-Salem District Youth Rally Oct. 23

More than five hundred and fifty young people from the Winston-Salem District gathered at Ardmore Methodist Church Sunday, October 23, for a youth rally. The evening's activity included fellowship singing led by Rhon Carlton and Miss Valery Krutzer, both of Duke University. Miss Hie Ping Ting, of Greensboro College, talked to the group about what MY Fund does in Sarawak, Borneo. Special singing was rendered by the Ardmore youth choir and by the Carver High School choir. The Rev. Orion Hutchinson, pastor of First Methodist Church, Thomasville, spoke on the theme, "What Togetherness Can Do." He told the large gathering of youth that they need to come together for large meetings so they would not feel alone in trying to be a Christian.

Each of the districts in the Western North Carolina Conference is planning similar gatherings for the youth of the district.

## Methodist Corporation Formed

The Methodist Corporation was organized Sept. 20 in Washington, D. C., to take title to the 18-acre site there for a national Methodist center. Bishop John Wesley Lord of Washington is president. Other officers are Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va., vice-president; Dr. Caradine R. Hooton, Washington, secretary; and Dr. Lynn H. Corson, Haddonfield, N. J., treasurer. Leon E. Hickman, Pittsburgh, Pa., heads the finance committee, and Gerald L. Schlessman, Denver, is in charge of use and development.



## LEST WE FORGET

By LOUISE STAHL

### VII. Jesse Lee

Jesse Lee was the Number Two man of early American Methodism. He was born on March 12, 1758, in Prince George County, Virginia, sixteen miles from Petersburg, but spent much time on North Carolina circuits. His father was converted under the noted Devereaux Jarratt, an evangelical Anglican who in the beginning days cooperated with Asbury and the Methodist movement. This led to the conversion of Jesse Lee. His education was limited but he attended a singing school and became a good singer.

He joined the Society in 1774 under Robert Williams, who was then serving the Brunswick Circuit, which included Halifax and Bute Counties in North Carolina as well as fourteen counties in Virginia. Three years later he went to North Carolina to take temporary charge of the farm of a widowed relative, and there he became a class leader, exhorter, and local preacher. He preached his first sermon at a place called "the Old Barn" in the state on September 17, 1779.

John Dickins was on the Roanoke Circuit and in order to devote time to literary work he asked young Lee to take his place on the circuit for a few weeks, and thus began his career as a traveling preacher.

In July of 1780 Lee was drafted into the army. He had scruples against war and refused to take the rifle that was offered him. Placed under guard, he prayed with his captors and was soon singing and preaching to them. He was willing to perform any unarmed duty and he was made a wagon driver and became a sergeant of pioneers and unofficial chaplain. He was honorably discharged after serving three months.

In 1782 he rode a circuit in North Carolina and Virginia and was admitted to the Conference on trial the following year. He did not receive word of the Christmas Conference, which he regretted and attributed to the fact that Freeborn Garrettson, the courier, preached too much along the way.

His first appointment, in 1783, was to the Caswell Circuit, after which he served five years in North Carolina, Virginia, and Maryland. In 1785 he went from Salisbury, North Carolina, to meet Asbury at the home of Colonel Joseph Herndon, who lived on the Yadkin in Wilkes County. Asbury had been a superintendent, later called bishop, for only a month, and he appeared in "black gown, cassock, and band," whereupon Lee objected to the attire as unbecoming to Methodist simplicity. The rebuke caused Asbury to lay aside the regalia and so far as is known he never wore it again.

Asbury took Lee with him on his southern tour. At Cheraw, South Carolina, a young man from Massachusetts described the low state of religion in New England and Lee determined to go there. In 1790 he preached under "the Old Elm" in Boston Common and gave the next ten years

of his life to New England, where he became the virtual founder of Methodism.

Jesse Lee weighed 250 pounds and on at least one occasion he used two horses, leading one and changing from time to time. There is no picture of him in existence. He was elected to deacon's orders in 1786 but declined ordination; however, at the conference of 1790 in New York he was privately ordained deacon by Asbury and publicly ordained elder the following day.

In 1797 Asbury called Lee to assist him in the arduous work of the episcopacy and at the General Conference he expected to be elected a bishop and had some reason to think that Asbury encouraged the hope. But he was defeated by four votes on the third ballot by Richard Whatcoat. This he attributed to Asbury, to whom he later wrote a scathing letter of denunciation. He had previously made attempts to reduce Asbury's power, and on one occasion Dr. Thomas Coke objected to the passage of Lee's character. But when on May 10, 1816, the great funeral procession of Francis Asbury, including the whole General Conference and an immense throng of citizens, moved through the streets of Baltimore, among the leading marchers and mourners was Jesse Lee.

In 1801 Lee returned to the south as presiding elder in Virginia, and except for a roving commission as far southward as Savannah he spent the next fourteen years in his native state, where he bought a small farm near his father.

In 1809 Lee was elected chaplain of the United States House of Representatives and was re-elected four times. In 1814 he was elected chaplain of the Senate. The next year he was transferred to the Baltimore Conference and sent to Fredericksburg, a move which he considered to be a political maneuver to prevent his election to the General Conference. He refused to go to the appointment because it was not in his conference.

Jesse Lee in 1810 published his *A Short History of the Methodists in the United States of America*, the first such history ever written. The Conference would not sponsor it and the author secured subscriptions for its publication. It seems that Asbury was not favorably inclined, but when he had seen the book he wrote, "It is better than I expected. He has not always presented me under the most favorable aspect: we are all liable to mistakes, and I am unmoved by his."

Lee also wrote a life of Rev. John Lee, his brother, and he published two sermons. He kept a voluminous journal, which was destroyed when the publishing house in New York was burned in 1836; Asbury's journal was lost in the same fire. Fortunately much of Lee's work was preserved in the biography written by his kinsman, Leroy Lee.

Jesse Lee died on September 12, 1816, while attending a camp meeting near Hillsborough in Maryland. He was fifty-eight years old. He was laid to rest in the old Methodist burying in Baltimore, but

in 1873 his body was moved with others to Mount Olivet Cemetery where it rests today by that of Asbury, Bishops George, Emory, and Waugh, Robert Strawbridge and other stalwarts of early Methodism.

Jesse Lee was not a perfect man. He was aggressive, contentious, and stubborn. "I told him," said Ezekiel Cooper, "that he showed stiff obstinacy. He wished everyone to bend to him, and would not bend to anyone, or even to the Conference." He bitterly opposed a resolution to allow the preachers to accept a fee for performing marriage ceremonies, and did many unpopular things. But for all that, he towered above all the other Methodists of his day and generation save Asbury only.

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### Spiritual Life Retreat Attended By 47 Persons

The first Spiritual Life Retreat of the N. C. Conference Young Adult Fellowship at Camp Chestnut Ridge was attended by forty-seven persons, October 14-15.

Outstanding leadership by Rev. Leon Couch, speaker, Rev. George Tyson, leader of the witness session, and Rev. Robert Eason, moderator of the closing panel discussion, was supplemented by leaders of prayer groups, Mrs. Felix Harvey III, Rev. Vernon Tyson, Wallace Parker, and Rev. Harold Minor.

Good food, warm weather, and a roaring fire contributed physically to the more important spiritual vitality of the retreat. This vitality was the result of the high level intellectual and devotional content of the addresses, the real and continuous prayer, and the concerned sharing of insights, questions, and experiences.

The addresses by Rev. Leon Couch developed the quadrennial theme, "Jesus Christ Is Lord," under three titles: "The Lordship of Jesus," "Jesus, My Lord," and "Discipleship in Daily Life." Some notable quotes were: "Jesus was the best dictator, yet most democratic of men." "It takes several of us to make a whole, for we all lack something. Jesus was whole." "Do you know Jesus as *He* is—or only in relation to you?" "Not to belong, is to be nothing." "How much can you love a person if you never listen to him?" "Remember you'll be making memories, and you'll have to bring them home and live with them." "Commitment is the key to courage, which is necessary to make virtues effective. Failure of commitment is the point at which power is lost."

"Nothing helped Jesus win the title of 'Master' more than his control over fear." "The committed Christian will be flunky to no man, but slave to Christ." "Toynbee points out that all 21 civilizations which have failed have done so for lack of a disciplined minority to serve as example and inspiration. Now overdoses of pleasure-oriented leisure are killing us." "Have courage to put a cause above yourself."

No words can convey the total impression, of course, but some effects known are the answer to a prayer concerning a family crisis, and a greatly expanded understanding of the ministry for at least one lay person. It is expected that a retreat will become the annual feature of the Conference Young Adult program.



# Convocation and Pastors' School Held at Duke University

Once more the Methodist preachers of this area have had the privilege of gathering at Duke University for the Christian convocation, the North Carolina Pastors' School, and the James A. Gray lectures. From Monday through Wednesday of the past week several hundred gathered on the campus for this annual occasion to which many look forward each year. This year's program was of a high order, and the fellowship, as usual, was inspiring.

Leading off in the first gathering was Dr. Jaroslav J. Pelikan, Jr., who this year delivered the James A. Gray lectures. Dr. Pelikan proved himself to be an outstanding scholar in his field. He is professor of historical theology in the University of Chicago. Others on the program were Dr. A. Dudley Ward, secretary of the Division of Human Relations and Economic Affairs of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns of the Methodist Church. Dr. Egil Grisliis, a member of the Duke faculty, was born in Latvia and is now assistant professor of historical theology at Duke. A new feature this year was the addition of an alumni lecturer, and the first in the series was delivered by Dr. Finis A. Crutchfield, pastor of the Boston Avenue Methodist Church, Tulsa, Okla. Dr. Crutchfield is a 1940 graduate of the Duke Divinity School. The convocation preacher was Bishop Richard C. Raines, of the Indiana area of the Methodist church. Bishop Raines preached each evening in the Duke Chapel.

Dr. McMurray S. Richey served as the director of the Convocation and Pastors' school, assisted by the Rev. Harmon L. Smith; Dean Robert E. Cushman was the Convocation chairman; Dr. James T. Cleland was chairman of the James A. Gray lectures; Dr. W. Arthur Kale led morning devotions, and Dr. Wilson O. Weldon was chairman of the Board of Managers of the North Carolina Pastors' School. This school was begun some forty or forty-five years ago, and has been held annually since that time. It is the oldest pastors' school in the state, and each year draws hundreds of ministers and laymen to the Duke campus for this period of refreshing and fellowship. The attendance this year far exceeded the attendance of a year ago.

The Board of Managers met at the conclusion of the school on Wednesday and evaluated the results and set in motion plans for the school next year, which is to be held October 30, 31, and November 1. Officers elected for the next quadrennium include: President, Rev. Leon Russell, Rocky Mount; vice-president, Rev. Julian A. Lindsay, Statesville; secretary, Rev. R. H. Nicholson, Waynesville; treasurer, Rev. L. C. Vereen, Durham. Serving with these officers on the executive committee are Rev. Paul Carruth of Raleigh, and Rev. Carl H. King of Statesville. Dr. McMurray Richey was again named as director of the school.

## Curriculum Committee To Meet Nov. 14-17

The Curriculum Committee of the General Board of Education will meet Nov. 14-17 in Nashville to approve teaching materials for Methodist church schools.

The Curriculum Committee is the official group authorized by the General Conference to determine the curriculum for the program of Christian education in local Methodist churches.

Elected members are James C. Hares, Dallas, Texas; Clifford C. Knight, Des Moines, Iowa; William F. Case, Kansas City, Mo.; Lester Rumble, Atlanta, Ga.; Charles Dent, Austin, Texas; Francis E. Kearns, Wauwatosa, Wis.; Donald M. Maynard, Boston, Mass.; Charles B. Cophed, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Maurice D. McKean, Niles, Mich.; and Harvey H. Pott-hoff, Denver, Colo.

Others on the committee are the general secretaries of the divisions of the Board of Education, Leon M. Adkins, Division of the Local Church; John O. Gross, Division of Higher Education; and Henry M. Bullock, Editorial Division; Horace W. Williams, executive secretary of the Inter-board Committee on Missionary Education; Emory S. Bucke, book editor of the Methodist Church; and Lovick Pierce, president-publisher of the Methodist Publishing House.

Staff members of the Board of Education are consulting members

## \$20,000 Pledged For New Bethlehem Church

Sunday, October 23, was observed at Bethlehem Methodist Church on the Wesley Memorial Charge of the Rocky Mount District as "Rally Day for a new church."

After the 11:00 o'clock services, our pastor, Rev. J. T. Fisher, together with members of the building committee, placed a large blackboard in front of the congregation. Pledges in the amount of \$20,000 were made, and \$2,749 in cash was received. We feel this was a victorious beginning. Plans for a new church building drawn by Mr. John L. Thompson, architect, of Rocky Mount, were shown to the congregation. After this, everyone was invited over to the fellowship hall where a wonderful meal had been prepared by the ladies of the church.

In the afternoon we gathered again in the church for an informal hour of congregational and group singing of old time favorite hymns and gospel songs. We were glad to have with us for the day friends of our Christ's Disciples Church nearby, and the choir from Salter Path Methodist Church, formerly served by our pastor.

The construction of a new church is expected to begin in the near future. Mr. Dorsey Baker of Bell Arthur is chairman of the building committee, and Mr. O. C. White of Greenville is treasurer.

## In Memoriam

**FEEZOR.**—Dr. P. L. Feezor of Lexington passed away October 7th in Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem after several weeks of declining health.

He was a prominent retired dentist of Lexington.

A native of Davidson County, he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Claytie Hedrick Feezor. Formerly served as superintendent of Davidson County schools and then opened a dentistry place here.

He was a member of Macedonia Methodist Church where he taught the young people's church school class. He was church lay leader, a member of the church Board of Stewards, loyal to his church and community. Like Abraham he had a great faith in God and was faithful to God. A man of high Christian character and greatly loved by his church and community.

A leader in the Feezor meeting that has been held at Southmont for the past fifteen years with much profit to the community. He had an important part in rebuilding Macedonia Church at Southmont. Had much to do with making the school at Southmont what it is today. A general community builder.

The final rites were conducted at Macedonia Methodist Church Sunday at 4:00 p.m., with the pastor, Rev. Roland Mullinix, in charge.

## Literacy Movement In Southeast By Television

**Brasstown, N. C.** — So many adults have learned to read and write in early morning television classes, the series of lessons will be repeated this fall and winter by most of the stations involved in the previous successful teaching effort.

Dates when classes will begin over nine stations in the Carolinas, eastern Tennessee and southern Virginia were announced here Saturday by Mayes Behrman, coordinator of the movement and head of the Literacy Division of the John C. Campbell Folk School at Brasstown.

The Literacy Movement in the southeast by television, as the undertaking is called, is being supported by newspapers and various organizations in cities where the half-hour lessons are broadcast several days a week by commercial TV stations.

Starting dates for classes in the four-state area are as follows:

WTVD, Channel 11, Durham, October 24; WFMY-TV, Channel 2, Greensboro, October 17; WBTV, Channel 3, Charlotte, January 2; WBHW, Channel 8, Florence, S. C., October 31; WSCS-TV, Channel 5, Charleston, S. C., in January; WRGP-TV, Channel 3, Chattanooga, Tenn., September 26; WBIR-TV, Channel 10, Knoxville, Tenn., October 17; WTAR-TV, Channel 3, Norfolk, Va., in January, and WCYB-TV, Channel 5, Bristol, Va., May 30.

Most broadcast times will be in the early morning hours, probably 6 to 6:30 or 6:30 to 7 a.m.

The lessons are based on the simplified methods devised in 30 years of experience by Dr. Frank C. Laubach, a former missionary who has devoted his life to efforts in this country and abroad to raise adult educational and living standards.



### Three General Boards Organize For Action

Chicago—Three more Methodist units have met here to organize for the new quadrennium. Their meetings have resulted in the following elections:

**Council on World Service and Finance**—Bishop Paul E. Martin, Houston, Texas, president; Bishop Fred P. Corson, Philadelphia, vice-president; Dr. Thurman B. Morris, Fort Wayne, Ind., recording secretary. Dr. Thomas B. Lugg will continue as general secretary and treasurer until Dec. 31, with Dr. Don A. Cooke, formerly of Bradenton, Fla., chosen to succeed him and serving now on the staff as general secretary-designate.

**Board of Hospitals and Homes**—Bishop Fred G. Holloway, Charleston, W. Va., president; Bishop Bachman G. Hodge, Birmingham, Ala., first vice-president; Ralph Jester, Des Moines, Iowa, Mrs. W. W. Fonden, Houston, Texas, and Rev. B. W. Selin, Chicago, vice-presidents; Mrs. Campbell Keith, Minneapolis, Minn., secretary; and Harry O. Humbert, New York, treasurer. Dr. Olin E. Oeschger was re-elected general secretary.

**Commission on Deaconess Work**—Bishop Gerald Kenedy, Los Angeles, chairman; Mrs. Paul Spencer, Alliance, Ohio, vice-chairman; Miss Rosamond Johnson, Atlanta, Ga., recording secretary; Miss Mary Lou Barnwell, New York, executive secretary.

### Protestants Ask \$928,870 To Send Foods To Hungry

New York, N. Y., October 18—In a special appeal launched during the Thanksgiving season, Protestants in America will be asked for \$928,870 for the 1961 Share Our Surplus program in which commodities from U. S. Government excess stocks and other foods are distributed free to hungry men, women and children overseas.

Upwards of 350 million pounds of food—or more than 300 pounds for each dollar of contribution—will reach destitute persons abroad through the SOS program in 1961, with distributions scheduled for more than 30 acres of acute human need.

The 1961 target of the SOS program, now entering its seventh year, was announced today by Dr. R. Norris Wilson, executive director of Church World Service, National Council of Churches. CWS sponsors and carries on the food distributions on behalf of major denominations in America.

### Workers' School Announced

The Clinton Subdistrict Christian Workers' School will be held November 7-10 at First Methodist Church, Clinton. The teaching staff is composed of Mrs. W. R. Stevens of Wilmington, Mrs. H. R. Odom of Gibson, Rev. J. L. Joyce of Garner, Dr. H. P. Powell of Raleigh, and Mrs. J. H. DeLara of Gloucester, Va. Each session will begin at 7:00 p. m. (The laboratory section for primary workers will also meet on Nov. 6th at 3:00 p.m.)

The life of the Christian is the ultimate Court of Appeal for the reality of Christ. —Eusebius.



Groundbreaking ceremonies for a new Science Hall at Brevard College were held October 14, when the Board of Trustees convened for their Fall meeting. Construction work has started and should be completed before the end of Spring semester.

President Emmett K. McLarty, Jr. announced that the ceremonies marked the beginning of a building program that will extend over a period of three or more years. "Work on a new athletic field will begin immediately," he said, "And as soon as plans are ready, the Board of Trustees has approved the construction of a new gymnasium."

The Building program includes a new Administration Building and a new Library. The Campus Center Building which now houses the administrative offices will become the Music and Fine Arts Building. The building now occupied by the library will be used as a Student Center.

## New "Yearbook of Churches" Out

Church membership showed continued increases in the United States in 1959. The annual *Yearbook of American Churches for 1961*, published by the Bureau of Research and Survey of the National Council of Churches, indicates that the percentage is 2.4 over 1958, representing 2,669,164 new church members. Of these, 1:7 per cent joined Protestant churches. Total church membership in 1959 is placed at 112,226,905 in the new *Yearbook* which was released on October 24.

Official statisticians of 250 religious bodies in the United States reported on church membership to Dr. Benson Y. Landis, editor, while 230 reported figures on religious education. These show an increase of 6.9 per cent in Sunday and Sabbath school enrollment over 1958.

Among other data, the *Yearbook* shows 236,272 pastors with charges and 365,234 ordained persons in 224 religious bodies. Of these, 77 ordain or license women ministers.

In comparing membership totals for Protestant and Roman Catholic bodies, the *Yearbook* notes that "no precise comparison is possible as most Protestant churches enumerate as members persons who have attained full membership. Roman Catholics regard all baptized persons, including children, as members."

Additional data show that church membership in 1959 was 63.4 per cent of the estimated total population of the U. S. compared to 63 per cent in 1958. Church statistics for Alaska and Hawaii are included in the 1961 *Yearbook* for the first time.

### Youth Groups Are Being "Tackled"

A series of workshops for adult leaders of religious education were held in October to "tackle church youth groups." Under the sponsorship of the Attleboro (Mass.) Council of Churches, the sessions were held each Tuesday through November 1.

The program, which was made up by the Council's religious education committee, includes a study of ways of motivating youth to plan their lives with meaning. The psychological equipment of the youth group, and the principle of group dynamics in youth work was also gone into under skilled leadership.

"We are confident that this workshop series is vitally needed in the Attleboro area," the Rev. Robert C. Ryder, executive secretary, said, announcing the program. "We want to promote church youth group programming which will provide depth, meaningfulness and spiritual growth for young people in their daily experiences."





This fine group of laymen are members of the Morris Chapel Methodist Men's Fellowship of Walkertown. They received their charter on September 10, 1960, with seventy-nine charter members. Dr. Ben Smith of Greensboro presented the charter to the group. This is one of the most active and interested organizations in the Church. Dr. Lee F. Tuttle of Winston-Salem installed the officers, and Mr. R. M. Smith, conference lay leader of Mount Airy, and Mr. Ira Shamel, district lay leader of Winston-Salem district, also took part in the program.

### Pfeiffer Students Given Scholarship Awards

*Misenheimer* — Three Pfeiffer College students have been awarded a National Methodist Scholarship by the Board of Education of the Methodist Church. They are Kenenth Storey, sophomore, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Storey, Route 1, Albemarle; Miss Clara Jane Sidbury, a sophomore, daughter of Mrs. Jane Sidbury, 2417 Market Street, Wilmington; and Miss Louretta Lamb, a senior, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Eugene A. Lamb, Route 5, Winston-Salem.

National Methodist Scholarship Awards cover tuition and fees up to \$500 and are granted on the basis of superior academic standing, leadership ability, active churchmanship, character, personality, and need.

Funds for the support of National Methodist Scholarships are received from local Methodist churches on the basis of a church-wide offering on Methodist Student Day, the second Sunday in June.

### Rev. C. R. Young Will Edit Methodist Hymnal

*Nashville, Tenn.*—The Rev. Carlton R. Young, Nashville, has been named editor of *The Methodist Hymnal*. Mr. Young is director of the department of church music for the Methodist Publishing House through its publishing division here.

The announcement was made October 12 by Bishop Edwin E. Voigt, Springfield, Ill., chairman of the Commission on Worship of the Methodist Church. Bishop Voigt said that the 1960 General Conference of the Methodist Church had instructed the Commission on Worship to bring recommendations for revision of the hymnal to the 1964 General Conference. The last revision of the hymnal was in 1935.

As editor of the hymnal, Mr. Young will work under the direction of an executive editorial committee of the Commission on Worship.

## Interesting Methodist Matters

The average Methodist family is made up of 3.6 persons.

The 1960 biennial meeting of executive secretaries of annual conference boards of education will be held November 7-11 in Nashville, Tenn.

There is no Christian way to kill a man, so churches should begin to devote their full energies to reconciliation among the nations and the building of a disarmed world under law.

—EDWARD SNYDER, *American Friends Legislative Committee*

#### SO THEY SAY . . .

On the one hand we try to make men big enough for life, and on the other, make them more dependent on government.

—DR. J. RICHARD SNEED.

The Rev. Readus J. Watkins, a member of the Delaware Conference, left recently for Accra, capital of Ghana, to work as counseling psychologist and guidance specialist in the oldest co-educational secondary institution there.

Five new members-at-large of the Board of Lay Activities are Dr. Lloyd M. Bertholf, Bloomington, Ill.; Richard W. Campbell, Altoona, Pa.; Paul Goodrich, Wheaton, Ill.; Kinsey N. Merritt, New York City; and Gerald L. Schlessman, Denver.

Dr. Karl P. Meister of Elyria, Ohio, retired executive of the Board of Hospitals and Homes, was recently elected honorary life president of the Ohio Association of Philanthropic Homes, which he founded in 1936.

Ninety-five students are enrolled in the first two years of academic work at the National Methodist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo. They come from 15 states and Australia.

Mrs. Laura Carson Burns, 81, widow of the late Bishop Charles Wesley Burns, died in All Saints Hospital, Philadelphia, October 16 following a long illness. Since the death of Bishop Burns in 1938 Mrs. Burns made her home in Hatboro, Pa.

Services were held October 19 in First Methodist Church, Germantown, which Bishop Burns had served as minister from 1906 to 1916.

A map showing new boundaries of annual conferences and episcopal areas in the United States and Cuba appears in the October issue of *The Methodist Story*, monthly program journal of the Methodist Church.

Creation of seven new episcopal areas by the Jurisdictional Conference in June and July made obsolete all existing maps showing Methodist conferences and areas.

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### Roseboro Homecoming

Roseboro Methodist Church will observe Homecoming-Harvest Day Sunday, November 6th. Rev. Charlie Hubbard, a former pastor, will preach at the 11:00 o'clock service. The special Harvest Day project is an education building fund. A picnic dinner will be served following the service. All former members, former pastors, and friends are invited to attend, along with the present members of the church.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon has authorized the appointment of Douglas Cannon III to Aldersgate Methodist Church, Mount Holly. Brother Cannon is a probationer in the class of the First Year and has transferred from the Virginia Conference.



# Audio-Visual Workshop Set For North Carolina Conference

By DALLAS MALLISON

An audio-visual workshop will be held November 21-22, at the Edenton Street Methodist Church in Raleigh by the North and Film Commission.

The Reverend R. S. Brodie, chairman of the Commission, urges ministers and laymen throughout the conference to give serious thought to the importance of attending this two-day workshop because of the great opportunities it offers in the understanding and use of audio-visual materials.

The chairman outlined the purposes of the workshop as follows:

1. To furnish information in the various types of audio-visual aids.
2. To provide experience in the selection, evaluation, and use of audio-visual aids in Christian education and worship.
3. To offer training in the operation of projection equipment.
4. To help those responsible for the administration of audio-visuals in the local church.

## Workshop Features

The chairman listed five main features which he outlined as follows:

1. Daily previews and evaluations of films, filmstrips, slides, and recordings.
2. Experience in the use of audio-visuals in recreation, organizational meetings, church school classes and worship services.
3. Exhibits of all types of audio-visual equipment.
4. Information and help in using the Walton Memorial Audio-Visual Library of the North Carolina Conference.
5. Experience in evaluating films and filmstrips for use in church situations.

## The Work Areas

The chairman outlined the three work areas of the workshop and how they will function. Each delegate will be expected to participate in the full schedule of three work areas which will be operated on a rotating basis. These three work areas are defined as follows:

1. Non-projected material — Chalkboards, posters, bulletin boards, flannel boards, flat pictures, and maps.
2. Projected material and equipment—motion pictures, slides, filmstrips, prepared slides, 16mm projectors, slide and film-strip projectors, opaque and overhead projectors, and tape recorders.
3. Resources and evaluation—general resources in education and recreation, religious resources in state and nation, denominational film resources, Walton Memorial Audio-Visual Library, radio and television report, and evaluation of audio-visual materials.

## Schedule Outline

Registration will begin at 1:00 p.m., on November 12 with devotions starting at 2:00 p.m. This will be followed by a film, "Production 5118," and an evaluation period. Hourly periods will follow until dinner which is set for soon after 6:00

p.m. There will be two hourly periods that evening, beginning at 7:30 and ending around 9:30.

On the morning of November 22 there will be four hourly periods, beginning at 9:00 and ending with lunch starting at around 12:00 noon. The workshop will end with two periods that afternoon, starting at 1:30 and ending at 3:00.

## Meals and Rooms

Delegates will be expected to pay for their meals. While overnight accommodations cannot be guaranteed, an effort will be made to provide rooms for those staying overnight. There will be a registration fee of \$2.00, half of which can be paid when registering. Advance registrations or applications should be mailed to the Rev. Lawrence Bridges, Trinity Methodist Church, Box 506, Southport, N. C.

## For Whom Designed

Pointing out that the workshop is sponsored by the Television, Radio and Film Commission of the North Carolina Conference, the Rev. Mr. Brodie said that the workshop is designed to help many types of persons. It is primarily designed for ministers, church school teachers and superintendents, members of the local Commission on Education, and the local church Audio-Visual Committee. Any interested person is welcome to attend, he pointed out.

## Walton Memorial Library

Although it is not widely known, the chairman said, the Walton Memorial Library is rapidly growing. In the last year, for example, twice as many persons used the library as did the year before, the chairman revealed. The library is named for its founder, the late Rev. Carl Walton, who met his untimely death in a plane crash several years ago.

The library is now located at the home of Mrs. W. R. Lawson, whose address is 2328 Derby Drive, Raleigh. Interested persons are invited to write, call, or visit her in regard to the use of the audio-visual library.

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## Launching Planned

**Chicago** — The church's four-year program will be officially launched here Nov. 18-20 at a national convocation of district superintendents and other leaders. A program released by Dr. E. Harold Mohn, general secretary of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, lists a score of bishops as participants and some 125 district superintendents as discussion group leaders.

Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, Texas, general chairman, will preside at the opening service and lead a closing commitment period. Bishop Gerald Kennedy, Los Angeles, president of the Council of Bishops, will deliver the keynote address. Basic theme of the many-sided four-year program is "Jesus Christ Is Lord."



The Rev. Dr. Elliott L. Fisher of San Jose, Calif., has been elected general secretary of the Methodist Church's Commission on Promotion and Cultivation. He will begin his new work at the commission's offices at 740 Rush Street, Chicago, January 1. He succeeds the Rev. Dr. E. Harold Mohn, who will retire on that date.

## Three Important Groups To Meet In Nashville

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Three national meetings that have to do with the Methodist Church's educational program will be held here in consecutive weeks the last of October and the first part of November.

They are a meeting of directors of youth work of Methodist annual conferences, October 31 to November 4; a biennial meeting of executive secretaries of annual conference boards of education, November 7-11; and the annual meeting of the Methodist Curriculum Committee, November 14-18.

The youth directors meeting will be held at the Methodist Board of Education building, the executive secretaries meeting at the Board of Education and Scarritt College, and the Curriculum Committee at the Methodist Publishing House.

Both conference directors of youth work and Woman's Society of Christian Service conference secretaries of youth work will be present, and the total attendance is expected to be about 150.

An attendance of about 100 is expected at the executive secretaries meeting. Among the principal speakers scheduled thus far are the Rev. Douglas Jackson, a professor at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas; Methodist Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville, and also from Nashville, the three general secretaries of the Methodist Board of Education, the Rev. Drs. John O. Gross, Division of Higher Education; Henry M. Bullock, Editorial Division; and Leon M. Adkins, Division of the Local Church.

The Curriculum Committee, in its meeting, will give attention to the curriculum of Methodist church schools (Sunday schools and other educational activities of local churches.)

The Rev. Walter N. Vernon, Nashville, secretary of the committee, said it is planning toward what probably will be the most extensive revision of the curriculum since the unification of Methodism more than 20 years ago.





# Woman's Activities



## Future Aim: Into Fields of Service

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

"Let us go into the new quadrennium with a sense of urgency," says Mrs. Herman Anderson of Charlotte, Conference secretary of spiritual life. "Let us go into the new year's work with our hearts full of love for Christ and all mankind, to accomplish the task before us."

She reminds the women that we are living in a world of tension, unrest and hatred, but that a Christian woman's task is to seek to obtain a greater depth of spiritual growth in order that she may earnestly seek to do God's will. This is the purpose of a spiritual life secretary in every local church.

Mrs. Anderson says that the Conference has 890 women serving in this office, that they sponsor 567 prayer groups, 2,789 Methodist women use the Prayer Calendar and there are 8,276 members of the Fellowship of Intercession. Last year 467 societies observed the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, with 147 having a day apart service.

She especially stresses the value of the quiet day services in a district or sub-district meeting, for more women can attend these meetings. She says, "We need to seek and find the channel of power that comes from prayer, quiet time and meditation."

Now that the Conference Retreat has been held at Pfeiffer College and the School of Missions has given instructions in how to teach the Bible Study, "Basic Christian Beliefs," Mrs. Anderson says, "we can now go out into the fields of service, knowing that He will give us guidance and strength to do the task."

In order to have an unbroken chain, *each local society* should keep in touch with current spiritual movements and have its own day apart service, a Bible study class and a prayer group.

The Guide for the Woman's Society of Christian Service says, "Participation is becoming increasingly important as an underlying principle, or philosophy, in our Woman's Society work. As mere spectators, we cannot, as a rule, enter into the the fullest joy and meaning of an experience; we need to have some part in *it*, in order that it may have some part in *us*."

### Had Your 20th Birthday?

Many local societies are having nice birthday parties in observance of the 20th Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Have you had yours?

Useful material for such a program may be found in *The Methodist Woman*, in the 20th Annual Report of the Woman's Di-

vision of Christian Service, and in the president's message in the 20th Annual Report of the Woman's Society of the Western North Carolina Conference. The presentation of this message by the officers of a local society would be a most effective program. This is found on page 47 of the new Annual Report.

Another source of information is an article, "Our Heritage from Yesterday," by Mrs. John Hoyle, Jr., in the October 20th issue of THE NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

### New Annual Report Dedicated To Mrs. C. C. Cranford

The 1960 Annual Report of the Woman's Society of the Western North Carolina Conference, just off the press, is dedicated to Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford of Asheboro, immediate past president of the conference organization.

The words of appreciation, under Mrs. Cranford's picture, are written by Mrs. John Hoyle, Jr. They are:

"With deep appreciation for her devotion and attendance to duty, for her unselfish and loving service to the Conference, and for her untiring efforts in her work that 'The Spirit of Christ may permeate all of life, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference affectionately dedicate this, the 1959-60 Annual Report to Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford.'"

### The Guild Secretary Speaks

"We face a new year with many tasks before us," says Mrs. Jessie White of Charlotte, Conference secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild.

She continues, "We have grown in all phases of our work, and most of all we have grown in our understanding and love of God and our fellowmen."

"Our present work must grow, and the basic place for it to do so is in the local unit; therefore, we recommend that each unit show a net gain of at least one member during the year, and that each district organize at least one Guild."

Mrs. White also reminds her members that workers are needed to man the many projects carried on by the Guild through the Woman's Division, and "we would be so happy to have a Guildler from our Conference use her talents and skills in this wonderful way, as we take as our mission today the task of bringing all to the Spirit of Christ."

## N. C. Conference

By MARY GARDNER



### Fayetteville District Has Day Apart, Committee Meeting

More than 100 members of Woman's Societies of Christian Service from Methodist Churches in Richmond, Scotland, Hoke, Moore, and Montgomery Counties were engaged in a recent Day Apart service at the Fellowship Methodist Church, Hamlet.

The leader, Mrs. J. C. Burwell, of Warrenton, former Conference secretary of Spiritual Life, challenged the women to a deeper personal commitment to God, and emphasized the importance of the proper attitude of prayer. "We are to pray not for our glory, but forgetting ourselves, for that which is God's glory," Mrs. Burwell said.

### District Executive Committee Meets

Miss Ethelynde Ballance, of Raeford, Conference secretary of youth work, addressed the executive committee of the Fayetteville District Woman's Society of Christian Service on the topic, "The Faith That Compels Us," and Mrs. F. J. Duplissey, district secretary of spiritual life, led the group in a devotional message on "Our Commitment to God."

Meeting at the Southern Pines Methodist Church, the group scheduled a Day Apart, under the leadership of Mrs. Duplissey, to be held during the Advent season, and set 10:00 o'clock each Monday morning as a time for intercessory prayers, praying particularly for the district officers.

Hostesses for the luncheon were Mrs. H. W. Doub, Aberdeen, and Mrs. J. S. Hiatt, Jr., Southern Pines.

Mrs. H. R. Odom, Gibson, is the Fayetteville District president.

### New Bern District Executive Committee Meets

Members of the Executive Committee of the New Bern District Woman's Society of Christian Service were in session for their fall meeting at the Centenary Methodist Church, New Bern.

The group made final plans for the fall sub-district meetings, set tentative dates for the spring 1961 sub-district meetings, heard reports of officers, and a report of the recent meeting of the conference executive committee held at the Methodist Home for Children; also, voted to hold only two executive committee meetings each year.

It was announced that Pollocksville and Lee's Chapel Methodist Churches have been transferred from the Jacksonville sub-district to the New Bern sub-district.

Dates and places of the fall sub-district meetings, featuring Miss Louise Nichols, field worker for the Woman's Division of Christian Service, include: Kinston and Greenville sub-districts, November 17, Queen Street Methodist Church, Kinston; New Bern, Jacksonville, and Morehead sub-district, November 21, Centenary Methodist Church, New Bern. Both meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m.

The mid-winter district executive committee meeting will convene at the Tren-



ton Methodist Church next February, with Mrs. Walton Bass and Mrs. W. G. Mallard, both of Trenton, as the hostesses.

### Guild Observes 20th Anniversary

Wesleyan Service Guild units throughout the N. C. Conference and elsewhere are observing the 20th anniversary of their organization. An organization for gainfully employed women of the Methodist Church, and a subsidiary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Wesleyan Service Guild is an inheritance by the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church from the northern branch of Methodism, at the time of unification of the three branches of Methodism in 1940.

In observance of its 20th anniversary, the Wesleyan Service Guild of Edenton Street Methodist Church presented a program and entertained at a social hour on October 17. Chief features of the program were a devotional message by the Rev. Vernon C. Tyson, the church's associate pastor; the Guild's history, Miss Lillian Betts; recognition of charter members, Mrs. Ronald Herritage, and a discussion of the 1960-64 quadrennial emphasis, by Mrs. W. T. Cline.

The Rev. Tyson told the group; "If our religious experiences are to mean anything we need to confess our sins, fill our lives with the Presence of the Holy Spirit, and let Him guide us."

The dedication of the program to the charter members, read by Mrs. Herritage, declared: "In heartfelt gratitude to you for your lives, and for the consecrated service rendered in His Name, we lovingly dedicate this twentieth anniversary program of the Wesleyan Service Guild of Edenton Street Methodist Church.

"May the abiding Presence, the love and the wisdom of our Father continue to bless and keep you, and through you those of us who follow." Each charter member present was presented a corsage.

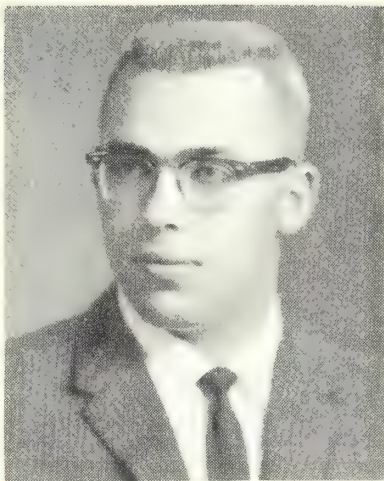
Following the program a social hour was held in the Fellowship Hall. The serving table was covered with a lace cloth. Yellow candles, and epergnes filled with miniature chrysanthemums and ageratum in a silver candelabra comprised the centerpiece.

Mrs. A. C. Jones, the Guild's co-ordinator, poured punch. Mrs. Herritage served the three-tiered birthday cake.

Mrs. Mary Pemberton is president of the Edenton Street WSG.

### Methodists Look Ahead In Southeast Asia

Methodists from five southeast Asian countries, meeting in Singapore recently, took strong stands on several moral issues and asked the 1964 General Conference to permit them to elect an additional bishop then if the Southeastern Asia Central Conference so desires. The conference had no bishop to elect this year because Bishop Hobart B. Amututz was elected in 1956 for an eight-year term. In an address, he called upon Christians to set an example of "loyalty and reasonableness" in regard to nationalism.



VERNON F. GRIGGS

### Central Church, Asheboro Has New Choir Director

Vernon F. Griggs, a native of New Jersey, assumed duties as director of music and education at Central Methodist Church in Asheboro on October 1.

Griggs, active in the music world since high school days, received his B.M. degree from Westminster Choir College, Princeton, N. J., in May of this year.

During college, he was a member of the chapel choir for one year and the symphonic choir for three years, singing with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra under such conductors as Leonard Bernstein, Maestro Herbert Von Karajan, Bruno Walter, and Sir John Barbirolli.

In 1953 Griggs was appointed organist-director for Trinity Methodist Church at Pennsville, N. J.

Mr. Griggs attended Clifton, N. J. public schools. In high school he was a member of the marching band and chorus. During the same time he was active in Trinity Methodist Church at Clifton, serving the Methodist Youth Fellowship in many offices with the presidency in his senior year. He was also a member of the choir and official board. While in high school he was appointed organist-director for the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Garfield, N. J.

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### HIGH AND NOBLE ASPIRATIONS

*If you aspire for something great  
And give to this your time,  
And trust the Lord for leadership  
Your life will be sublime,  
Although you may not reach the heights  
For which you set your aim,  
Yet God will bless your earnest work  
And honor your good name.  
It's better far to aim quite high  
And fall a little low,  
Than ease along in aimlessness  
Like those we see and know,  
Who seem content to eat and sleep  
And merely to exist,  
And never have their names removed  
From failures on the list.  
But no one fails in life we know  
With aspirations high,  
Whose life is yielded unto God  
Without complaint or sigh;  
Who blesses others on life's road  
By prayer and helpful deeds,  
And praises God when he beholds  
A fellow who succeeds.*

—REV. WALTER E. ISENHOUR  
Taylorsville, N. C.

### Muir's Chapel Will Lay Cornerstone Nov. 6th

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon will speak at the Muir's Chapel Church, Greensboro, at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, November 6. The occasion will be the formal laying of the cornerstone for the new educational building and fellowship hall. Others taking part in the service will be Dr. J. Clay Madison, district superintendent, who will lead the prayer of consecration, and the Rev. D. Austin Hamilton, pastor, who will be in charge of the service. The choir, directed by Mrs. Curtis Basham, will sing the anthem, "Built On the Rock" by Lindeman Christiansen. Mr. Dan E. Stephens is chairman of the official board, and Mr. Kai B. Alexander served as chairman of the building committee. Serving as chairman of the building planning committee was Mr. Robert M. Byrum, and as chairman of the Building Fund Committee was Mr. W. F. Baxter, Jr. Mrs. B. J. Lee III is director of Christian education.

The new educational building was begun last January and the work has progressed through the past several months. When complete it will be a fine contribution in providing for Muir's Chapel's large and growing congregation. The cost of the new addition will exceed \$115,000.

### Holiday Folders For Family Worship

Available to Methodist families are two new worship services: *Thanksgiving Worship in the Home*, and *Christmas Worship in the Home*. The worship folders, published by the department of the Christian family of the Methodist Board of Education, include prayers, meditation ideas, and scripture and hymn suggestions for family use on these holidays.

The leaflets may be secured from the Service Department, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

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# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## More Blessed to Give

By Helen Drake

"Mother," Linda called out as she entered the house, "our teacher wants us to bring some toys and clothes to Sunday school for our missionaries to the Indians to take back to the reservation with them. They want to give them to the little Indian children. May I take some?"

"Yes, dear, I think that would be very nice. You have so many things, and it would be a good idea to share them with someone else."

"That's what my teacher said," Linda replied. "It's more blessed to give than to receive. I know it's nice to receive, because I like to get presents. When can I get out my things?" she asked eagerly.

"We will look them over next week," said her mother. "Take off your coat now, and after dinner we will read your Sunday school paper."

"Oh, I thought we could do it now," Linda looked disappointed.

"No," Mother smiled. "This is the Lord's Day, so we will not do it today. We'll have a whole week to get ready."

"All right, Mother. I really want to give a lot of things."

On Saturday Mother called to Linda, "Come here, dear, and let's put these things in a shopping bag for you to take to Sunday school."

Linda entered her room and saw a pile of toys and clothes laid out on her bed. "Oh, Mother," she said, running over to the pile and picking up a doll, "I want to save this dress, 'cause it's so pretty. I don't want the doll, though," and she took the pretty pink dress from the doll and put her in the shopping bag.

"I haven't colored all the pictures in this book either. There's one in my desk that I'm through with. I'll give it, and my dishes. There's a cup broken anyhow. And Mother, I want these mittens."

"But Linda," Mother said in a surprised tone, "they are too small for you."

"I can still squeeze my hands into them, and they're so pretty," Linda answered, putting them away.

The pile grew smaller as Linda found things she didn't want to part with, and other things grew less attractive as they were stripped of pretty

trimmings that Linda wanted for herself. Mother looked disappointed as they finished putting the things in the shopping bag. As they went downstairs, she said, "I'll get lunch, and you can study your Sunday school lesson."

When Linda came out to eat, she was surprised to see the lunch set out on a bare table, an old plate at her place, and one of the best at Mother's place. "I thought I would let you use one of the old ones, dear," Mother said, seeing her surprised look. "I like to save the good ones."

At dessert time, Mother set a dish of prunes in front of Linda, and proceeded to eat a piece of cake herself. "I know you are not too fond of prunes," she said, "but there was only one piece of cake. Suppose you tell me what your lesson was about."

"It was about giving," Linda answered. "And Mother, I see what it means, now. Just as soon as I eat these prunes, let's go back upstairs and repack the bag for me to take to Sunday school. I can think of a lot of things that I can get along without, if you will let me give them, so we had better take two bags. This time I'll give some of the things I like best."

"I'm glad to hear you say that, Linda, dear. You will always be much happier if you are generous. You know, God was the most generous giver of all, for we read in John 3:16, 'For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.'"

"Yes, Mother, that's the best gift anyone ever received," said the little girl, "and I really want to give my best for Him." — From **My Pleasure**.

## POOR ADULTS

Poor Mom! She really loves me, I know, But sometimes she gets impatient, you know.

I try and try to be so good, An' do all the things a little boy should. But how can you 'member to clean your feet,

An' wash your ears, an' chew your meat?

An' take a bath just every day,

An' 'member the p'lite things to say?

I try an' try, but I guess it's just

That adults ain't quite as old as us.

—By LOUISE C. GOOSMAN

## The Old Man in the Moon

According to an old German tale, one Sunday a man said to his wife, "I'm going to work. I must get some wood today, and I don't care if it is Sunday."

"No, no," said his wife, "we must not work on Sunday."

But the man went out into the woods just the same. The birds and the squirrels and the rabbits saw him picking up sticks, and they said, "You must not work on Sunday."

"I don't care if it is Sunday," said the man.

Pretty soon a giant came along, and said, "Do you not know what day it is?"

"Yes," replied the man, "but I do not care."

"Very well, then," said the giant, "you must be punished. You must leave the earth and go to the moon. There you will always and always carry a load of fagots on your back."

And if you look up at the moon now you can see the old man with his load of fagots. — **Clipped**.

## BIBLE QUIZ

### Bible Prophets

1. He was a farmer and a shepherd, and lived in Tekoa. \_\_\_\_\_
2. He was instrumental in the healing of a general who had leprosy. \_\_\_\_\_
3. He was an interpreter of dreams. \_\_\_\_\_
4. He went to heaven without dying. \_\_\_\_\_
5. This prophet ran away from God's summons to a difficult task. \_\_\_\_\_

### Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Eve, Genesis 3 :20
2. Delilah, Judges 16:4-18
3. Rebekah, Genesis 25:21-26
4. Queen of Sheba, I Kings 10:1
5. Pharaoh's daughter, Exodus 2:1-6

☞ DR. H. G. ALLEN of Statesville preached last Sunday at the Mount Holly Methodist Church. Dr. Allen and Mrs. Allen returned from an extended trip to the foreign mission fields. Rev. T. H. Swofford is pastor at Mount Holly.

☞ HOMECOMING-RALLY DAY at Wharton's Trinity Church was observed on Sunday, October 16. An overflow audience attended. The sermon, "The Prodigal Son Returns," by Rev. W. S. Davenport held the congregation spellbound.



## Sunday School Lesson

FOR NOVEMBER 13

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH

Head, Department of Religious Education,  
Greensboro College

### GOD IN MY LIFE

Background Scripture: Psalms 116  
through 118

Lesson Scripture: Psalm 116:1-14

Psalm 116 is a psalm of thanksgiving. We might picture its author as making a public witness to the goodness of God. This used to be the practice in many of our churches. It was sometimes called a "testimony meeting." Probably one reason for the decline in the use of such meetings in our churches is to be found in the fact that, in many cases, the same persons would do the talking and give the same testimony! This became monotonous and dull for the remainder of the congregation. However, the decline of this kind of meeting does not necessarily mean there were not real values in it. As a matter of fact, the Buchmanite (or Oxford group) Movement in recent years has made large use of this plan in their week-end spiritual life retreats. Properly used, such a meeting may help both the person who shares his experience and those with whom it is shared. A serious, unhurried and prayerful group discussion of personal religious life could no doubt achieve much the same results, provided the group could steer clear of the morbid.

The condition of the psalmist was one of great distress before the Lord came to his aid: "The sorrows of death encompassed me, and the pains of hell got hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow." It may have been a severe illness which brought the author of the psalm to the very brink of death, or it may have been some other form of physical or mental distress. If it were an illness we can imagine it may have been prolonged because of the lack of medical skills and available drugs. Those of us who have experienced quick recovery from illness can scarcely imagine what it means to be ill for years on end, especially with no sedatives to speak of, as most likely was the case in ancient times.

But we need to remember that, in addition to the physical pain, there was in ancient times the widely prevalent belief that all sickness was the result of God's displeasure caused by human sin. Therefore, we can picture the psalm writer's acquaintances coming around and saying: "We see now that you have been sinning against God, for look what he has sent upon you!" So, when the illness was over he could thank God not only for relief from physical suffering but also from the moral stigma that went with it.

In recounting the sorrow through which he has passed the psalmist records the fact that he lost faith in his fellow men: "I said in my haste, all men are liars." Perhaps none of us completely escapes some disillusioning experiences with people. There are times when each of us shares the psalmist's pessimistic view of human nature. But there is this redeeming feature: "I said in my haste." It is one thing to lose faith in people for a brief time and then recover your faith in them. It is quite another thing to make this cynical attitude toward hu-

manity your basic philosophy of life. There are too many people in our world today who believe "everything is a racket" and "every man has his price." Such a view will most assuredly darken the life of him who holds it. For a person to adopt such a view it will be necessary to ignore all the good, and true and clearly honest people who do exist.

Notice (verse 8) there were three kinds of evil from which the psalmist has been delivered: (1) death (2) sorrow and (3) insecurity. These have been the lot of the mass of mankind throughout history. It was because he had been given three great blessings to take the place of these evils that his gratitude is unbounded. These blessings were (1) life (2) joy, and (3) as-

urance of security. No wonder the author of this great psalm was temporarily at loss for words to express his gratitude! But he then decides he can best show his thankfulness by "paying up" the promises he made when he was in dire distress. How many of us are still in debt to God for things we promised to do if we ever got out of some particular difficulty?

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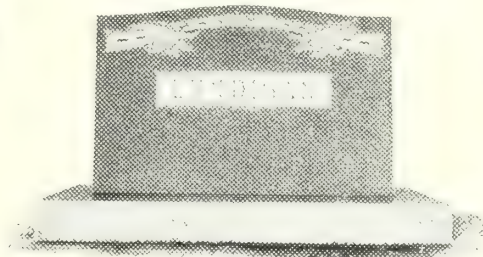
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Rev. Alfred A. Knox of Columbus, Ohio, director of public relations and Methodist Information for the Ohio area of the Methodist Church, has been named editor of *The Arkansas Methodist* and *The Louisiana Methodist*, according to Rev. J. Ralph Clayton, Little Rock, chairman of the joint commission for the two publications. The appointment is effective November 1.

He will succeed Dr. Ewing T. Wayland, editor since 1946, who will head *THE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE* in Chicago, the denomination's monthly publication for ministers and church officials.

Mr. Knox is a native Arkansan and held pastorates in Arkansas until his appointment to the Ohio area in 1957.

He has served church in Ft. Smith, West Memphis, Judsonia, McCrory, and Tuckerman.

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## Theological School Seeks Historical Information

A committee set up by the Association of Methodist theological schools is at work assembling information on the whereabouts of unpublished material, especially autographed letters, journals, etc., of leaders of the early and middle periods of Methodist history in America.

This information is being gathered in order to have the materials microfilmed and thus made widely available to students of Methodist history. A beginning is being made with nine worthies:

1, Jesse Lee; 2, Orange Scott; 3, Ezekiel Cooper. Information on these should go to Dr. R. M. Cameron, P. O. Box 166, Concord, Mass.

4, Frederick Stier; 5, Nicholas Snethan; 6, John Emory. Material on these is the special responsibility of Dr. Douglas R. Chandler, Wesley Theological Seminary, 4400 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington 16, D. C.

7, William McKendree; 8, William Capers; 9, Joshua Soule. Material on these should go to Professor James W. May, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta 22, Ga.

News of the existence and location of any material as above described will be warmly appreciated by members of the committee.

## Travel Seminar For Youth Attending World Conference

Youth delegates attending the World Methodist Conference in Oslo, Norway, August 17-25, 1961, are invited to participate in a European travel seminar to be sponsored by the youth department of the General Board of Education.

The United States is entitled to send as many as fifty Methodist young people in its delegation to the conference next summer. These will be approved delegates and will participate fully in the life and program of the conference.

The travel seminar will be limited to twenty youth and two adult counselors. For approximately three weeks before going to Oslo, the seminar will combine travel, sight-seeing and meaningful contacts. The group will focus on Methodist heritage, Methodism at work in the world, and Methodist participation in the ecumenical movement.

Each delegate will be responsible for his own travel expenses (about \$1,250). Applications should be sent not later than December 31, 1960, to Dr. Joseph W. Bell, Youth Department, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee. Those applying should have completed high school or are seniors and must be active in the life of their Methodist churches, have knowledge of social and political conditions in Europe, and be willing to make careful preparation for the seminar and conference.

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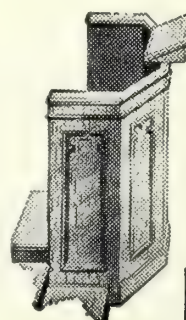
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*The above group picture was made following the luncheon meeting of the Methodist Foundation, Inc., held in Raleigh October 31. This group proceeded from this point to the ground-breaking ceremonies for the new Headquarters Building, then to the Methodist Home for Children where the business meeting was held.*



# CAROLINA BRIEFS.

THE REV. B. A. HAIRE, minister of the Caroleen Methodist Church, assisted Rev. F. W. D. Bangle in the fall revival at Henrietta Methodist Church Oct. 30-Nov. 4.

DR. WILSON O. WELDON, of Myers Park Church, Charlotte, assisted the Rev. A. C. Waggoner in revival services at First Church, High Point, the week of October 30-November 4.

HIS MANY FRIENDS will regret to learn that Rev. C. E. Rozzelle, retired, suffered a heart attack recently while engaged in revival services in Kannapolis. He is hospitalized in Winston-Salem.

MORRIS CHAPEL CHURCH, Winston-Salem District, is planning a "Lord's Day Offering" on November 20. This is to be a Thanksgiving offering, and is to be used in paying off the debt on the Fellowship Hall.

CHURCHES of Chartlote are planning a "fall school of religion" to be held November 14-18. Morning classes will be held in Myers Park Baptist Church, and evening classes in Covenant Presbyterian Church.

MRS. ARTHUR J. MOORE, the wife of Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta, underwent surgery at Emory University Hospital October 24. While the operation was a major one, it is reported as being successful and she is making rapid recovery.

A CHORUS which will be called "Wesleyan Singers" has been organized at North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, with 27 students participating. The chorus is under the direction of Dr. William G. Sasser, associate professor of music.

JORDAN MEMORIAL Methodist Church, Ramseur, will conduct a preaching mission beginning November 13 and running through the week. Rev. W. B. A. Culp of Asheville will be the guest minister. Special music will be furnished by the choirs of the church.

THE McADENVILLE Methodist Church, in Gaston County, has begun the job of tearing down its present building, erected in 1891, to make room for a new and modern church building. During the course of construction, the congregation will meet in the McAdenville Community Center.

THE JERUSALEM-ZION Charge has purchased the Methodist parsonage in Norlina, and has repainted it on the inside, according to Rev. J. C. Andrews, pastor. Norlina Church became a station, and has built a new parsonage. The seven-room two-story brick house of the former charge now is owned by the two-church charge. Open house is planned for November 27, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Van Coleman, Mr. Pete Rose, Mrs. W. V. Hicks and Mr. Clifton Rooker serve as the parsonage committee.

BISHOP HAZEN C. WERNER, of the Columbus, Ohio Area, conducted a Family Life Conference at the First Methodist Church, Asheboro, November 4-6. He also spoke to the student body of the Asheboro High School. Rev. Cecil Hefner is pastor of First Church.

A SERIES of revival services on the general theme of "The Church" was held at the Parkway Methodist Church, Albemarle, November 4-11. Rev. E. P. Greene is pastor. Preaching on different evenings through the week were John A. Petty, Rev. Ralph Miller, Rev. C. Harley Dixon, Rev. Cecil Heckard, Rev. I. L. Sharpe, and Rev. I. M. Brendle.

MINISTERS' WIVES of the Marion District honored Mrs. Nolan B. Harmon at a coffee in their first meeting at First Methodist Church, Morganton, in October. Both Bishop and Mrs. Harmon spoke to the group. Officers for the year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. F. W. Dowd Bangle; vice-president, Mrs. Charles G. Beaman; secretary, Mrs. William L. Crowell.

THE REV. JAMES H. BAILEY has been appointed part-time instructor of Religion at North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount. Mr. Bailey is pastor of the Methodist church at Elm City. He is a native of South Carolina and was educated at Wofford College and Duke University. He is married to the former Helen Hill, and they have three children.

MRS. D. W. GOODSON, mother of Dr. W. Kenneth Goodson, pastor of Charlotte's First Methodist Church, died at her home in Salisbury Thursday afternoon, October 27. Funeral services were conducted from First Methodist Church, Salisbury, Saturday afternoon, October 29, by the Rev. Harold Robinson, pastor, and Rev. Loy D. Thompson, associate minister of First Church, Charlotte. Burial was in Chestnut Hill Cemetery, Salisbury. She is survived by six sons and one daughter.

A CONFERENCE on Church Building and Architecture will be held November 11 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Charlotte, sponsored by the North Carolina Council of Churches, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Ministers' Association, and the State Chapter American Institute of Architects. It begins at 8:30 a.m. and registration fee is \$2.00. All ministers, lay leaders and architects interested in church-building are invited to register. The conference will adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

STANLY COUNTY Leadership Training School will be held at Central Church, Albemarle, November 13-17. More than four hundred persons from the seventeen Methodist churches in the county are expected to participate. Rev. Cecil Heckard will serve as director, and Mrs. C. H. Shankle as assistant; Wallace Biggers as treasurer, and Mrs. J. T. Henderson and Mrs. Beth Morgan will be in charge of texts.

REV. PAUL TAYLOR was engaged the past week in revival services at Bethesda Methodist Church, in New Hope in Gaston County.

MR. NELSON GIBSON, Conference lay leader, spoke at the 11:00 o'clock service at First Methodist Church, Henderson, on November 6.

DR. L. STACY WEAVER, president of Methodist College, Fayetteville, was guest speaker at Benson Methodist Church Sunday, November 6.

THE ANNUAL Christian Workers School for Kinston Sub-District was held at the Queen Street Methodist Church November 7-11.

ON NOVEMBER 10 pastors and officials of the churches in Raleigh District are invited to a dinner meeting at the Children's Home at 6:30 p.m. Rev. Graham Eubank, district superintendent, urges everyone to be present.

A MISSIONARY INSTITUTE for workers with children will be held at Christ Methodist Church, Greensboro, Saturday, Nov. 12, at 2:00 p.m. Workers in the primary and junior departments are urged to attend.

REV. R. E. L. MOSER and family of Trinity Church, Raleigh, are now occupying the new parsonage at 1301 Mordecai Drive. Open house was held Sunday afternoon, November 6, from 3 to 6 o'clock.

THE HOUSTON Preaching Mission will be conducted at Central Methodist Church in Concord, Nov. 13-17. Dr. Frederick M. Morris, of New York City, will be the visiting minister. Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday and 7:30 p.m. through Thursday.

TRINITY CHURCH, Wilmington, is engaged in an improvement program, and is meeting with fine response. Among other things the auditorium is being rearranged, carpet on the floor, and the pews refinished. They expect to be able to go back into the sanctuary sometime in December. Rev. W. R. Stevens is pastor.

AYDEN METHODIST CHURCH will be host for the union Thanksgiving service on Thursday morning, Nov. 24, at 10:30. Rev. John Goff, of the Christian Church, will be the preacher. The Methodist choir, under the direction of Robert Ellwanger, will provide the special music, and other ministers of participating churches will take part.

HOMECOMING SUNDAY for the Jonesville Methodist people will be observed on Sunday, November 13, at the 11:00 o'clock service. The Rev. Russell Burson, a former pastor, will preach. At noon the ladies will have prepared a covered dish dinner in Fellowship Hall of the church. At 2:30 p.m. the Rev. Robert L. Oakley, son of the late Rev. D. A. Oakley who built the 1915 church building which was removed in order to erect the present structure, will preach. All persons far and near having connections are invited.



# EDITORIALS

## THEME FOR THE WEEK

*"Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord."—Psalm 119:1.*

## Figures That Encourage And Disturb Us

Figures just released by the General Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church are revealing in a number of ways, which should be of interest especially to Methodists. In the first place they show that for the past ten years the population of North Carolina increased by 461,722. The Methodist Church had an increase of 47,753 for the same period. This is a percentage increase of 12.4 for the ten-year period. To put it on a quadrennial basis from 1956-1960 Methodism gained 22,201, for a percentage increase of 5.6. To bring it to the annual basis from 1959-60 the Methodist Church had an increase of 4,892, or percentage of 1.1. The two conferences received during the past year on profession of faith 11,895 persons, but quarterly conferences removed from the rolls in the past year 3,794 names. If quarterly conferences had not removed any names the increase for 1960 would have shown 8,686 instead of 4,892, with a percentage increase for the year of 1.9½.

We have not given these figures by conferences, but have added them together and given them for the state as a whole. Our increase in percentage is far too small as compared to our opportunities. According to these figures it took 37.2½ persons a whole year to win one person to the church.

Brethren, we are capable of better things. Methodism has been known through the years as an evangelistic church, but in late years we have become so concerned with formalities and programs and quotas and rituals and the rest that we seem to have neglected our main business of winning people to Christ and to the kingdom of God. We are not here decrying the importance of these other things, but let's not make them primary. If every Methodist in this state would set as a goal an average of just one person to win for Christ during the year, our number would double and we would have almost a million members. That is not an impossible dream. We have in this section a fine type of churchmanship, but we have let our spiritual fervor wane. During the next seven months of this

conference year we can change this picture considerably if we really give evangelism its rightful place. Let us go forth to sing with renewed zest "Bringing in the sheaves."

## Our Advocate Campaign

We are grateful to our ministers and laymen for their renewed interest in the *Advocate* campaign. Many preachers are giving real emphasis in securing subscribers, and laymen are most gracious in their expressions of appreciation for the paper. Our campaign should really produce results within the next thirty days. Much of the groundwork has been done, and now we are looking for results. It is our hope that ministers will insist on every official member receiving the *Advocate*. This should be a "must" to qualify them for service in the church. But we don't want them to stop with the official board—it should go into every Methodist home. To do this will require more than a mere announcement from the pulpit or in the *Bulletin*. An active committee should be formed in every church and an all-out effort made to place the church paper in the homes of our people. This would be one of the best investments a church could make in developing better Christians and a more active membership. We urge every church to join the growing list of *Advocate* subscribers NOW!

## Slaves To Habits

Recently we were attending a religious service in a Fellowship Hall of a church, and a bishop was speaking. One dear woman was so accustomed to the use of cigarettes that she continued to smoke and puff her fumes while the good bishop spoke. We just wondered how terrible it must be to be in the grip of such a habit to that extent that we would not even respect the house of God, or the presence of the man who spoke for God. We admit she was where she should have been, for one so enamoured by the habits of life that not even the church or the presence of the bishop were sufficient to deter her from this indulgence, certainly indicated to us that she needed spiritual help. We are not condemning smoking as an unpardonable sin; we think it is an indulgence that many have cultivated beyond all reason, as was indicated in this case. When that is true it becomes a chain and a hin-

drance. Our minds turned to an experience during our college days, when the sainted Dr. C. W. Pepler was teaching Greek at Duke University. One morning a young man had the daily newspaper with him in class, and while the good doctor was at the blackboard working with the class the young man was at the back of the room in his seat shyly reading the morning news. But, lo, the eagle eye of the professor caught him! He lost no time in demanding that the paper be put aside and that an apology to the class and the teacher be forthcoming. Habits become chains, and chains are hard to break. "We sow a thought and reap an act, we sow an act and reap a habit; we sow a habit and reap a character, we sow a character and reap a destiny." Beware of evil habits!

## LETTERS

Dear Editor:

I rejoiced with the Reformation Day issue of the *ADVOCATE* (October 27). I enjoyed the editorial about Sunday evening services and most especially the article on the recruiting of ministers by Prof. Langford.

I heartily agree with Bro. Ebenezer Myers concerning evangelism in the Methodist Church. Until the undiluted, full, glorious, redemptive gospel of the Cross is preached we can expect no better results in the church. When the Cross is lifted up in preaching, singing, praying, etc., souls will be gloriously saved once again at the altar of the church and young men will be called of God to carry on the unfinished ministry of the Church of Christ.

Yours in Christ,

—GUY MCINTOSH

Stanly, N. C.

Dear Bro. Starnes:

In reading the October 20th issue of the *NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE* I found the fine letter by Brother Ebenezer Myers, and read it with a great deal of pleasure. I have known Bro. Myers almost ever since I joined the Western North Carolina Conference, and have a high regard for him. He did a great work in our Conference and I am glad the Lord is still blessing and using him. It is a real inspiration to know that our Conference has produced such men.

As I read his fine letter it suddenly dawned on me that I am about to become one of the old-timers of our Conference. If I live until the 12th day of November I will have rounded out forty years of active service in the Western North Carolina Conference. During those forty years I have served fourteen years as an active pastor, and for the past twenty-six years I have given my time to full-time evangelism. In those forty years I have traveled in and preached in forty-three states. I have held 649 meetings and have had the privilege of preaching at several annual conferences and ministers' conferences. In



those meetings I have had over 31,768 seekers at our altars. There have been over 5,218 accessions to the church on profession of faith, that I know about. No doubt many others joined the Methodist church or some other church that I have no way of knowing about.

During those forty years we have had over 600 men and women who have either gone into the ministry or to the mission field from our meetings. It is a great source of satisfaction to know that there are people all around the world that found Christ in our meetings, and decided to answer God's call for full-time Christian service.

We have traveled back and forth across this nation, and up and down, until we have made 819,000 miles. We have traveled and preached from Boston, Mass. to Miami, Fla., from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico. We have had the privilege of preaching in churches that had over 4,000 members, and then have preached in churches that only had 32 members. Everywhere we have gone we have found real saints of God, and also found people with hungry hearts that needed Christ as their Lord. We have had the privilege of seeing many hundred, and even thousands, of people find Christ as their Saviour and Lord. We have also had the privilege of seeing many hundreds of God's people receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I have preached 15,500 times in 40 years.

It has been our privilege of preaching in over 30 colleges and universities, and have seen many fine young people bow at the altar and find Christ. We have written 17 different books and more than 20 million copies of those books have been sold. One of the richest rewards that has come to us are the many reports from people from around the world that have said they read our books and had been blessed and helped by them.

We give these facts, not in any boastful spirit; we have nothing to boast of, but we give these facts as humble testimony to the goodness and mercy of God. He has blessed us far more than we deserve and far beyond anything we ever expected. In fact, I never could have dreamed of having such a fruitful life. Truly God has been good to us. I am so glad that I learned about the baptism of the Holy Spirit while a student at Rutherford College, and I am glad that when I heard the truth my heart responded to it. The baptism of the Holy Spirit was the thing that made the difference in my life. If I have had any success, and if the Lord has been able to use me in His service, it has been due largely to the fact that I sought and received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I hope to give the rest of my life to this glorious work of evangelism and I covet an interest in your prayers.

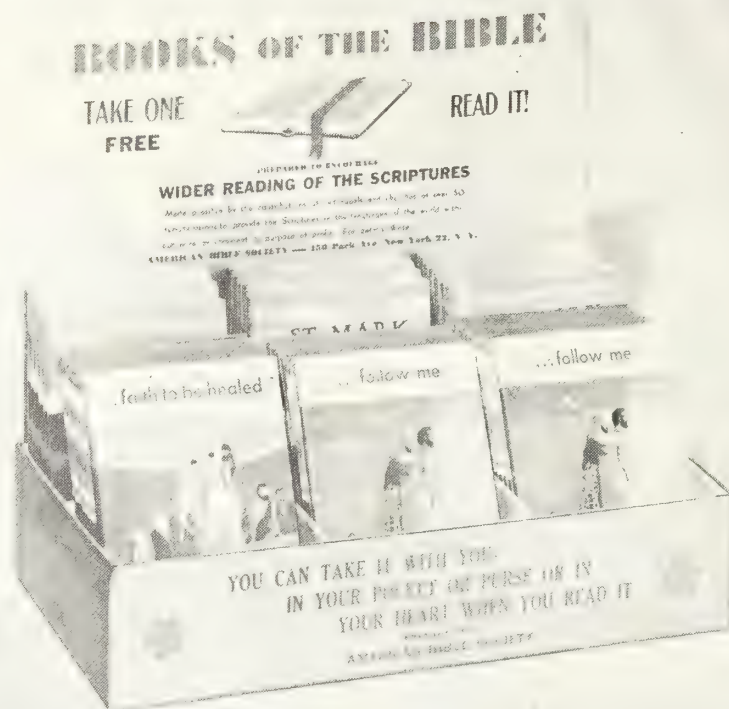
I am sincerely His and yours,

—JOHN R. CHURCH

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Indications point to a lessening of social concern in our church and a tendency to substitute the giving of money for evangelistic zeal.—PROF. CHARLES M. LAYMON of Florida Southern College, addressing a group of Methodist laymen there Sept. 26.

## Wayside Gospel Dispenser Offers The Gospel to Non-Churchgoers



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Scripture portions printed in good readable type are recommended for use in the Dispensers, such as the Sermon on the Mount, the Gospels of Mark and John, the Epistle to the Romans, and other volumes. The American Bible Society supplies the New Testament portions in the King James Version (Series B530) or in the Revised Standard Version (Series RS530) at \$3.00 per hundred postpaid.

Titles available in King James and R.S.V. are as follows: St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke, St. John, Sermon on the Mount, The Acts, Romans, I and II Corinthians, Galatians to Thessalonians, Timothy to Hebrews, James to Jude, \*Revelation, and \*Proverbs. (\*Only King James Series).

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## W.C.T.U. Speaks On "For Such a Time As This"

Mrs. Fred J. Tooze, national president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, issued a masterly summation of the present alcohol situation in the United States when she delivered her address with the above title at the National Convention in Portland, Maine, recently. Topics covered were "The State of the Union," "Advertising," "Liquor on Planes," "Alcohol Caused Traffic Waste," "Alcohol, Alcoholics, Alcoholism," "Money Spent for Liquor," "Liquor Outlets," "Fabulous Sixties," "Local Option," "Educational Phase," "About Delinquency," "Thus Saith the Lord," "The True Definition of Wine, Spiritual Force." The situation has been brought into clear focus and up to the minute. Pastors, Social Action chairmen, leaders, school teachers, legislators and others interested in the welfare of America should order a copy of this booklet for information and reference. Order from National WCTU, Evanston, Ill. (10c per copy).

The 1961 Sunday school packet of quarterly temperance lessons, together with samples of all recommended supplementary aids for use in teaching these lessons to all age groups in the church school will be on sale in January at \$1.00 at the above address. Also good for a course in Daily Vacation Bible School.

## Dr. W. F. Quillian Died In Atlanta October 26

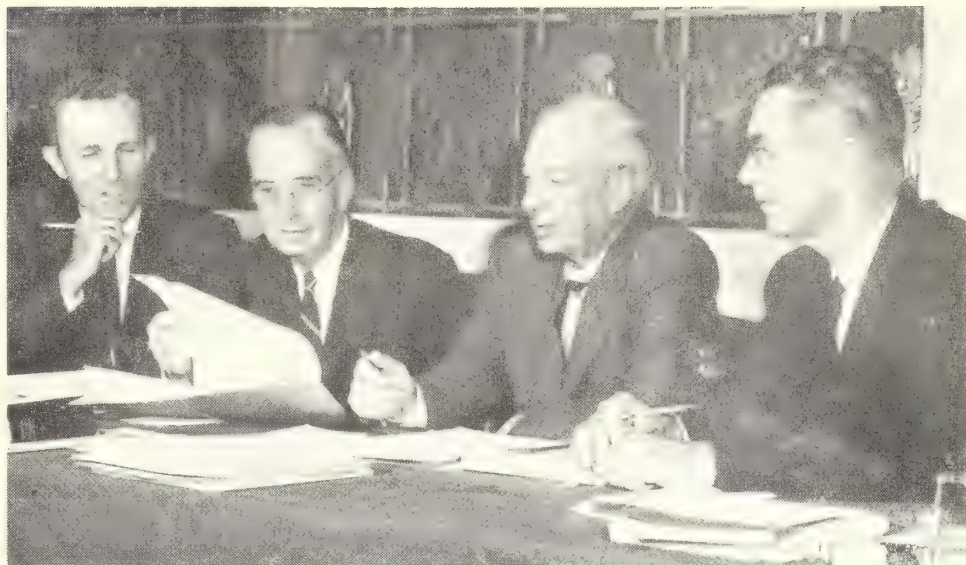
Dr. W. F. Quillian, of Georgia, former pastor, college president, secretary Board of Education, and later executive secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council, died in an Atlanta hospital October 26. Funeral services were held at Glenn Memorial Methodist Church, Atlanta, with Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Dr. W. R. Cannon, and Dr. Eugene Drinkard officiating. Burial was in Westview Abbey, Atlanta. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Hubert F. Searcy, of Montgomery, Ala., whose husband is president of Huntingdon College, and one son, Dr. William F. Quillian, Jr., president of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Va.

## Training School At Albemarle Nov. 13-17

Albemarle Training School will be held November 13-17, at Central Methodist Church, Albemarle, and beginning each evening at 7:30. The following courses will be given:

*Helping Nursery - Kindergarten Children Grow in Christian Faith*, taught by Miss Louise Robinson; *Observation-Laboratory Class for Primary Teachers*, Mrs. C. A. Rauschenberg; *Observation-Laboratory Class for Junior Teachers*, Mrs. E. C. Few, teacher; *Counseling Youth*, Rev. Don Bridger, teacher; *The Teaching of Jesus*, taught by Rev. Daniel Sain; *How to Improve Your Church School*, Dr. Raymond A. Smith, teacher; *The Teachings of Jesus*, Robert T. Osborne, teacher.

There will also be a class for the intermediates in addition to the above courses.



NEW OFFICERS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH'S BOARD OF PUBLICATION. Lovick Pierce (left) of Nashville, Tenn., who was re-elected president and publisher of *The Methodist Publishing House*, is shown conferring with the new officers of the 45-member board following their election Oct. 26 in Chicago. Others in the picture are: l. to r.—F. Murray Benson, Baltimore lawyer, who succeeds Judge William H. Swiggart of Nashville as board chairman; Eugene McElvaney, Dallas, Tex., banker, vice chairman; and the Rev. Dr. Carl Sanders, Richmond, Va., district superintendent, secretary. All were elected for four-year terms, 1960-64.

## Nine New Executives In Board of Missions

The Methodist Board of Missions elected nine new staff executives at its quadrennial reorganization meeting in Chicago on Sept. 21. Heading the list was a layman, chosen as the top executive of one of the board's four divisions.

The executives will fill administrative, service and promotional positions on the staff of the board and the divisions. Other members of the executive staff were re-elected. The new executives:

H. Conwell Snoke, Philadelphia, Pa., elected general secretary of the Division of National Missions, succeeding the Rev. Dr. W. Vernon Middleton who was elected in June as bishop of the Western Pennsylvania area of the Methodist Church. Mr. Snoke formerly was treasurer of the division.

George L. Hergesheimer, Philadelphia, Pa., elected treasurer of the Division of National Missions. He formerly was associate treasurer and comptroller.

The Rev. Charles A. Nowlen, Pueblo, Colo., elected as a director of church extension in the national division, with responsibility for the Western Methodist Jurisdiction. He has been pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Church in Pueblo.

The Rev. John Harry Graham, Atlanta, Ga., elected as a director of special fields in the national division. He has been professor of the sociology of religion at Gammon Theological Seminary.

The Rev. Dr. Ernest V. May, Pittsburgh, Pa., elected as a director of city work in the national division. He formerly was executive secretary of the Board of Missions of the Pittsburgh Methodist Conference.

Leonard M. Perryman, New York City and Leonia, N. J., elected as director of the Department of News Service in the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation, effective in January on the retirement of William W. Reid who has given more than

40 years of service to Methodist missions. Until then Mr. Perryman will continue as associate director of the department.

The Rev. Dr. P. C. Benjamin Balaram, Delhi, India, elected as associate director of the Department of Field Cultivation in the Joint Session. He has been secretary for promotion and public relations of the Delhi area of the Methodist Church.

The Rev. Herbert F. Lowe, New York City and Nyack, N. Y., elected as associate director of the Department of Visual Education in the Joint Session. He has been assistant director.

The Rev. Theodore Runyan, New York City, elected as assistant secretary for general administration in the Division of World Missions. He is a former missionary to Malaya.

## "Peace and Power" By Dr. Ralph W. Sockman

Washington, D. C. — The unprecedented power available to men and nations in this decade, and increasing concern for peace, are the themes of a study book just issued by the Division of Peace and World Order of the Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns.

"Peace and Power" is a symposium designed to further discussion on relationships of peace and power, according to division officials. Its articles range through considerations of power in personal, political and military realms and the possibilities of "handles of power" available to individuals.

The book is dedicated to the work of the Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Sockman of New York City, for 35 years a member of the former Methodist Board of World Peace and for 35 years chairman, and of the Rev. Dr. Charles F. Boss, for 23 years the board's executive and general secretary.

It was published by Parthenon Press and is on sale by Methodist Publishing House.



## Homecoming November 13th At Jenkins Memorial, Raleigh

Homecoming will be observed at Jenkins Memorial Methodist Church, Raleigh, November 13. Rev. Grady Whicker will bring the morning message. All former ministers, members and friends of the church are invited to attend. There will be a basket lunch following the morning worship service.

Jenkins Memorial Methodist Church was organized about eighty-two years ago (1878) under the name of Brooklyn Methodist Church. The first building was erected at the east end of Clay Street on a lot adjoining the land which later became the campus of the Methodist Orphanage. From this site the church was moved to West Peace Street. The old church building on Peace Street is now being used as a store.

In 1906 Brooklyn Church was moved to its present site on the corner of North Boylan Avenue and Devereux Street. At the time the church was moved to its new location, the name was changed to Jenkins Memorial Methodist Church in honor of Rev. John W. Jenkins, the founder and first superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage. The first building, a wooden structure, built on the present site, was destroyed by fire. The old building was replaced by the present brick structure in 1916.

Up until the 1930's the church served the Orphanage. During the '30's the Orphanage changed over to Edenton Street Methodist Church because Jenkins Memorial lacked proper educational facilities.

In 1954 under the leadership of the Rev. Harmon L. Smith, Jr., a nice educational building was added to the church. Then in March of 1960 a new parsonage was purchased.

The church has been served by 29 different ministers in its 82 years. The first minister was the Rev. J. W. Wheeler and the present minister is the Rev. C. W. Courtoy.

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## Report on Relief for Chile And Pacific Areas

By E. HAROLD MOHN

A king-sized thank you is in order to all bishops, district superintendents, pastors, and local churches for the recent response to our appeals for relief funds in behalf of the victims of earthquake disaster in Chile and other Pacific areas. The offerings of local churches, as reported to August 31, total \$723,711.

This is one more demonstrated proof that our Methodist people have the warm heart and the open hand when they are informed about human need anywhere in the world. It was true when we made a church-wide appeal for Korea in 1954; for Hungarian and other victims of oppression in 1957; and now for the recent catastrophe by earthquake in Chile and other Pacific areas.

Because there is centralized, co-ordinated promotion of general benevolence causes across the whole church, through its central promotional office in Chicago, such achievements as these are possible.

## Take Time

By MAY CORNWELL

Note: The following was written and published in the *Christian Observer* before the turn of the century. A copy, clipped by a friend of the author, was discovered recently in an old scrapbook. We appreciate the privilege of sharing it with our readers.

1. *Take time*, my young friend, to breathe a morning prayer, asking God to keep you from evil, and to use you for His glory during the day.

2. *Take time* to read a few verses from God's Word each day.

3. *Take time* to be pleasant. A bright smile and a pleasant word fall like sunshine upon the heads of those about us.

4. *Take time* to be polite. A gentle "I thank you," "if you please," "excuse me," etc., even to an inferior, is no compromise of dignity. True politeness is doing and saying the kindest thing in the kindest way.

5. *Take time* to be patient with children. Patience and kindness will open a way for good influence over almost any child.

6. *Take time* to be thoughtful about the aged. Respect gray hairs, even if they crown the head of a beggar.

7. *Take time* to think about something beside pleasure, dress and fashion. To adorn the body at a risk of dwarfing and pauperizing the soul is a fearful mistake.

8. *Take time* to choose your associates with care. There are other and higher things than outward appearance and pleasing address to be considered in the selection of our intimate friends.

9. *Take time* to reflect before saying the word or writing the letter that will wound the feelings of another.

10. *Take time* for the little courtesies of life. Be not so wrapped up in contemplation of great things that the small duties are left unnoticed and undone.

11. *Take time* to end the day with prayer, thanking God for His mercy, and committing yourself into His keeping for the night.

12. Above all, my dear young friend, *take time* to be a Christian. Do not spend the best years of your life in the service of Satan, and then offer God a worthless old age. "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

—In THE CHRISTIAN OBSERVER.

## Pfeiffer College Approves \$1,000,000 Budget

Misenheimer, N. C. — Pfeiffer College trustees meeting recently at the college approved a budget of over \$1,000,000 for the current school year, reaffirmed their desire to become affiliated with the Western N. C. Conference in June 1961, and approved an increase in student charges effective in September 1961.

The meeting, presided over by Board Chairman Paul R. Ervin, Charlotte, also authorized work to start immediately on drilling another deep well on the campus to expand the college's water supply. In other actions, the trustees voted to award no honorary degrees at the 1961 commencement.

## Governor Hodges Proclaims November as RIAL Month

Governor Luther H. Hodges of North Carolina has proclaimed November as Religion In American Life month and has urged that families in the state attend church or synagogue regularly.

Religion In American Life month is observed nationally as an emphasis upon the importance of religion in personal, family, community and national life. It is sponsored by the non-sectarian organization, Religion In American Life, Inc., and is supported by a nationwide advertising program through the Advertising Council.

More than \$8,000,000 worth of time and space for RIAL messages will be contributed by American business and advertising in the mass media during this 12th annual campaign. There will be 7,000 billboards, 8,000 three-sheet posters, 84,500 car cards in buses, street cars, and subways, thousands of advertisements in newspapers and magazines, and messages on network and local television and radio.

RIAL is sponsored by 70 lay men and women of all faiths, headed by Robert T. Stevens of New York, president of J. P. Stevens & Co., and former Secretary of the Army. It is also an agency of 27 national religious groups, and is supported by the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis International. Community campaigns are held in several hundred cities and towns in all states.

Text of Governor Hodges' proclamation follows:

"North Carolina will join the nation in the observance of Religion In American Life Month throughout the month of November.

"As North Carolinians and as Americans, we have traditionally relied upon spiritual values for the strength and guidance needed to build a great nation. Inherent in our institutions is the deep conviction that religion is the source of our principles and freedom. Cherishing our great heritage of religious freedom, we have a responsibility to stand before the world as a people united in a way of life dedicated to trust in our Creator.

"In recognition of the importance of religious dedication in all our activities, I am glad to designate the month of November, 1960, as *Religion In American Life Month* in North Carolina and urge that every North Carolinian use this occasion to reaffirm his or her dedication to spiritual values, and participate in regular family attendance at the church of his or her choice."

## 'It Can Be Better'

Washington, D. C.—Impressed with the general lack of a serious approach to problems of marriage and divorce, American University and Wesley Theological Seminary here are sharing in starting an ongoing Marriage Preparation Institute for the national capital area.

Each series of four two-hour lectures and discussions will stress the themes of spiritual harmony, money management, physical harmony and inter-personal relations, all with the idea that "marriage today can be better than ever," with preparation for marriage as a contribution factor.



# Nearly Two and Half Billion Given By Protestant and Orthodox Bodies

New York, N. Y., Oct. 30 — Church members in 49 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox bodies in the United States gave more than two billion 400 million dollars to their churches in 1959.

Of the total \$2,407,464,641 contributed, \$428,591,900 was earmarked for benevolences and \$1,978,676,692 for local congregational operations.

The record figures on church giving for all purposes were released recently by the Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council of Churches.

The report—the most comprehensive available on an annual basis—pointed out that the percentages of increase could be established for 35 bodies of the 49, which reported figures comparable to those of the previous year. These reported total giving for all purposes at \$1,715,505,635, averaging \$69.13 per member. This was a gain over 1958 of \$3.03 per member or 4.6 per cent.

The sum for congregational expenses in the group of 35 also represented a 6.6 per cent gain to \$1,395,743,706. The per member figure for congregational expenses among the 35 bodies averaged 056.24 in 1959 compared to \$53.76 a year earlier.

Of the same 35 church bodies, the report shows a gain of more than \$19 million for benevolences for a total of \$319,565,880 in 1959. Per member giving was up 4.5 per cent from \$12.33 to \$12.88. Under benevolences are listed home and foreign missions, overseas relief and rehabilitation programs, and similar items.

New church buildings were big items for 27 church bodies which reported figures this year. They made up 28.7 per cent of all local congregational outlays for a total of \$328,104,500. However, the record shows this expenditure below the \$358,358,112 reported for new church buildings by 25 bodies in 1958.

The current report is the 40th of a series begun by the United Stewardship Council, which merged with other agencies in 1950 to form the National Council of Churches. The Department of Stewardship and Benevolence makes the point that these reports are from only a portion of the religious bodies in the United States. Total giving to all bodies can only be estimated, the Rev. Thomas K. Thompson, department director, explained, and no estimate has been made in recent years.

## Per Capita Contributions for All Purposes 1960 Report

1. Free Methodist Church	\$269.71
2. Wesleyan Methodist Church	228.13
3. Evangelical Free Church	203.54
4. Pilgrim Holiness Church	200.48
5. Brethren in Christ Church	168.31
6. Evangelical Covenant Church of America	164.82
7. Orthodox Presbyterian Church	161.17
8. Evangelical Mennonite Church	148.80
9. Church of the Nazarene	135.51
10. Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends Church	126.00
11. United Brethren in Christ	119.69
12. Pentecostal Holiness Church	113.30

13. General Conference Mennonite Church	110.26
14. Church of God, Anderson, Ind.	104.51
15. Reformed Church in America	103.23
16. North American Baptist General Conference	102.91
17. Presbyterian Church in the U. S.	99.42
18. Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod	93.89
20. United Presbyterian Church in U. S. A.	82.30
21. Evangelical and Reformed Church	80.92
22. Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church	76.97
23. Evangelical Congregational Church	75.85
24. International Church of Four-square Gospel	74.49
25. American Lutheran Church	73.52
26. Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio	72.95
27. Churches of God in North America	71.24
28. Congregational Christian Churches	71.12
29. Suomi Synod (Finnish Luth.)	68.61
30. United Lutheran Church in America	68.29
31. Evangelical Lutheran Church	65.56
32. Church of the Brethren	65.27
33. Evangelical United Brethren Church	64.40
34. Evangelical Lutheran Synod	64.22
35. American Evangelical Lutheran Church	63.83
36. Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod	63.05
37. Protestant Episcopal Church	61.36
38. Lutheran Free Church	61.20
39. Disciples of Christ	60.93
40. Southern Baptist Convention	53.88
41. Unity of Brethren	52.45
42. The Methodist Church	52.18
43. American Baptist Convention	48.52
44. Seventh Day Baptist General Conference	47.86
45. Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church	47.32
46. Cumberland Presbyterian Church	46.70

NOTE: Three small church bodies' figures were omitted from this list since their 1960 reports of contributions were not complete.

## Illinois Methodism Adds 12,000 Members

Bloomington, Ill. — Illinois Methodism gained nearly 12,000 members in a statewide evangelism campaign October 14-18. Reports showed that nearly 46,000 of the 72,583 prospects were interviewed by 13,000 visitors from the state's 1,600 Methodist churches.

A total of 4,036 confessions of faith was reported, said the Rev. J. Henry Cox, Bloomington, campaign director. Also there were 1,291 reinstatements of membership, 4,235 transfers, and 1,954 transfers from other denominations.

## North Carolina Family Life Council Meets

West Market Church, Greensboro, was host Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, to the thirteenth annual conference of the North Carolina Family Life Council, which studied the theme, "Early Marriages—Problem or Challenge?"

Rev. Jesse Lanning of Linwood, Methodist minister and president of the Council, was in charge of the meeting. The opening general session was held in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 o'clock Sunday evening and featured a Family Life drama, "The Second Look," by Nora Stirling, presented by the Market Players. Dr. Bess Ross led the discussion following the play.

The general sessions in the church sanctuary at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Monday heard addresses by Dr. Selz Mayo, professor of rural sociology at N. C. State College; Dr. Reuben Hill, professor of sociology and child development at the University of Minnesota and director of the Minnesota Family Study Center; Dr. I. V. Sperry, director of the Woman's College Institute for child and family development and president of the Southeastern Council on Family Relations; and Miss Ruth Thompson, graduate student at Woman's College.

Mr. Charles W. Phillips, director of public relations at Woman's College and director of the North Carolina In-School TV, spoke at the 12:30 luncheon in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, and eight discussion groups were held on the conference theme. Monday evening at 7:30 Dean Mereb E. Mossman of Woman's College was moderator of a panel discussion in the Fellowship on "Early Marriages — How to Meet the Problem or Challenge."

Tuesday morning's general session at 10:00 o'clock in Fellowship Hall heard reports on current trends in the family relations area. The closing address was given at 11:15 a.m. by Bishop Hazen G. Werner of the Methodist Church's Ohio Area and chairman of the General Commission on Family Life.

## 'Let Us Pray' To Augment World Order Sunday

Washington, D. C. — A call for "prayers for peace among nations" has been issued to augment the observance of World Order Sunday.

Reminding that the 1960 General Conference expressed "thanks to God for the United Nations and its agencies and their continued efforts to create peace in the world," the appeal was made by Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, Des Moines, Iowa, president of the Board of Christian Social Concerns, and Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland, Lincoln, Nebr., chairman of the board's Division of Peace and World Order.

The bishops point out that, in the midst of the turmoil growing out of the collapse of the Summit Conference and of the Congo crisis, "the UN continue its work of healing and helping. It is demonstrating skill and effectiveness in meeting new challenges that threaten peace and order."



# W. J. Smith Has Built in Many Ways During His Active Career

By DALLAS MALLISON

Back in the early twenties a young Pitt County man, fresh out of Duke University, embarked upon a career that has turned out to be almost forty years of ceaseless, constant, and almost restless building.

If ever one word describes the life of a man, then "builder" aptly describes the life of William Jasper Smith, 58, of Rocky Mount and Bethel. Since 1923, when he started out as a public school teacher in Pitt and Martin Counties, he has been engaged in more than a score of different activities, all involving building.

For the first five years he molded and built young lives.

For the past five years he has been building a college.

In between he has built hundreds of homes and commercial buildings. He has led in the construction of a score or more public buildings, including schools, churches, and hospitals. He has helped build the Methodist church in several ways. He has been a builder of urban and rural communities.

## *Crowning Achievement*

In a very real sense, his work during the past five years as business manager and Jack of all trades in getting the new North Carolina Wesleyan College on its feet is his crowning achievement. To him more than to any other man, though many have been involved in the enterprise, the opening of the new Methodist senior college this fall is due to his untiring efforts.

The very first night after it was learned that Rocky Mount's bid for the new Presbyterian Consolidated College had failed, several prominent Rocky Mount people called Smith, inquiring about the possibility of Methodist sponsorship for a new Rocky Mount college. The very next day Smith and several of these folks went to Richmond to see Bishop Paul N. Garber about the matter. The result is well-known history.

Because of Smith's reputation as a builder and his 15 years as lay leader in the N. C. Methodist Conference, he was selected to head the college development program. He received the enthusiastic endorsement and support of Bishop Garber.

As business manager of the new institution, he was the only full-time administrative official it had for years. His title is misleading, for he has done anything that needed doing. In reality he was its business manager, president, vice-president, superintendent and chief engineer all rolled into one person.

With tireless energy and undimmed enthusiasm, he has been a veritable human dynamo. He has often taken off his coat and rolled up his sleeves and pitched in to help lay brick, run sewer lines, dig ditches, or whatever was needed doing. He also served as the college's first board chairman.

## *Pitt County Builder*

Born in Bethel in Pitt County in 1902, he has spent most of his life there. After five years of teaching and a brief period in



WILLIAM JASPER SMITH

Greenville, he and his wife, the former Miss Carolyn Pollock of Trenton, whom he married in 1927, moved to Bethel to stay. There they still live. They have a daughter and two sons and several grandchildren.

As the operator of a large lumber, building materials and cotton brokerage firm in Bethel since 1930, he has had much to do with the construction of scores of commercial buildings and hundreds of homes. He has been active not only in his home county but also in neighboring Martin and Edgecombe Counties. He has drawn many building plans. He owns large farming interests.

Since 1932 he has served continuously on one or more Pitt County governmental bodies, including the Boards of Commissioners, Education, Health and Welfare. For four terms he was chairman of the Board of Commission and Health. He also served as a member of the Pitt Selective Service Board, 1940-46.

As a member and chairman of the several County Boards, Smith has been a member of many building committees charged with selecting and purchasing sites, drafting plans, and directing construction. These projects have included many public buildings as well as the new Pitt County Hospital.

For three years (1945-48) he was a member of the N. C. Board of Correction and Training, showing special interest in the Eastern Carolina Training School for Boys near Rocky Mount, which is engaged in the building or "rebuilding" the lives of hundreds of eastern Carolina boys.

## *A Methodist Builder*

One of the many projects Smith has helped in has been the construction of the parsonage at the Bethel Methodist Church of which he is a long-time member. At the start he told the members he estimated the total cost of the project, including the price of the lot and the removal of the old building, would be around \$24,000. The actual cost turned out to be \$24,003.48.

For many years he has taught the Men's Bible Class at Bethel Methodist Church, has been its Sunday school superintendent, and is a steward at the church. For fifteen years (1941-56) he was lay leader in the N. C. Methodist Conference. Previously he had served as associate district lay leader. He was a member of the National Methodist Board of Lay Activities, 1944-56.

Smith has served on the National Methodist Board of Missions for the past several years. He was a lay delegate from the N. C. Conference to the national Methodist General Conferences held at Kansas City, San Francisco, and Minneapolis. For some time he has been serving as a trustee of the Randolph-Macon Academy at Front Royal, Va.

As N. C. Conference lay leader Smith ran true to form as a builder, for he pioneered in at least three lay programs which have become established lay activities in the Conference. These three programs started and developed under Smith's guidance:

1. The "no-silent pulpit" program under which more than 1,000 certified lay speakers speak in Methodist churches during the Lenten season each year, assuring that none of the 850 churches in the Conference go without preaching services any Sunday during this time due to the lack of a preacher or speaker.

2. The ten district lay rallies now attended each year by over 6,000 Methodist men in every district in the Conference. These rallies have become one of the main highlights of each year, drawing the bishop and some national Methodist leader as guest speakers.

3. The laymen's retreat Duke University each summer, drawing several hundred Methodist men from throughout the N. C. Conference for several days of study, prayer and fellowship. This event has also become a highlight of the laymen's year in the N. C. Conference.

## **Protestant Denounces Church Interference In Puerto Rico**

Interference by the Roman Catholic bishops of Puerto Rico in that Island's election campaign drew sharp comment from Glenn L. Archer, chief of the predominantly Protestant organization, Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State. Archer said that he had called the attention of the Fair Campaign Practices Committee to the interference of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in the Puerto Rican campaign. "The Fair Campaign Practices Committee has threatened some preachers with loss of tax exemption for discussing the religious issue in the United States election," he said. "Surely this group will want to take action in regard to this kind of church political campaigning on American soil."

"It appears," the Archer comment continued, "that the Catholic bishops have actually given voting orders to all Catholics and that they have used their churches to sign up voters for membership in their church political party. This is clericalism at its worst. Such clerical interference in an American election will greatly deepen concern as to the intentions of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in this country."



## Methodist Women Observe Week of Prayer

Prayer, meditation, study and a special offering to support pioneer mission projects in the United States and around the world marked the observance by 1,800,000 Methodist women of the annual Week of Prayer and Self-Denial October 25-31.

During the week, women in Woman's Societies of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guilds in 31,000 Methodist churches participated in two principal events, a "Quiet Day" service and a program meeting. A special offering was received as a part of the program meeting. Each day women offered personal prayers for the mission projects to which they give.

The Week of Prayer and Self-Denial is sponsored by the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Board of Missions.

All Week of Prayer materials have been edited by Miss Frances Eshelman, of High Point, N. C., an associate editor of literature in the Woman's Division.

The Week of Prayer and Self-Denial originated with the Woman's Missionary Council of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South. When three branches of Methodism united in 1939 to form the present Methodist Church, the women's organizations merged to form the Woman's Division of Christian Service. The Week of Prayer became one of the new organization's annual projects.

## American University Has Its Largest Enrollment

Washington, D. C.—President Hurst R. Anderson announced at the October 29 Board of Trustees meeting that American University enrollment has reached a new high this fall. Total enrollment, including students at Wesley Theological Seminary, is 8,519 as compared with 8,189 last year.

"There are 2,881 women students and 5,393 male students currently enrolled," he continued. "The American University's School of International Service, which opened in October 1958 with 129 students, now has 375 enrolled, an increase of 190 per cent. The construction of this school was made possible by a \$1 million grant from the General Conference of the Methodist Church.

"Wesley Theological Seminary has enjoyed a 24 per cent increase and now has 245 students as compared with 197 when it opened on the American University campus in 1958."

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### QUIET MOMENTS:

Chips on the shoulder are dangerous! There is only one way to get rid of chips: replace them with something greater. If they are caused by fear, replace them with faith; if they are caused by cowardice, replace them with courage; if they are caused by ugliness, replace them with beauty; if they are caused by crudeness, replace them with gracefulness; if they are caused by ignorance, replace them with knowledge; if they are caused by hatred, replace them with love; if they are caused by loneliness, replace them with fellowship. — COPIED.



Bishop Paul N. Garber turns the first shovel of dirt in ground-breaking ceremonies for the new Methodist Headquarters building in Raleigh. The ceremony took place Monday, Oct. 31.

## Methodists to Observe Annual Commitment Day

The implications of "Methodists say 'no, thank you'" to use of alcohol will be examined in churches across the nation December 4, in the Methodist Church's annual Commitment Day.

The day will be the focal point of a study program designed to inspire and prepare members for abstinence in personal life and also as a witness to others, as well as seeking solutions to alcohol problems, according to the Rev. Caradine R. Hooton, who directs the work of the Division of Temperance and General Welfare in the Board of Christian Social Concerns.

The church's policy-making General Conference of 1960 declared that "the use of alcoholic beverages adds serious and avoidable hindrance to our fellowship with God and creative helpfulness to men." It called for all Methodists to observe total abstinence, refusing alcoholic beverages "because the church seeks to lead believing souls to fullness of life in Christ" and "as a matter of stewardship concern for our brothers."

Commitment Day has been set aside by the church as a time for all its adherents to consider their own Christian commitments as to the use of alcohol and to give members the opportunity to discuss the reasons for the church's position.

The church-wide study project, involving the local church's commissions on missions, education and Christian social concerns, centers in a book, *Stumbling Block*, by Dr. Douglas Jackson of the faculty of Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, Texas.

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☞ REV. ROLLIN P. GIBBS preached at Morehead Methodist Church, and also at Oak Ridge Church Sunday, November 6.

☞ BEGINNING SUNDAY, November 13, Rev. Thor Hall of Norway, who is doing graduate work at Duke University, will conduct the fall evangelistic services at Oak Ridge Church. Mr. Hall was director of youth work in Norway, and plans to return after completing his work at Duke.

## New Parsonage Is Dedicated at Norlina

The new Norlina Methodist parsonage was dedicated Sunday afternoon, October 30, at 4:00 o'clock in a service conducted by the pastor, the Rev. C. E. Vale. Cost of the seven-room house, along with lot and furnishings, was \$18,000. It is completely furnished, including range, refrigerator, water heater, freezer, automatic washer, television, and air-conditioner. Norlina Church, with around 400 members, has become a station. It was formerly connected with Zion and Jerusalem Churches. These two churches now form a charge, and have purchased the parsonage now in use. Serving on the building committee for the new parsonage were R. L. Taylor, chairman; G. D. Knight, J. H. Hundley, C. R. Edwards, Walter Newman, and the Rev. C. E. Vale.

### STOP AND LOOK!

Stop your driving! Park a while!  
Look at Nature's autumn style!  
Colors rich on all the trees—  
Memories we'll make of these.

Memories that we shall keep,  
When awake and while we sleep;  
Memories that sweeten dreams—  
Dreams of love and moonlit streams.

There's a tree of crimson red!  
See those trees with colors wed—  
Brown with gold in each tree-top?  
Better turn aside, and stop!

Park a while each lovely day,  
Then at night kneel down and pray—  
Thanking Nature for each tree,  
Painted just for us to see.

—ERNEST C. DURHAM

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☞ HAYMOUNT CHURCH, Fayetteville, had its largest attendance and also topped the record for the year in its offerings on Sunday, Oct. 30. Rev. T. R. Jenkins is in good favor at Haymount.

☞ FIRST CHURCH, Charlotte, is asking two hundred people to take part in "One Great Day of Witnessing" November 20. It is to be known as "volunteers for evangelism."



# —Interesting Methodist Matters—

Rev. Lyle Alfred Weed of Vestal, N. Y., has joined the staff of the General Board of Pensions in Chicago.

Members of the press were honored for the seventh successive year at a community press dinner in Alondra Park Church, Gardena, Calif., on October 22.

Vernon L. Sidler, a young Chicago banker specializing in operation research, has joined the staff of the department of Methodist Men of the Board of Lay Activities, Chicago.

A communion table and chairs will be provided for Westminster Central Hall, London, in memory of the late Dr. W. E. Sangster, minister there for 16 years. The Rev. Derrick Greeves is the present pastor.

Bishop Roy H. Short of the Nashville Area was re-elected chairman of the Joint Committee on Christian Education in Foreign Fields, which met in Nashville, Tenn., October 20.

About 1,000 key persons of the Washington, D. C., districts took part in a reception for Bishop and Mrs. John Wesley Lord October 19 in Mt. Vernon Place Church.

Bongo drums are useful in working with emotionally disturbed children and teenagers. This was the word conveyed to the North Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service by a Seattle community center director.

Dr. Leslie D. Weatherhead, pastor of the famed City Temple in London, has resigned after 23 years of service. The 66-year-old Methodist clergyman has often been called "the best known religious writer in the English-speaking world."

Mrs. Laura Carson Burns, 81, widow of Bishop Charles Wesley Burns, died in Philadelphia October 16. She had served with him in several pastorates in Pennsylvania and Minnesota and while he was bishop in Helena, Montana, San Francisco and Boston.

Mrs. Helen Nutter Hartman, widow of Bishop Lewis O. Hartman, died October 24 after a long illness. Funeral services were held in Brookline, Mass., October 27. Her late husband was editor of *Zions Herald* 24 years and bishop of the Boston Area 1944-48.

## SO METHODIST SAY . . .

A church is not a museum, an exhibition of saints, a show-ring of pious purebreds. A church is a school, a group of people in various stages of development, from beginners in the Christian life with the dirt of the world still on them to those clad in white robes of the saints.—BISHOP

F. GERALD ENSLEY, Des Moines, Iowa, addressing the annual meeting of the Methodist Council of Evangelism in Bloomington, Ill., October 11-14.

The Methodist Theological School in Ohio was dedicated at special services held on its 69-acre campus two and one-half miles south of Delaware, Ohio on October 14. Earlier in the day, its president and dean were formally inaugurated at a ceremony in nearby Columbus.

Giving to the Methodist Youth Fund has increased every year since it was started 19 years ago, and this past fiscal year the total reached \$814,341. This was an increase of \$41,270 over the previous fiscal year, it was reported by Miss Emeline Crane, Nashville, who promotes the fund.

Illinois Methodism gained nearly 12,000 additional members in a statewide evangelism campaign October 14-18. Reports from 16 "victory meetings" in the three Methodist conferences in the state showed that nearly 46,000 persons were interviewed by 13,000 visitors from the state's 1,600 Methodist churches.

At the request of Bishop James W. Henley, the 542 Methodist churches in Florida were scheduled to take a special offering October 16 for the relief of congregations which were disaster victims of Hurricane Donna. No goal was set, but Bishop Henley estimated storm damage of more than \$100,000 to Methodist church buildings and facilities.

A Study Conference on the Rural Church, under the auspices of the Methodist Rural Fellowship, will be held in the Chittenden Hotel, Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 7-9. "The conference is expected to re-examine the objectives, strategy, and programs of Methodism for rural areas, and to issue recommendations for improving the work there," says Dr. Garland R. Stafford of North Wilkesboro, N. C., president of the group.

Twenty-one ministers from 21 states are participating in a Methodist evangelistic mission to Chile and Peru, which concludes November 6. The two-week mission is being sponsored by the Board of Missions, New York, and the Board of Evangelism, Nashville. They will visit Methodist missions and other points of interest in several Latin American countries before and after the mission. Director is George H. Jones, Nashville, staff member of the Board of Evangelism.

Emphasis by parents on status, salary and security is keeping many young people from entering full-time work for the church, a Methodist leader said recently. The Rev. Richard H. Bauer, Nashville, executive secretary of the Methodist Inter-board Committee on Christian Vocations, made the statement in a report at a meeting of the committee October 16-17.

The Reverend B. J. Stiles, associate secretary, Department of College and University Religious Life, Board of Education of the Methodist Church, Nashville, Tenn., will be the main speaker at the

first Methodist Youth Fellowship Day to be held on the campus of the American University, Washington, D. C., on Saturday, November 12.

The Rev. C. P. Payne, Sr., pastor of Haven Methodist Church, Meridian, Miss., has been named to the Mississippi Advisory Committee of the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights. Mr. Payne is a member of the Mississippi Conference (Central Jurisdiction).

## A BISHOP SAID IT . . .

Too much of the Christian faith has become trimming on the dress of life instead of a part of the fabric. — BISHOP RALPH TAYLOR ALTON of the Wisconsin Area, speaking at the North Central Jurisdiction WSCS meeting.

Holt McPherson, editor of the *High Point* (N. C.) *Enterprise* and prominent Methodist layman, was one of 35 American editors who recently toured Russia and several satellite countries. He gave a first-hand account of his experiences Oct. 5 to the student body of High Point College, whose board of trustees he heads.

A three-year Faith in Action crusade to raise \$2,150,000 for urgent needs of the Newark Annual Conference was approved at a recent meeting in Madison, N. J. More than 1,000 persons attended a dinner in connection with the meeting to honor the area's new leader, Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, and Mrs. Wicke.

The largest Methodist churches in New York City, Chicago, Philadelphia and some other big cities are Negro churches, according to an executive of the Methodist Board of Missions. The Rev. Dr. Allen B. Rice, executive secretary of the board's Section of Home Missions, made the statement at a meeting of the Methodist Inter-board Committee on Missionary Education recently. The migration of large numbers of Negroes to many cities was cited by Dr. Rice as one reason for the big Negro churches.

Partisan Pittsburgh Methodists cheerfully endured the hardship of wading through ankle-deep paper thrown in the streets around the downtown Methodist Center after the Pirates won the World Series. They also remembered gratefully that the entire Pirate team had attended a \$25-a-plate dinner a few days before the Series to pay tribute to the late "Rosey" Rowswell, a well-known sportscaster and dedicated Methodist layman. The more than \$18,000 cleared at the dinner will be used to build a baseball field and playground in his memory at the Ward Home for Children in Mt. Lebanon.

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In Russia, peace is too often a slogan. In the United States, it is too often a sentiment. Neither attitude is rugged enough for the challenges of the contemporary world.—THE REV. DANIEL E. TAYLOR, pastor of Rose City Park Church, Portland, Ore., speaking Sept. 22 at the Western Regional Conference on Christian Social Concerns, Hollywood, Calif.



## LEST WE FORGET

By LOUISE STAHL

### VIII. Daniel Asbury

Daniel Asbury was one of the most noted early preachers in North Carolina. He was born in Fairfax County, Virginia, on February 18, 1762. Though not related to Bishop Francis Asbury he served under the bishop for many years and was a close friend.

Daniel went to Kentucky when he was about sixteen years old and was there captured by the Indians and carried to the Far West and then into Canada. During the Revolution he was taken prisoner by the British and jailed in Detroit. He finally escaped and found his way back to Virginia after spending five years in captivity. So much had he suffered that it is said his own mother did not recognize him when he returned.

Soon after arriving safe in Virginia he was converted and in 1786 was received into the Conference and sent to Amelia Circuit. Many important appointments followed, including districts in Georgia and North Carolina. In the year following his admission he was sent to North Carolina, where he spent most of his later life. In 1789 he was sent to form the Lincolnton Circuit, which covered three counties and parts of two others. Actually it was said to extend all the way to the Tennessee line.

On the Lincolnton Circuit were Methodists who had come from Virginia and who had been served by some of the most noted of the early preachers. Daniel Asbury measured up to the best of them. There is a familiar story about his arrest at the instigation of a band of ruffians led by a Baptist preacher. The magistrate asked whether Asbury made people worse by his preaching and when his persecutors could not say that he did so the judge said, "If he makes them no worse he probably makes them better, so I will release him and let him try again."

Daniel Asbury was known as a saintly man, a good preacher, and a fervent revivalist, although, as was usual in that day, his formal education was limited. In the collected works of Bishop Francis Asbury there are several letters to him and he in turn wrote many to the bishop. There were few more influential Methodists in the state during the period.

In 1794 he held the first camp meeting in the region and William McKendree, Nicholas Watters and other famous men were among the preachers. It has been said, probably erroneously, that this was the first camp meeting ever held. At any rate it was so successful that another was held the next year at Bethel in Lincoln County. The Rock Springs camp ground, near Denver, is the descendant of the first camp meeting at Rehoboth.

In 1824, from the Sugar Creek Circuit, he wrote a letter to the conference in which he deplored his inability to be present because of infirmities and asked for the superannuated relation, which was granted. He settled near the present Terrell in Catawba County where he met and

married Nancy Morris. Here also he organized the famous Rehoboth Church, the first west of Catawba, in 1791. It was a log house with a shed on one side for Negroes. It flourishes to this day.

He did not live long after his superannuation. One Sunday, April 15, 1825, while walking in his yard he looked up to heaven, smiled and fell dead. He was born on Sunday, captured by the Indians on Sunday, returned on Sunday, was converted on Sunday, and died on Sunday.

In the Rehoboth churchyard, where he was buried, is a marker with this inscription: "Rev. Daniel Asbury, the pioneer preacher of Methodism in Western N. C., was born Feb. 18, 1762, died May 5, 1825. He organized here the first church in 1789 and the same year organized the first Methodist church in the state, west of the Catawba River. The first church building was erected in 1791. The first camp meeting was held here in 1794."

There are numerous descendants of Daniel Asbury in North Carolina and they all rejoice in their ancestry. One of them has placed in the World Methodist Building at Lake Junaluska an old horse-hide-covered trunk which belonged to Bishop Asbury and was given to Daniel Asbury on the bishop's death in 1816 and had been kept in the family for a century and a half. Other descendants live at Denver, and they have given to the archives of the World Methodist Building the manuscript remains of their ancestor, including last wills and testaments, autographs of Bishops McKendree, Soule, Capers and numerous others famous in Methodist history.

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### Miss Anna Ogburn Leaves Large Sum to Scarritt

A former student at Scarritt College has left the school nearly a quarter of a million dollars. Dr. D. D. Holt, president, announced to the college's Board of Trustees at their fall meeting, October 21.

Miss Anna Ogburn, a student at Scarritt the fall of 1934, left one-fifth of her estate, valued at approximately \$1,200,000, to Scarritt. Miss Ogburn died May 10 at her home in Winston-Salem.

The Ogburn estate, being administered by the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. of Winston-Salem, includes cash, stocks and other securities totaling \$825,000 plus eight pieces of real estate. The latter consists of business property in downtown Winston-Salem and a 40-acre estate, "Sunny Acres," about 15 miles west of the city. (For the past 23 years, Miss Ogburn had used this estate as a center for religious conferences and as a retreat for missionaries on furlough).

Dr. Holt declared: "This is the largest gift Scarritt has ever received from any individual and comes to us without any restriction." Income from the gift will be used to meet urgent needs at Scarritt.

Miss Ogburn was a close friend of Miss Lucy Hyda Heard who also died recently and left Scarritt \$100,000 in her will.

### Elkin-Yadkin Area Training School

The Elkin Area Training School will be held at First Methodist Church, Elkin, beginning Sunday night, November 13, at 7:30 and continuing each evening at the same hour through Tuesday. The following courses and instructors are scheduled:

*The Use of the Bible with Children*—Mrs. W. R. Reed, Richmond, Va.; *Helping Adults Learn*—Rev. Adlai C. Holler, of Columbia, S. C.; *Christian Beliefs*—Rev. Robert G. Tuttle, Asheville; and *Christian Beliefs for Young People*—Rev. Carl Edwards, Boonville.

Rev. J. H. Brendall and Miss Pauline Wilhelm will serve as directors.

Pastors and participating charges are: Garland R. Stafford, district superintendent; Elkin Circuit, C. C. Bell; Mountain Park-Grassy Creek, Ebenezer, Gayle Ford; Boonville-Mitchell's Chapel, Carl Edwards; West Yadkin, Joe C. Smith; St. Paul's, D. T. Huss; Elkin, J. H. Brendall; Longtown, Joe C. Smith; Jonesville, W. H. Dyar; East Bend, O. E. Merritt; Smithtown, E. W. Mills; Yadkinville, Norman Pusey.

This school is sponsored by the Conference Board of Education, Box 749, Statesville, Carl H. King, executive secretary, and the participating churches listed above. All interested persons are invited to attend.

### Methodist Foundation Holds Fall Meeting

The Methodist Foundation, Inc., of the North Carolina Conference held its fall meeting Monday, October 31, at the Children's Home in Raleigh. Some forty members and invited guests met at the Conference treasurer's office in the Cameron-Brown Realty building, and then lunched together in the Occidental building. A group picture was taken after the meal, and those present made their way to the site for the new Methodist building to be erected on the property given by the Methodist Children's Home. There the groundbreaking ceremonies were conducted by Rev. O. L. Hathaway, chairman. A report of the meeting was carried in last week's *ADVOCATE*. Members of the Foundation and guests then went to the Children's Home for the business meeting, presided over by Mr. Gurney P. Hood, president of the Foundation. Taking part in this meeting were Dr. F. Olen Hunt, executive director, Rev. Charles Hubbard, chairman of the Committee on Gifts and Wills. He presented representatives of six colleges who spoke for their institutions as follows: Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, Mr. Luther W. Hill; Louisburg College, President Cecil W. Robbins; Methodist College, Fayetteville, Mr. Charles K. McAdams, director of public relations; Greensboro College, Dr. Harold Huston, president; High Point College, Dr. H. H. Peterson, director of Endowment; and Duke University, Dr. Deryl Hart, president. Dr. John C. Brauer, vice-chairman of the Committee on Gifts and Wills, read the following memorial to Dr. Earl W. Brian, a member of the Foundation, who died recently:





# Woman's Activities



## Two Subdistricts Hold Study Course

By MARY GARDNER

Representatives from twelve Woman's Societies of Christian Service of the North and South Durham subdistricts have been engaged in a jurisdiction study course, "Into All the World Together." Sessions were held on October 10, 13, 17, and 20 at the Calvary Methodist Church, Durham, with an average attendance of 85. The leader, Mrs. J. J. Gergen, is secretary of missionary education and service for the Durham District.

The study, which explores the background and progress of ecumenity and its significance for the local church, is the current topic for 29 denominations of the National Council of Churches. The text, "One World, One Mission," was authored by W. Richey Hogg, a graduate of Duke University and the Yale University Divinity School. The topics for the four sessions included "Our World in Crisis," "Mission and Unity," "Methodism in the Household of Faith," and "Apostles on Main Street."

Among other features of the sessions were films shown by Mrs. E. L. Hillman of mission work in Hong Kong and Korea, and taken on a recent trip to the Orient by Dr. and Mrs. Hillman; films of the work of Dr. E. L. Rice at Union Christian Hospital in Pakistan, and films taken in Burma, Malaya and Sarawak by Mrs. Creighton Lacy. Dr. and Mrs. Lacy spent last year in the Far East, returning to this country early last summer.

Following the close of the final session a coffee hour was held.

Mrs. G. K. Grantham, Jr., is president, and Mrs. Cecil Scott, secretary of missionary education and service of the hostess society.

### Varied Program At MSC

The first 1960-61 issue of *The Challenge*, monthly paper published at the Methodist Student Center, East Carolina College, Greenville, bears witness that a varied and worthwhile program is in full swing at the Center.

Among the regular activities are a fellowship hour beginning at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday, with buns, coffee and cocoa; the Sunday school hour; the eleven o'clock worship services at church, to which transportation is provided for the students; Sunday evening vespers; vespers and discussion groups on vital issues held during weekdays. The chapel is open at all times for prayer and meditation.

At a recent vesper-discussion, the group came to grips with the question, "Is Christianity the only true religion, or is it only

one of the four great religions, the four being Judeo-Christian, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam.

The drama group, the Wesley Players, are organizing and making plans for their first production of the current academic year. The students act in plays and serve on stage crews, such as costumes, make-up and lighting.

A special program of music featuring Barbara Wilson, a senior at ECC, and her mother, Mrs. Kenneth Wilson, was presented recently in the Assembly Room at the Methodist Student Center. An active member of the Wesley Foundation, Barbara is a voice student of Dr. Hjortsveng, head of the music department at ECC, and also a member of the college choir. Mrs. Wilson is a member of the Eastern Carolina College orchestra.

### W. N. C. Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



#### New Secretary of Children's Work

Mrs. W. T. Medlin, Jr., comes to her new job as secretary of Children's Work in the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference with a great deal of first-hand knowledge of children and how to interest them in church projects. She has learned much from her two young sons, Bill, 12, and John, 9.

She also brings a knowledge of the missionary program of the Methodist Church,

having served as secretary of Children's Work in the Gastonia District and later as secretary of missionary education and service in the Marion District.

Besides, she is a preacher's wife, and it is said that they have to keep up with the general program of the church in order to keep their husbands well informed.

Her interest and concern came in the early years as she grew up in a Presbyterian manse in Highlands, the daughter of Mrs. H. P. Thompson and the late Dr. Thompson. She was educated at Western Carolina College at Cullowhee and at Queens College in Charlotte.

In 1944, she met her husband when he came to Highlands Methodist Church as pastor. Mrs. Medlin says, "He somehow felt that he needed a 'Calvinist' to help him carry on his work."

Like most Methodist ministers' families, the Medlins have moved around quite a bit in their ministry. They have lived in Robbinsville, Clyde, Gastonia, Spindale, and now Winston-Salem. The Rev. Medlin is now pastor of Green Street Methodist Church in Winston-Salem.

Her given name is June, and she is as happy and bright as a June day. Someone said that it was a good thing for the Medlins to move around, for it gives more folks a chance to love them.

### Mrs. Ralph Ward In Taiwan

"The work in Taiwan is expanding during this first year as a part of the Lands of Decision program," writes Mrs. Ralph Ward in her first letter to the folks at home since she left for her missionary assignment in Taiwan.

The memories of the years before crowded into her mind and soul as she returned to the beloved land where she had served as Bishop Ward's chief assistant, for she ends her letter by saying, "The welcome back to both Hong Kong and Taiwan has been heartwarming."

Since Mrs. Ward cannot write to each of her friends at home, she asks that her letters be shared with her friends.

She tells of the purchase of a home by the Woman's Division of Christian Service, a Japanese-styled house that will serve as Mrs. Ward's residence and also a place to welcome missionaries as they come to Taipei.

She mentions the new bishop. "Bishop and Mrs. W. Angie Smith are due . . . During his visit to Taiwan we hope he may participate in two groundbreaking services, one for the new girls' high school, the other for a girls' dormitory on the Soochow University campus. The entire cost of the five hectares of land for the girls' high school has been made possible by gifts from Chinese in Taiwan and America. The buildings will be erected by the Woman's Division.

"This year the Taiwan-Hong Kong Annual Conference will be held in Hong Kong. Of the four Taiwan lay delegates, two are women, Mrs. David Hung, a leader in the Christian Family Life program, and Mrs. Tang Shao-chien, vice-president of the national Woman's Society of Christian Service.

"Miss Florence Chen, chairman of the girls' high school board of managers, has



MRS. W. T. MEDLIN, JR.



been invited by the Philippine National Woman's Society to be their guest in November. She is to attend their national assembly and remain for deputation work.

"In Taiwan, one new chapel was dedicated in September, at An Ping, a seacoast town near Taiwan. Three new couples of the Division of World Missions have arrived, the Dunns, Overbys, and Urys. Of the three T's scheduled for Taiwan this fall, Wenda Carter is now on the Tunghau campus at Taichung; Ann McCurdy is studying Mandarin in Hong Kong pending her arrival in Taiwan after the annual conference sessions; Dorothy Jones is expected in November.

"On the economic front, the government is making a strong effort to attract capital for industrial development. Two recent enthusiastic street demonstrations welcomed Yang Chuan-kwang, the Olympic decathlon silver medalist, and 1,500 Chinese refugees from Indonesia.

"En route to Taiwan I stopped ten days in Hong Kong. One recent escapee from Peking reported on the imprisonment of six Methodist pastors in that city. An escapee from Shanghai reported that members of his family had not been able to buy an egg for eighteen months.

"When my plane finally landed in Taipei August 1st, it was typhoon weather. Floods in southern Taiwan had washed out bridges and railroad tracks. Youth en route to their MYF summer conference finally made their way safely by walking over swaying, broken bridge spans, high above the raging flood waters. At the annual W.S.C.S. conference, held later, Miss Annie Liu was elected the new national president. She is a member of the Legislature of Free China and has just returned from a two-year study period in America."

A touch of yearning for the homeland may be felt in her final words. "These letters are going to only one person . . . please share them with others who may be interested."

Mrs. Ward's new address is:

20, Lane 143

Hsin Sheng South Road, Section 1  
Taipei, Taiwan

### How Do We Rate?

When the recent *Summary of Conference Secretaries of Children's Work Reports for the Southeastern Jurisdiction* was published, the Woman's Society of the Western North Carolina Conference found that it had "made a name for itself."

We rank first in the number of churches reporting; first in the number of churches using Methodist materials for children; we rank second in the number of secretaries teaching in church schools; we rank third in the number of additional sessions and in the number of secretaries taking advantage of training courses.

We need to work a little harder on attendance at Council of Children's Workers meetings and on the task of channeling the Children's Service Fund properly. For information on either of these, contact Deaconess Louise Robinson, Box 749, Statesville.

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Sin has many tools, but a lie is the handle which fits them all.—Holmes.

## In Memoriam

### EARL W. BRIAN

Few men in life leave behind a heritage to which others can subscribe for years and generations to come. The life of our friend and colleague, Earl W. Brian, M.D., was indeed rich in experience, which has reflected most favorably in the health, welfare, and happiness of thousands of lives.

This man truly placed service above self, and, thereby, realized the fullest measure of success. Many of us want to believe that this world is just a little better because we have had the privilege of living in it. Our departed friend has achieved that goal, and he indeed has left a deep impression upon our hearts and minds which cannot be erased, but which will continue to motivate all of us to greater works.

As one of the founders and directors of the Methodist Foundation of North Carolina, Incorporated, Dr. Brian has helped to lay a cornerstone for the foundation of our church at large, which is destined to be a living monument for this and future generations. It has indeed been a rare privilege to work with this servant of God and our church.

May the above comments be spread upon the minutes of the Foundation's meeting this day, and a copy of this expression and best wishes be forwarded to his loyal and beloved wife and family.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. BRAUER, *Chairman of*

*Special Memorial Committee*

CHARLES S. HUBBARD

F. OLEN HUNT

ALLRED.—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Salem Methodist Church, wish to pay tribute to one of our loyal and devoted members, Mrs. Bernie Allred, who passed away Sept. 29, 1960. She will be greatly missed in the Society, church, home, and community. She was a loving mother and neighbor. The influence of her Christian life will be felt through the years. We extend to her family and loved ones our deepest sympathy. Be it resolved that a copy be sent to her family and a copy filed in our records.

MRS. J. B. BANNER, SR.

MRS. GEO. MILLER

MRS. RUTH MATTHEWS

MRS. J. R. BLACKBURN

ANDREWS.—Whereas, God in his infinite wisdom saw fit to call from our midst one of our most beloved members, Lily Erp Andrews, be it resolved:

That we shall forever cherish the memory of her association with us, and her willingness at all times to serve the God she loved and the church she attended.

That we shall endeavor to do whatever we can to make life a little more pleasant for the companion from whom she departed.

That a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, her beloved husband, George Andrews, and her two brothers; and be entered in the minutes of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of which she was such a loyal and faithful member.

—WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE  
Rockford Street Methodist Church  
Mount Airy.

## Hymns on Marriage and Family Life Encouraged

Christian marriage and family life is the subject of a new hymn competition open to poets and musicians of the United States, Canada, and other countries.

Sponsored by the Hymn Society of America, the competition is being run in connection with the forthcoming North American Conference on Church and Family (April 30-May 5, 1961), Green Lake Wisconsin. The conference is being held under the auspices of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA and the Canadian Council of Churches.

According to the Rev. William H. Genne, executive director of the National Council's department of family life, the idea was suggested to the Hymn Society because of the "dearth of hymns dealing with Christian marriage and family life."

"We believe this competition will fill a significant gap in our hymnology," Mr. Genne said. "We also believe it will give our hymn writers an excellent opportunity to give expression to the newer concepts of the relation of Christian faith to sex, love, marriage and parenthood."

## Editorial Council Met in Raleigh

The Editorial Council of *The Methodist Story*, with representatives from each of the General Boards and Agencies of The Methodist Church, met in Raleigh at the Longview Gardens Church on Wednesday, October 26th. The invitation to come to North Carolina was issued by the Rev. O. L. Hathaway, executive secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the North Carolina Conference. The host pastor was the Rev. John T. Maides. Dr. E. Harold Mohn, publisher of *The Methodist Story*, announced his retirement effective December of this year. Dr. W. W. Reid, many years feature writer for the General Board of Missions, announced his retirement. The Editorial Council formulated plans for the year for the magazine.

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# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## Is He Your Best Friend?

Many years ago a lady stopped to speak to four neglected boys who, barefoot and poorly clad, were playing marbles in the streets of a large city. "Do you go to Sunday school?" she asked.

"No; ain't got no clothes," said one.

"Would you come if you had better clothes?" she asked.

"You bet!" was one boy's emphatic reply.

"What are your names?" she inquired.

"Peter Bollhorn," replied the first boy, and the others gave their names. Peter was the son of a widow. Clothes were provided, and he and the other boys kept their promise.

It was a warm Sunday, and the lady who had invited them and who was their teacher, sat, dressed in white, telling her class of boys the lesson story. Almost the only thing they remembered of it, was the way the teacher looked, and one thing that she said and did. On the back of a card she drew a cross with the name "Jesus" above it, and said, "Boys, Jesus suffered to help us in our troubles. If you ever have any trouble, look to Him for help."

One day a terrific storm swept over the prairie town. The streets were flooded, and the stream that flowed through the town, usually nothing but a mere trickling of water, was a raging torrent. Boxes, barrels, and boards from a lumber yard nearby were swept away. The boys were there to see what the storm had done, and Peter fell in.

He grasped at the weeds on the bank, but they pulled out. He tried to get hold of a board, but it slipped away from him. He was carried under two bridges, on each side of which futile efforts were made to rescue him. Toward a third bridge he swept, and the roar of the water was in his ears.

"In that moment," he says, "the vision of the teacher, all in white, and her words about looking to Jesus in time of trouble, came to me. I put my hands together and prayed."

It was that gesture of the sinking boy that saved him, for two men on the bridge seized the uplifted hands and drew him out. When he came to, they asked him how he happened to have his hands up as they were.

"I was ashamed to say that I was praying," he says, "and I asked boastfully, 'Didn't you know I could swim?' But I kept thinking I had told a cowardly lie. I had learned in Sunday school about the other Peter, the one in the New Testament, and it seemed to me I had denied the Lord just like he did."

Peter Billhorn became the singing evangelist and song-writer, and this incident is said to have been the occasion of his writing the song, "The Best Friend Is Jesus." — **Selected.**

## The Whisper Song

Among the beautiful songs written particularly for children is the lovely "Whisper Song," by an unknown author. In singing it, children like to feel that they are whispering the secret of God's love to the children of other nations and races.

During the impressionable years of childhood is the time for parents and teachers to implant in their lives a love and appreciation for all of God's children the world around. This song helps toward a deeper love for God's earth family.

The music for the song may be found in **Melodies for Children's Voices**, published by the Leyda Publishing Company, Wapello, Iowa.

I want to send a whisper song  
Across the waters blue,

And say to all the children there,  
"Jesus love you, loves you."

If they should not quite understand,  
They'll wonder if it's true;

But I will keep on whispering still,  
"Jesus love you, loves you."

## A BOY IN THE HOUSE

Who left the garden gate unlatched;  
Who left the hosepipe on the lawn;

Who used my favorite pen; who scratched  
My desk; who starts from early morn

The radio screeching; who explores  
The kitchen larder, lets the bath

Run over, rushes out of doors,  
Half-naked down the garden path,

Indifferent to the bitter weather;  
Who sewed my trouser legs together?

Whose shoes are these with laces knotted;  
Whose shorts are these flung anyhow?

Whose shirt is this with jam stains spotted?  
Young villian, I have caught you now!

But just too late, since you are sleeping,  
Your head pressed deep in the white pillow,

Your brown throat from your jacket peeping,  
Your hair like a gold, tumbling billow.

Is this the boy I must accuse  
Of putting tin-tacks in my shoes?

Whose laughter rings through all the house;  
Who always has a new cut bleeding?

Who can be quiet as a mouse  
When 'gainst my knee, as I am reading,

A fair head leans? Who, with a kiss,  
Impulsive, sweet as April rain,

Will some half-risen doubt dismiss,  
And lead me captive in his train?

Let all my years count up their treasure—  
This boy I love outweighs their measure.

—By CECIL ROBERTS

## CHUCKLE

A tourist stopped to talk with a backwoods farmer. "I see you raise hogs almost exclusively around here," he said. "Do they pay better than corn and potatoes?"

"Well, no," drawled the farmer, "but hogs don't need no hoein'." — **Exchange.**

## BIBLE QUIZ

### About Fish and Fishing

1. In what sea can no fish live? \_\_\_\_\_
2. In what kind of boat did Jesus do much of his journeying? \_\_\_\_\_
3. In what miracle did Jesus use two small fish? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What kind of fish were considered unclean? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Who said, "I will make you fishers of men?" \_\_\_\_\_

### Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Amos, Amos 7:14-15
2. Elisha, II Kings 5:1-14
3. Daniel
4. Eliha, II Kings 2:9-11
5. Jonah, Jonah 1:1-3

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If we "trust and obey" we need no other way.



## Sunday School Lesson

FOR NOVEMBER 20

By **RAYMOND A. SMITH**

Head, Department of Religious Education,  
Greensboro College

### THANKS BE TO GOD

*Background Scripture:* Psalm 93  
and 103

*Lesson Scripture:* Psalm 103:1-18

Psalm 103 is surely one of the greatest in the Psalter. It is so universal in its appeal that a religious man, of whatever faith, might find inspiration in it. Quimby, writing in the International Lesson Annual, finds in this psalm at least three stages, or moods, each wider than the preceding one.

The first five verses deal with the gratitude man feels for *personal* benefits he has received from God. Among these are, first, the assurance of forgiveness. It is only when we realize the agony of spirit that may accompany the sense of unforgiveness that this great truth comes home to us with force. Following the thanksgiving for forgiveness comes an expression of gratitude for healing. It may be no accident that these are found so close together; for it is certainly true that a deep and persisting sense of guilt has often been the cause of illness, especially mental illness. Then, too, there are expressions of appreciation for the positive goods of life—redemption from destruction, and an infinite number of acts of kindness and mercy received from the hand of God. One of these is the renewal of life. The illustration of the eagle is used to convey the psalmist's message. The eagle was much admired by the ancients for its strength and endurance, but during the moulting season it lost its feathers and underwent a season of weakness. However, there came a time of renewal when the feathers returned and with them the old strength. So it is with us in the realm of the spirit. "He restoreth my soul" is no empty phrase for the need of renewal is basic to continuing life and work.

The second realm (verses 6-14) in which the mercy of God is manifest is in that of national life: "He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel." Thus the writer of this psalm, like so many of the great ones of the Bible, recalls the fact that God was with his people from the very beginnings of their national existence. "He does not deal with us according to our sins" doubtless refers to the many times Israel had been guilty of forsaking its faith for the pagan gods of other nations. This thanksgiving season gives us, likewise, an opportunity to measure our life as a nation by the religious ideals of the pilgrims. Are we being true to them, or do we see evidences of a drift away from them? Your class might wish to discuss this question.

The third realm is that of *mankind in general* (verses 15-18). It deals with the brevity of man's life in contrast to the eternal being of God. Of all creatures man alone knows he is going to die. The only way he can keep from being overwhelmed by this prospect is to tie up his brief existence with something which out-

lasts his own life and every mortal life. According to the psalmist, that which endures forever is the steadfast love of God. It is this that forms the continuing link between those of all the ages who have "trusted the larger hope."

In view of the overwhelming mercies with which we are surrounded every day of our lives, it might be assumed that expressions of gratitude would forever be upon our lips. But it is not so. It seems hard for us to be grateful. We come to the place where we take God's goodness for granted. Of the ten lepers who were healed by Jesus only one returned to thank him. A modern instance of ingratitude is related by Bishop Palmer who says that of the seventy-eight persons who were saved from the electric chair by Judge Leibowitz when he was a criminal lawyer, none of them ever remembered him so much as with a Christmas card!

Some years ago at a Youth Conference at Lake Junaluska the late Bishop Paul B. Kern read the following lines. Young people will like them, even if older ones do not. They may form a fitting close to our meditations on gratitude.

Five thousand breathless dawns all new;  
Five thousand flowers fresh in dew;  
Five thousand sunsets wrapped in gold;  
One million snow flakes served ice-cold;  
Five quiet friends, one baby's love;  
One white mad sea with clouds above;  
One hundred music-haunted dreams,  
Of moon-drenched roads and hurrying streams;  
Of prophesying winds and trees,  
Of silent stars and browsing bees;  
One June night in a fragrant wood;  
One heart that loved and understood—  
I wondered, when I waked at day  
How - - how in God's name - -  
I could ever pay.

—AUTHOR UNKNOWN

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### Bennett College Students Listed In "Who's Who"

Eight Bennett College seniors were notified this week of their election to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

They are Misses Esther Alexander, Warrenton; Linda Brown, Akron, Ohio; Iris Jeffries, Burlington; Gwendolyn Mackel, Chicago, Ill.; Jo Ann Martin, Leaksville; Idajeanne Robinson, Oberlin, Ohio; Marian Simmons, Fayetteville; and Roslyn Smith, Princeton, W. Va.

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## MCOR Elects Officers

At the quadrennial organizational meeting of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, on September 26, Bishop James K. Mathews, of the Boston Area, was elected as chairman, succeeding Bishop Frederick B. Newell, retired. Dr. William R. Guffick, superintendent of the New Brunswick, N. J. District, was elected vice-president; and Mrs. John M. Pearson, of Newburgh, N. Y., secretary.

MCOR members are elected (1) by jurisdictions. The following were elected for the quadrennium: Walter R. Hazzard, Central; Bishop Ralph T. Alston, North Central; William R. Guffick, Northeastern; Alfredo Nanez, South Central; Louis Spilman, Northeastern; Kenneth Carlson, Western. (2) By the Board of Missions, the Woman's Division (not yet named). (3) By the Board of Missions, the Division of World Missions: Bishop Richard C. Raines, Dr. Roland Scott, Dr. Eugene L. Smith.

In addition, seven persons were named as co-opted members: Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, Dr. James Claypool, Miss Henrietta Gibson, Frank E. Masland, Jr., Bishop James K. Mathews, Dr. Auar E. Severinghaus. Four were elected as honorary members for the quadrennium: Dr. Eugene Barnet, Dr. Frank T. Cartwright, Miss Elizabeth Lee, Bishop Herbert Welch.

Those elected as executive staff members were: Dr. Gaither P. Warfield, general secretary; Dr. John S. Kulisz, secretary of refugee resettlement; the Rev. Francis L. Brockman, secretary for promotion; Gerhard G. Hennes, treasurer.

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## Decide Now To Keep "Christmas For Christ"

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Program materials aimed at combating the increasing commercial aspects of the religious holiday are prepared by the division and can be utilized by church and community organizations.

The *Christmas for Christ* campaign includes special effort to encourage non-alcoholic Christmas parties. Business representatives and individuals are urged to discourage the giving of alcoholic beverages as Christmas gifts and to hold office parties and social functions in keeping with Christ's birthday.

A new leaflet this year, "Interoffice Memo," reproduces a memo sent out by a large business concern explaining why no alcoholic beverages would be sent as Christmas gifts. Other materials include posters, car cards, bulletin covers, Christmas seals, a mat set, a brief play and a picture of Christ in prayer. Samples may be obtained from the Service Department, 100 Maryland Ave., N. E., Washington 2, D. C.

## Thomas L. Perkins Heads Duke Endowment

Thomas Lee Perkins, chairman of the board of American Cyanamid Co., has been elected chairman of the Duke Endowment which has investments of more than \$430 million.

Perkins, 55, who lives at Rye, N. Y., has been an Endowment trustee since 1948. He succeeds the late George G. Allen as head of the Endowment established in 1924 by the late James B. Duke. The endowment is the third largest in the United States.

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## Lebanon Church To Open New Sanctuary Nov. 13

The opening services for the new Lebanon Methodist Church sanctuary in High Point will be held Sunday, November 13, at 11:00 a.m. The congregation will also observe homecoming, with a picnic dinner in the Fellowship Hall of the church following the morning service. The Rev. Kenneth D. Crouse is pastor.

Rev. Ralph H. Taylor, superintendent of the High Point District, will bring the message. The schedule also will include guest preaching by former pastors and sons of the church Sunday through Wednesday evenings.

Open house will be held following the services each evening.

## Keep Two Bishops

*Nyadiri, Southern Rhodesia*—In sessions dominated by the question of episcopal supervision, 58 delegates to the recent Africa Central Conference decided that, for the foreseeable future at least, the conference will continue to have two bishops instead of three.

The African unit failed to implement a provision afforded by the 1960 General Conference to elect a third bishop. Thus for the present the Africa Central Conference will continue to have only two episcopal areas—Elisabethville (Congo), headed by Bishop Newell S. Booth, and Lourenco Marques (Southern Rhodesia, Mozambique, Angola, Union of South Africa), headed by Bishop Ralph E. Dodge.

Delegates debated the issue of a third bishop for several hours, with Bishop Richard C. Raines, Indianapolis, Ind., in the chair most of the time. He represented the Council of Bishops. Congo delegates favored a third area, and those from other countries opposed it. When the vote was taken, a majority voted for a third area, but not the required two-thirds.

## A DREAM UNFOLDS

Ten years of dreams, and half as many of planning, fund-raising, and building, have culminated in the opening of Alaska Methodist University in Anchorage, Alaska, with an enrollment of 150 students. The faculty, under the presidency of Dr. Fred P. McGinnis, numbers 14 full-time members and 11 part-time professors.

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*FORGIVE US, LORD, FOR SHALLOW THANKFULNESS*

By W. W. REID

Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness,  
For dull content with warmth and sheltered care,  
For songs of praise for food and harvest press,  
Yet of thy richer gifts all unaware:  
Teach us to thank thee, Lord, for love and grace,  
For life, and vision, and a purpose clear;  
For Christ, thy Son; and for each human face  
That shows thy message ever new and near.

Forgive us, Lord, for selfish thanks and praise,  
For word that speaks at variance with deed;  
Forgive our thanks for walking pleasant ways  
Unmindful of a broken brother's need:  
Teach us, O Lord, true thankfulness divine  
That gives as Christ gave, never counting cost,  
That knows no barrier of "mine" and "thine,"  
Assured that only what's withheld is lost.

Forgive us, Lord for feast that knows not fast,  
For joy in things the while we starve the soul,  
For wars and walls that hide thy mercies vast  
And mar our vision of the Kingdom goal:  
Open our eyes to glimpse thy Love's intent,  
Our minds and hearts to plumb its depth and height;  
May thankfulness be days in service spent,  
Reflection of Christ's Life, and Love, and Light.

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# • CAROLINA BRIEFS •

☞ REV. W. K. QUICK, pastor of Zebulon Methodist Church, is assisting the Rev. Earl C. Black in revival services at Highland Church in High Point this week.

☞ DR. E. H. BLACKARD, of the Central Church, Asheville, attended the Methodist Church's 36-member co-ordinating council held in Chicago October 31-November 1.

☞ THE EDITOR of the ADVOCATE is this week attending the District Superintendents' Conference in Chicago by invitation from the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation.

☞ DR. C. EDWIN HARWOOD, professor of English at North Carolina Wesleyan College, was the speaker at the school's chapel program Tuesday morning, November 8. His subject was "The Magic Mask."

☞ DR. E. STANLEY JONES, missionary-evangelist and author, was Religious Emphasis Week speaker at Emory November 14-18. He spoke each morning from 10:30 to 11:25 in Glenn Memorial Auditorium.

☞ THE REV. AND MRS. W. STANLEY BAKER, JR., of Leicester, announce the birth of a son, Walter Gleason, on November 2, at St. Joseph Hospital, Asheville. Mr. Baker is pastor of Bell Methodist Church in Leicester.

☞ THE BLACK MOUNTAIN Methodist Church is planning for revival services beginning November 27 and running until December 2. Prayer services are being held each week in preparation for the revival. Rev. John McWhorter is pastor.

☞ DR. W. CHANDLER BUDD, Atlanta, Ga., is leading Pfeiffer College's annual Religious Emphasis Week, November 14-17. The theme during the week is "Jesus Christ is Lord," and will be followed in the preaching services and in discussion groups.

☞ REV. LEON RUSSELL was the speaker at chapel services for North Carolina Wesleyan College on Tuesday, November 1. His subject was "God's Plan In Your Hand. Mr. Russell is pastor of First Methodist Church, Rocky Mount, and a trustee of Wesleyan.

☞ THE ANNUAL OBSERVANCE of Ministers' Week will be held at Emory University, Atlanta, January 16-20, 1961. Dr. Liston Pope of the Yale Divinity School, and Bishop Stephen Charles Neill of Cambridge, England and Geneva Switzerland, both internationally known churchmen, will be on the program.

☞ "ONE GREAT DAY OF WITNESSING" is to be held by members of First Church, Charlotte, November 20, when some 200 people will go in teams to call on others in the program of evangelism. The program will begin with dinner at the church on Sunday and end with a report period after church Sunday night.

☞ DR. ALLEN P. BRANTLEY, Director of Christian Higher Education of the North Carolina Conference, preached at the 11 o'clock service at Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church, Greenville, November 13.

☞ HICKORY GROVE CHURCH, Charlotte, will hold an Evangelistic Preaching Mission Sunday, December 4, through December 7 at 7:30 each evening, with Dr. George A. Fallon, of Lakewood Methodist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, doing the preaching.

☞ REV. HARLEY WILLIAMS, pastor of Central Methodist Church, Monroe, will preach in a union Thanksgiving service at First Baptist Church, Thursday morning, November 24, at 10 o'clock. The Methodist offering will go to the Children's Home, Winston-Salem.

☞ TRENTON METHODIST CHURCH will hold its homecoming service November 27. The pastor will preach during the morning service. There will be an old-fashioned picnic following the morning service, and a song service will be held in the afternoon. All former pastors, former members and friends are invited.

☞ THE FIRST Methodist Church of Morehead City had an unusual Laymen's Day on October 16th, with Dr. Stacy Weaver, president of Methodist College in Fayetteville, speaker at the morning worship, and Mr. Roy Turnage, district lay leader, speaker at the evening worship. Approximately thirty men of the church sang in a special choir both morning and evening.

☞ LOVE'S METHODIST CHURCH, Walkertown, is planning a new educational building and has around \$75,000 on hand for that purpose. The quarterly conference will be asked on November 20 to accept or reject bids that have been submitted. It is expected that the building will cost some \$114,500. Rev. R. P. Crawley is the pastor.

☞ DR. JOHN BISHOP, minister of Emory Methodist Church, Jersey City, N. J., is this week preaching in the "Festival of Faith" services at First Church, Elizabeth City, of which the Rev. Virgil E. Queen is pastor. Dr. Bishop is an Englishman, and is one of the country's outstanding preachers. He is also an authority on Wesleyan hymnology.

☞ A SURVEY has been made and plans are in progress to establish a new Methodist church at Baton, in Caldwell County. A number of people of the area have expressed a desire for such. Five acres of land have been paid for and \$3,000 has been subscribed by churches of the county. Six thousand feet of the lumber, cut from the property, is on hand. Tom McLean is directing the survey for the Caldwell County young adult fellowship. This would be the first new Methodist church to be established in the county since 1916.

☞ REV. J. J. POWELL, pastor of Calvary Church, Greensboro, is preaching in revival services at his church each night this week.

☞ REV. A. C. WAGGONER, pastor of First Church, High Point, is assisting the Rev. Jim Hall in revival services at Tyro Methodist Church, near Linwood.

☞ WESTMINSTER CHURCH, Greenville, began revival services Sunday, November 13, with Dr. W. B. Garrison of South Carolina as guest preacher. The services run Sunday through Thursday evenings.

☞ TRINITY CHURCH, Gastonia, Rev. G. G. Adams, Jr., pastor, is conducting revival services November 13-18, with Rev. H. D. Garmon, pastor of Central Church, Kings Mountain, as visiting minister.

☞ DR. THOMAS LANGFORD, professor at Duke Divinity School, spoke at the Ahoskie Methodist Church November 13 at 7:30 p.m. on "Basic Christian Beliefs." Rev. R. E. Walston is pastor.

☞ DR. BEN L. SMITH, district lay leader of the Greensboro District, spoke at the Laymen's Day service at Central Church, Mount Airy, last Sunday. Dr. Charles L. Sykes, church lay leader and chairman of the official board, had charge of the service.

☞ MONTICELLO METHODIST CHURCH, in Statesville, will be dedicated on November 27 at the 11:00 o'clock service. All former pastors and friends are invited to attend the service of dedication and the picnic luncheon following. Rev. Fred L. Setzer is pastor.

☞ THE ANNUAL THANKSGIVING service will be held at First Methodist Church, Charlotte, on Thursday morning, Nov. 24, at 10:00 o'clock. Dr. W. Kenneth Goodson, pastor, will bring the message. The choirs of the church will furnish special thanksgiving music, and the annual Orphans' Penny for the Children's Home at Winston-Salem will be received. Each year a bright shiny penny is sent to each member of the congregation and is referred to as the "Orphans' Penny." The idea is that this penny is to be presented again, multiplied many times over, at the altar of the church on Thanksgiving morning and the offering is to be used to support the some 400 boys and girls who live at the Children's Home.

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## Calling For A Nurse

Chicago—Dr. Olin E. Oeschger, general secretary of the Board of Hospitals and Homes, has sent letters to leaders of Methodist hospital schools of nursing, announcing the fifth annual "Miss Methodist Student Nurse" contest.

Winner of the contest will be honor guest at the convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes in Kansas City, Mo., January 31-February 2, 1961.

Contest rules require that each nominee be a senior in the upper third of her class, unmarried, attractive, a church member with high moral character, and a fine professional interest in nursing.



# EDITORIALS

## THEME FOR THE WEEK

*"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance."*

—Psalm 33:12



## Thanksgiving Is A Sacred Season

This is the season when our thoughts are directed especially toward the spirit of thanksgiving. As we think on these things we realize we owe a debt of gratitude we can never repay—one we can only acknowledge. St. Paul exhorted people of his day along many lines, such as "warn the unruly, comfort the feeble-minded, support the weak, be patient toward all men, render not evil for evil, follow that which is good, rejoice evermore, pray without ceasing, and in everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." At this season we may well ask ourselves three important questions: Why do we celebrate thanksgiving? For what are we thankful? How shall we express our thanks? The truth of the business is that a failure to cultivate gratitude leads to separation from God. A ringing indictment is made against Israel in the 106th Psalm: "They remembered not the multitude of his mercies, they forgot his works, they forgot God." We would not condone a child being ungrateful to its earthly parents, but how guilty are we in relation to God? The sin of ingratitude is inexcusable always and everywhere. God condemns it in Isaiah's prophecy when he says, "the ox knoweth his owner and the ass his master's crib, but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider." Jesus condemned it in the story of the ten lepers when only one returned to give thanks. And that's one reason why we celebrate thanksgiving—that we may pause and reflect upon the goodness of God. Thanksgiving day affords a study in heroism, when we see a handful of worshipers in old Plymouth in 1621, with the raging Atlantic back of them, and the threatening wilderness before them, they bend the knee and bow the head and give thanks to God for what? A few log huts to live in, a few wild turkeys to eat, a few pitiful patches of Indian maize planted at the edge of the wilderness to keep soul and body together. Compared to our fabulous way of living today, we may feel they had very little to be thankful for, but to

them it was the difference between life and death. For what are we thankful? First, for God himself revealed in Christ. For his rich provision in material things. "The lines have fallen unto us in pleasant places, yea we have a goodly heritage." We are thankful to God for his mercies: "He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities . . . but his mercy is from everlasting to everlasting." We thank God for our homes, our loved ones, our domestic happiness. The foundations of success or failure are laid in the homes, and when we think of the many where there is sin, sorrow, want, gloom, etc., how our hearts should swell with gratitude if our homes are Christian! We thank God for our native land of America. A nation unsurpassed in material resources; a country established on Christian principles; the land of the free and the home of the brave. When we sing

*"My country 'tis of thee  
Sweet land of liberty"*

it should be more than a passing sentiment, but should lead us on to the last verse, which is a prayer:

*"Our fathers God to thee,  
Author of liberty,  
To Thee we sing;  
Long may our land be bright  
With freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by thy might  
Great God, our King."*

We are grateful for what America has been, for what it is, and for what it may yet be. We are grateful for abiding values. Jesus said "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Men express their thanks in various ways. Jacob said he would give the tithe; Zaccheus said the half of my goods. Daniel turned his face toward Jerusalem morning, noon, and night, and prayed. The psalmist asked, "What shall I render unto the Yord for all his benefits toward me, for thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all the people. I will offer unto thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving." The gift of ourselves its the best expression of real gratitude we can make. We have made vows to God; are we keeping them? It would seem to us this thanksgiving season is a mighty good time to renew

those pledges of loyalty and love. That is all he asks, and that is the least that any of us should give. Thanksgiving is a sacred season. Let us observe it as such.

## We Have Made The Decision— Let Us Support It

Now that the general election is over, it is time to forget party differences and set ourselves to the task of meeting our responsibilities. That is the fine thing about our American democracy. Men run for office, state their positions, debate the issues, and then leave it in the hands of the electorate. Naturally, each side wants to win, but once the decision is made good sportsmanship requires that we accept the results. Vice-President Nixon made clear his position even before the results were sure, when he said, "If the trend continues as it is now, Mr. Kennedy will be the next President of the United States, and I want him to know that I congratulate him on his victory and pledge to him my full support." That is democracy at its best. And that is the American way. It is so different from those countries who seize the political reins at gun-point, and who maintain their position by taking away privileges and subduing their opponents. Most people felt there was not much to choose between the two men, that whoever was elected would do his best to measure up to the responsibilities placed upon him. This judgment was justified in the closeness of the popular vote each received. Perhaps there was never a closer race for this high office from the standpoint of the popular vote. The same principle that applies nationally, applies on the statewide and local level. It is now not a time for argument, but a time to close ranks and march as one body. Let us Christians not fail to pray that divine guidance may be given our leaders in these difficult times.



## Youth Fellowship Council To Give Dramatic Skit

The 1960-61 Durham District Methodist Youth Fellowship Council held its first meeting on October 22, at the University Methodist Church in Chapel Hill.

Plans were discussed for an April rally to be held in Durham.

It was decided that for its main project this year the Council will visit all the sub-districts in the Durham District with a dramatic presentation. This skit, to be written by several Council members, will show how a really effective MYF functions.

January 7 was set as the date for the next Council meeting. At that time there will be reports from committees in charge of the different phases of the rally and from the Script Committee.



# The Meaning of Thanksgiving

By D. W. CHARLTON  
Swansboro, N. C.

Thousands of people go about their work quietly and unassumingly, with seldom a compliment or word of appreciation. An elderly woman who had charge of the children's books in a county library had a brief column in the local paper. Someone commended her for her contribution, and she beamed with appreciation.

We are inclined to take people, even those nearest to us, for granted. Thomas Carlyle, the famous author, lived on a lonely farm in Dumfriesshire, Scotland. One evening at dinner his wife asked why he had never expressed appreciation for the food that she prepared for him. "Woman," Carlyle barked, "must you be paid for everything you do?"

Years later he read in the diary of his deceased wife: "Oh, I wish you had said a kind word or given me a compliment now and then about the things I tried to do to make you happy."

Thanksgiving has come to be a special day in the year to many people. In the Bible there is no day called Thanksgiving. Halford Luccock reminds us. The giving of thanks is a spirit to be shown at all times: "In everything give thanks."

Gratitude grows out of our recognition of God as the source of life and the Creator of our world. A science class was analyzing a leaf, tearing it to pieces and examining its component parts. Then one member of the class suggested that they attempt to make a leaf and breathe life into it. Of course the group was frustrated.

Consider our crops. Man plants and plows, but God gives the increase. To produce one hundred bushels of corn, one million gallons of water is required, together with 6,800 pounds of oxygen and other elements. To grow an ear of corn, man contributes only about five per cent in labor and cultivation.

Besides our material resources, we are favored in the matchless beauty of scenery. Lilies peep up even in the marshlands. Dandelions blossom in the dust and thrust up through the cracks of walls. Nature has splashed its color in woods and fields, on hillsides and valley lands. The colorful open spaces remind us that this is our Father's world.

Again, we thank God for what others have done for us. When our Pilgrim forefathers landed on our bleak shores, they saw a desolate wilderness populated with wild beasts and wild men. Summer over, they were faced with bitter winter, hunger, disease and harassment by savages.

But they came hither with the vision of a new world and a new way of life. They were willing to risk their lives for a free world. When the curtain of hardship and death fell on many of them, they still believed that:

*"The dream still lives,  
It lives, it lives  
And shall not die."*

Speaking to the elementary school children on the meaning of Thanksgiving, William A. Ward suggested that each youth write letters of appreciation to those

people who had helped him in various ways. The idea caught fire, and hundreds of letters were written to many who ordinarily would receive no recognition or thanks. Warm, sincere letters brought joy to the postman, the milkman, the paper boy, the garbage man, the policeman, parents and teachers. The simple act of a letter writing that could brighten and bless many people is often neglected.

The mood of thanksgiving lifts us and helps us over many of the hard places of life. We are told of a woman who was treated rudely and insulted. For a time she was embittered and resentful. Then she remembered the words of the old gospel song: "Count Your Blessings." In recounting her blessings, her mood changed to that of thanksgiving and praise.

Think of Paul overflowing in song and praise in the Philippian jail or standing on the deck of a ship that was being pounded to pieces on an unknown coast, urging the people to "Be of good cheer, for I believe God," or breaking bread amid the perils of the sea and giving thanks to God.

Fulton Ousler tells us of the story of the old Negro nurse, born as a slave on the eastern shore of Maryland. Her name was Anna Maria Cecily Virginia Avalon Thessalonians.

At meal times she would fold her hands, lift her eyes to the ceiling and whisper a word of praise to the Lord: "Much oblige, Lord, much oblige, for my vittles."

"But you would get your vittles," Ousler ventured, "whether you thanked the Lord or not."

"Sure," she replied, "but it makes everything taste better to be thankful."

As the years passed Ousler saw the elderly woman in her final moments. Worn and wrinkled by pain and suffering, what would she have to be thankful for now? Opening her eyes, she smiled, and the last words that she spoke were: "Much oblige, Lord, for such fine friends."

## Pfeiffer College Will Hold Exhibit

A collection of 30 original water colors, chosen from a collection of more than 6500 contemporary works of art, opened the third art exhibition on the Pfeiffer College campus this fall. The exhibition went on display, Thursday, November 10, for a three-week period in the Student Center.

A joint arrangement between Pfeiffer College and Stovall-Wolfe Motor Co., of Albemarle has made possible this art exhibition. The paintings, which were originally assembled for publication in *Ford Times* and *Lincoln-Mercury Times*, are by artists from all parts of the United States.

Dr. Daniel G. Leidig, chairman of the Division of Fine Arts at Pfeiffer, said this exhibition was made possible through assistance from Stovall-Wolfe Co., and that their interest has contributed to an expanded exhibition program for the year.

## Book Reviews

**Between You, Me and the Gatepost**, by Pat Boone. Prentice-Hall, 155 pp. \$2.95.

Probably the best way to express one's opinion of this book is to quote direct from a news release regarding it. It reads as follows:

"From the world of entertainment Pat Boone is probably the healthiest influence on teen-agers in America today. The reason is simple. Pat talks sense to youngsters and sets a fine example for them as a leading layman of the Church of Christ."

"In his new book, **Between You, Me and the Gatepost**, just published by Prentice-Hall, Pat answers many of the questions which are constantly being asked of him by American youth. He talks directly to his readers about their talents and ambitions, and how they can find their places in society. He also shows them how they can get along with people (including their parents)."—O.D.P.

**With The Holy Spirit And With Fire**, by Dr. Samuel M. Shoemaker. Harper & Brothers, New York, N. Y. \$2.50.

Dr. Shoemaker has given the American public another book that easily takes its place in the front ranks of the best religious books of our day. This book deals with the dearth of spiritual power so evident in much of the religious life of our time. The title itself from the impassioned lips of the forerunner of Christ, cannot but awaken the thoughtful Christian to a poignant realization of the fact that the Promise of the soon-ascending Savior of an abiding Presence of limitless Power, has been so feebly realized by the church down through the Christian centuries.

In this provocative book, so greatly needed by clergy and lay people of all the denominations, our present-day situation is clearly described and evaluated. The experience of the Holy Spirit, and of the coming into the stream of His power, the place He is taking in the New Reformation of today, His relation to the work of evangelism, the church, the work of the laymen, come in for illuminating treatment. The book closes with instructions for starting a group for the realization of spiritual power, and a final chapter on the Holy Spirit and Ourselves. We all need to know why our spiritual fires are burning so low and how that situation may be changed. Therefore, we all need the message of this book.—V. T. Crawford.

**The Ministers Manual** (Dorans), compiled and edited by the Rev. M. K. W. Heicher. (Harper & Brothers. Price \$3.50).

Those who have used this volume year after year know of its excellence. The busy pastor will find ideas for sermons on each Sunday of the year, suggested texts, and a wide variety of illustrations. This is the thirty-sixth annual issue of the volume and in some ways is one of the very best. One of the interesting additions is the text of The Declaration of Independence, The Preamble to the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. A calendar of the Ecclesiastical year and a listing of all special days will be of great value to the minister.—R.P.M.

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Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., has announced a \$19,320,000 nationwide fund-raising drive to finance a long-range expansion and endowment program. The school for Negroes is related to the Methodist Church.



## Methodism's Unique Position In Protestant Christianity

By VIRGIL E. QUEEN

It is an ironic fact that Methodism is popularly regarded as a sect type of Protestantism which originated in a revolt against the Church of England. But contrary to this notion, Methodism occupies a fundamentally unique position in the family of churches. In order to understand this peculiarity of Methodism, it is necessary to examine the four basic types of classical Protestantism. They are: the Lutheran type, the Reformed type, the Independent type, and Anglicanism.

The Reformation began in Germany and spread to other lands. In each country, some mighty reformer brought to fulfillment the reformation of the faith; but in each case, the new movement took on the traditions and ideas of that area. Thus, in the Scandinavian countries, Lutheranism prevailed. In France, Switzerland, and Scotland, Calvinism became the classic expression of the Reformed faith. Everywhere, small splinter groups arose on the fringe to comprise the Independent or Sectarian type of Protestantism.

Now this leaves Anglicanism in a class by itself. Christianity came to England very early and soon took firm root. The Reformation reached England late and when it was finished the product was something quite different from that on the Continent. Anglicism rejected Rome and the Papacy and preserved in the Thirty-Nine Articles and the *Book of Common Prayer*, the cardinal concepts of the undivided Church.

The continental reformation was harsh and severe everywhere, whereas in England the church preserved the rich churchly heritage of pre-Reformation Christianity. This deposit brought together a warm evangelicalism, a strong piety, and a cementing liturgy that was to me the matrix of Methodism's birth!

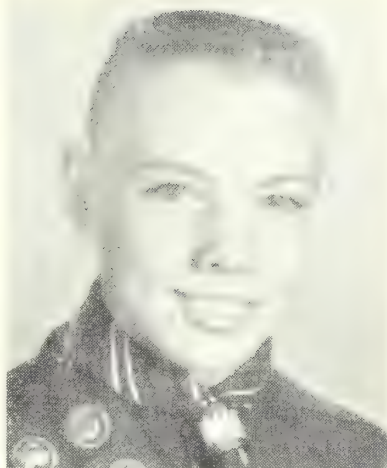
John Wesley always insisted that Methodism never differed in doctrine from the Church of England. When asked wherein Methodists differed from the Church of England, Wesley answered, "To the best of my knowledge, in none. The doctrines we preach are the doctrines of the Church of England; indeed the fundamental doctrines of the church clearly laid down, both in her prayers, Articles, and Homilies."

Wesley never intended starting another church, and but for the political accident of the American Revolution, there might never have been a Methodist Church in America.

Insofar as Methodism represents the Reformation, it is English rather than continental; its heritage leads straight to Canterbury and Oxford, not to Augsburg and Geneva.

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Religion is a way of life, and as such stands in need of constant and careful discipline. He who would know peace must pay for it; he who would know joy must earn it; he who would know God must seek Him with singleness of mind, spirit and life. The Christian faith has been carried to the ends of the earth by men and women who were ready to take up their cross daily and follow Christ.—HAROLD A. BOSLEY.



DAVID MCPHERSON

The Eagle Scout award was presented to David McPherson, Sunday, October 30, at the Rural Hall Methodist Church. Rev. Gene Little is pastor. David was a member of Troop 14, Rural Hall, and lived on Route 7, Winston-Salem, prior to moving to Polkton where his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Luther McPherson, are serving the Polkton Charge. David also has received the God and Country award last spring.

## Evangelistic Rally At Jonesville Nov. 20th

On Sunday night, November 20th, at 7.30, the Elkin-Yadkin Subdistrict Evangelism Rally will be held at the Jonesville Church at Jonesville. The Reverend J. H. Brendall is chairman of the rally. Speaker for the evening will be the Reverend J. H. Coleman, pastor of the Mt. Tabor Church of Winston-Salem. The Reverend W. H. Dyar, pastor of the Jonesville Church, is to be host pastor. After the sermon by Rev. Coleman, the attending persons will be placed in groups for special instruction in evangelism. Group 1 is led by Mr. James Mathis. This group will discuss the duties of the Commission on Evangelism in the local church. Group 2 is to be led by Rev. Carl N. Edwards and will discuss the place of education and prayer in evangelism. Group 3 will be led by Rev. J. H. Brendall and will discuss the place of organization and visitation in evangelism.

## Team of Educators Visit High Point College

A team of visiting educators representing the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education visited the High Point College campus last week. During their three-day stay on the campus many questions were asked and all aspects of the teacher-training program of the college was thoroughly gone over.

One of these many questioning sessions involved the student body of the college as they were represented by a cross-section of student leaders of varying occupational interests. The purpose of the interview was to sample student feeling about the college and to fit this to the total information survey which will constitute the qualifications of the college to enter the association.

## The Advocate Gets Results

Summerdale, Pa.—If I had any doubts about whether or not people read the *ADVOCATE*, my experience this week would settle them.

Sometime ago the editor kindly printed what I had written about my new work in Summerdale. That was fine. But he also printed what I said about not getting the news because (as I said facetiously) my *ADVOCATE* subscription must have run out. That was a bit of humor which backfired, for since then I have been receiving letters and bundles from the friends down there who are determined that I shall not be without the news from North Carolina.

One grand person even sent me a check for \$6 to the *ADVOCATE* to pay for my subscription for the next two years! My friends in the office returned the check with thanks and told him that they would see that I didn't miss my favorite reading matter.

I now announce that my weekly copies are coming on time and that I have enough extras to give to my congregation! Who knows? We may get some subscribers up here.

What happened, and what I didn't know when I humorously complained about being left off the list, was that our dear friend and fellow-worker, Mrs. Betty Dean, of the Circulation Department, had been seriously injured in an accident and things had gone slightly haywire in her absence, for there were several days when they feared that she might not survive. That was when my paper didn't get mailed. When I learned what had happened, I wondered how anyone got a paper that week.

I am happy to report that news from Greensboro tells of a successful operation and a good chance for full recovery. But it will be some time before she is able to work.

But the point I'm making is that people read the *ADVOCATE*. You proved that by your response to my pitiful plea for information—which was on its way when I wrote it, for Editor Starnes had already sent me a bundle of back copies.

Let me put in a plug for that subscription campaign this fall. You don't know what it means to be without a church paper until you have tried it, as I did. Send in your subscription to the *ADVOCATE* and support the new editor in his effort to give you news and inspiration.

A BELATED WELCOME

The other day I answered the doorbell and found three young ladies of around twelve years of age standing there. Smiling, one of them handed me a lovely bouquet of flowers which bore a carefully printed card which read, "A belated welcome to our town," and the names of four of our Girl Scouts who have already proved their interest in the church in many ways.

Yesterday the telephone rang all day and the parsonage yard was full of men as volunteer workers put up partitions in the basement and finished the professional-looking job of filling in the front and back yards and sowing grass seed. There's so much going on that I can't keep up with it.

But I am proud to be the pastor of a congregation which loves its church enough to work for it.

See you again - - in passing.

—R. P. MARSHALL



# When We Are on the Receiving End

A Thanksgiving Meditation

By RALPH W. SOCKMAN

*Editorial Note:* Dr. Ralph W. Sockman has been minister of Christ Methodist Church, on Park Avenue, New York City, since 1917, more than 42 years. This has been his only pastorate.

Before me lies a letter of thanks from a man who wrote it to those who had sent him gifts. Here is a passage from it: "Not that I complain of want; for I have learned, in what state I am, to be content. I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound; in any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and want: I can do all things in him who strengthens me."

Certainly the person who has learned the secret of how to endure changes of fortune with such serenity, has found a security devoutly to be wished. If we could only discover how to be content in both privation and prosperity, much of our restlessness and anxiety would vanish. Our composure and even our character are so often cracked by sudden changes of financial circumstances.

Which is harder on character, a change from prosperity to privation, or from privation to prosperity? It has often been argued that the rich are more likely to go wrong than the poor. Such arguments have good gospel precedent, for Jesus often warned that the possession of things is prone to inflate the ego and to dull the sense of need, so that the possessor of things lacks the humility and hunger which open the soul to God.

However there are temptations of poverty as well as of prosperity. On the one hand is the temptation to self-sufficiency, to self-indulgence, to hard-heartedness. On the other, is the temptation to self-pity, to envy, to bitterness.

The letter from which I have quoted was written in prison. The writer had once been up and now he is down. He came of a family proud of its heritage. He had grown up in the social prestige of his group. From all this he had been ostracized. He had been cast off by his own countrymen. He had suffered the cruel distempers of fickle crowds, sometimes being welcomed with applause only to have the mob later turn and stone him. But he clearly shows that he knew how to be abased without becoming sour or self-pitying, or bitter.

The reason why Paul knew how to endure adversity is that he had learned how to use prosperity. The process might have been reversed. Some men so school themselves while they are poor that when they become affluent they keep their heads and their virtues. The two lessons go together. It is in the years of struggle and privation that a man learns how to be safely rich. It is in the time of prosperity that we need to acquire the qualities which can keep us contented if and when we find ourselves on the receiving end.

At a village blacksmith shop I recall watching the blacksmith take down rough pieces of iron from a nail in the rafter and

put them into the flaming forge. Then he would pound the white hot iron on his anvil and thrust it into the water. I never knew just what part the heating and hammering and cooling each played in preparing that horseshoe, but together they somehow toughened and shaped the crude iron until it could stand the beating of the horse's hoof on the hard road. And when I read this letter of thanks from Paul to the Philippians, I feel that I am standing before God's forge watching Him transform the rough temperamental Saul of Tarsus into the saintly Paul who could endure both hunger and plenty with courage and contentment.

As again we approach our national Thanksgiving Day, when many Americans are living in fantastic prosperity, and many others find themselves in privation, let us look for the secret which made Paul able both to abound and to be abased.

The first element which strikes me is humility. The word humility was known among the Greeks and Romans but it was a term almost of contempt. To be humble was to be mean-spirited, a sort of cringing soul. But Jesus took the concept of humility and made it a virtue. And how did Jesus do it? He developed humility by setting man's stature against the measure of God's greatness. In God's presence our pretensions seem petty and our boasted power is dwarfed. In the light of His purity and holiness we see our imperfection and are humbled.

We cannot be sure to take the true measure of our own talents by comparison with our fellow human beings. Phillips Brooks very wisely said that if he were given the privilege of choosing a young man's companions, he would select a few who were inferior to him, so that he could learn patience and charity. Then he would choose some companions who were the young man's equals in order that he could learn the full give and take of friendship. And then he would pick even more comrades who were his superior, so that the young man might learn to look up humbly and aspire to higher levels. All that is a good formula, but of ourselves we cannot be trusted to pick our friends in such proper proportions. We have a tendency to drift toward those of lesser talent who satisfy our feeling of superiority. Or when we are in the presence of those above us, we are prone to get an inferiority complex.

Jesus, however, puts us in the presence of God who dwarfs us, but in the way that a father humbles his child. In a normal family what growing lad does not think his father is wonderful? The little fellow looks up to his father as one who is big enough to do anything. He is humbled before his father but not humiliated, because he feels himself a part of his father. Thus the boy is both humbled and exalted by his father's bigness. So it is with us when we feel ourselves in the presence of God. We see how small and dependent we are, and we are humble. But, we are exalted at the thought of what we are as sons

of God and of what we can be through Him.

Humility is a virtue; humiliation is an evil. And those who are on the giving end must be humble so that those who are on the receiving end are not humiliated. It would be easy for an American to become puffed up as he compares the rich resources and industrial efficiency of the United States with the materials and methods of the Orient. But we should be humbled by asking ourselves whether we have made correspondingly more out of our vast opportunities than the others have out of their limited possibilities.

If America is to help less favored nations to their feet, we Americans must learn the Christian spirit of humility while we are on the giving end we need to remember that we will some day be on the receiving end. Time will see to that. Age or illness brings the strongest of us to the point where we must be waited on. Will that be humiliating to us? Not if we have learned Paul's two-fold secret of how to be abased and how to abound.

The second element is gratitude. Professor Henry Nelson Wieman of Chicago once suggested that, just as the devout Roman Catholic has a string of beads called a rosary to keep count of his prayers, so each of us should make a mental rosary of his most precious memories, including the beauty he has seen, the fellowship he has enjoyed, and the good gifts that life has brought him. Professor Wieman would have us frequently count the beads of this mental rosary and to give thanks to God for each separate favor.

The idea has merit, for when we start to count our many blessings, to "name them one by one," as the old hymn puts it, we begin to rummage among our memories and we uncover so many forgotten reasons for gratitude. Our minds run back to the days of our childhood when parents sat beside our beds and held our feverish hands. We remember how long we were on the receiving end of our home.

And then we think about those who made this land a fit place for our fathers to live in. In early New England it was a Thanksgiving custom to place five grains of corn at every plate as a reminder of those stern days in the Pilgrims' first winter at Plymouth, when the food was so depleted that only five grains of corn were rationed to each individual at a time. We do well to recall also that on the day when the ration was down to those few grains, there were only seven healthy colonists to nurse the sick, and that one-half their number lay in the windswept graveyard on the hill. And yet in the following spring when the Mayflower sailed back across the Atlantic, only the sailors were aboard.

When our minds begin stirring our memories, who does not feel unspeakably grateful for the blessings we take for granted in free countries like the United States, the freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our own consciences, the rights of free speech, of a free press, and of free public schools? I have traveled through countries whose governments allow no opposition press, and where all education is under the control of dictators. Can you imagine what it



would be like to live in a land where a dictator's whim may be the law of tomorrow?

And when as Christians we start to count our mental rosary of blessings, our memories go all the way back to Calvary, and our hearts well up with inexpressible gratitude. We realize that we are all on the receiving end. No one of us is paying his full way through life. The human race could be roughly divided into two groups: those who think they are giving more than they get, and those who think they are getting more than they give. The former are restless and discontented no matter what they have; the latter have peace of mind and contentment with whatever they have.

Paul belonged to the second group. He felt that in whatever state he was, he was getting more than he was giving, and he was grateful. He saw himself as on the receiving end.

And so are we. Taking it all in all, whether we are in plenty or in privation, we are on the receiving end. And for this we should give thanks to God.

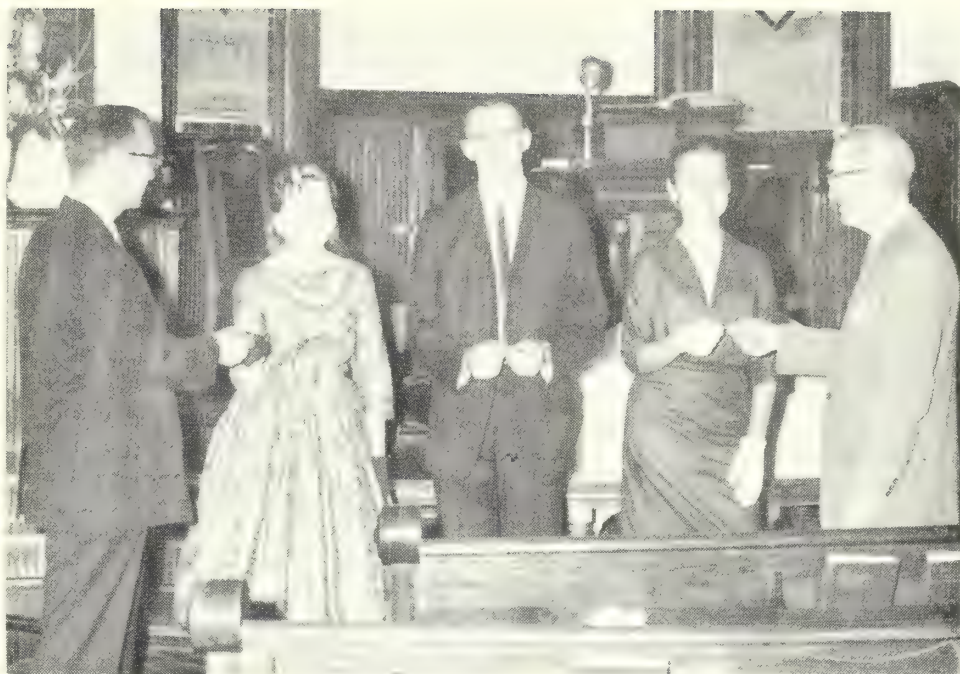
Along with humility and gratitude, I find a third factor in Paul's secret of contentment. And that is imagination. If we are to come through changes of fortune without cracking, we must learn to exercise our imagination.

Imagination plays an immeasurable part in our living, but instead of harnessing it for use, too often people let their imaginations run away with them. In these dark and dangerous days, we sit around imagining all sorts of things. But let us put a test to ourselves. What direction of all the dire things that might happen do our imaginings take? Are we thinking to us, such as we might get sick, or we might lose our property, or the communists might take our country over? Why go on? We can all conjure up visions of what others might do to us. Whereas we should use our imagination to picture what others might have done for us, and what we could do for others. That is the direction our imagination must take if we are to have Paul's peace of mind, either in prosperity or in privation.

We need imagination in all our personal relationships. Perhaps you are going to call on a friend who a few years ago was prosperous and well. Now he is ill and poor. You feel it your duty to visit him. You feel sorry for him. You have a lurking thought that he has mismanaged his affairs. Of course you try to conceal the fact; yet nevertheless down in your subconscious mind you have a slightly condescending sense of pity.

Now if that is your attitude today while you in your health and prosperity are on the giving end, just imagine how you might feel it five years hence you are down or sick and someone comes to call on you. Will you not then say to yourself, "He's pitying me. He thinks I've been a poor manager?" I fear you will then not be cheered by your friend's visit.

You see how it works. While we are on the giving end we must learn to put ourselves in the place of those on the receiving end, lest when the roles are reversed we shall ourselves be most miserable. And,



*Pupils in the Ann Street Methodist Church School, Beaufort, N. C., are shown receiving perfect attendance and merit pens: (l. to r.) Mrs. Grace Ricks Conway receives a 15 year pen from the minister, Rev. John M. Cline; Jeffrey Salter and Virginia Potter receive a 13 and 11 year pen respectively from the Church School Superintendent, Mr. Lance Smith.*

remember, that some day even the strongest of us reach the receiving end.

There is a grace of giving and there is a grace of receiving, and the two must be learned together. Charity must be seasoned with charitableness, and humility must safeguard us from humiliation. This is Paul's secret. It must be practiced in our most intimate personal relations as well as in our widest national contacts, for without it the billions we may give for relief may only beget future bitterness.

A few days after the death of his daughter, Sir Oliver Cromwell called for a godly friend to read to him Paul's words to the Philippians with which this meditation began. When the passage had been read, Cromwell said this Scripture had saved his life after a previous tragedy, the death of his eldest son. Then he repeated Paul's words: "I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." Then there he exclaimed, "'Tis true. Paul has learned this, and attained to this state of grace; but what shall I do?" A moment later the stern old Cromwell went on to quote Paul's further word: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Then a smile broke over his face and he said: "He that was Paul's Christ is my Christ, too."

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### Hoosiers Talk It Over

*Plainfield, Ind.* — Eighty Methodists and Roman Catholics, weary of conflicting stories about church-state issues, frankly discussed their differences here October 24 over that great "equalizer," Southern fried chicken.

The occasion for this unusual dialogue was a special meeting of the Methodist Men of the Plainfield Church. Their guests for the evening were Father David Cokely and some 40 members of the Holy Name Society of the local Roman Catholic parish.

### Methodist Laymen Hold National Workshop

*Chicago*—Fifty-two Methodist laymen attended the third national workshop for Methodist lay leaders here October 28-29. The meeting was sponsored by the church's General Board of Lay Activities.

"We are running a race between disaster and the principles of Christ," Melvin J. Evans, Flossmoor, Ill., management consultant, told the group. "Christ gave us some tremendous principles. In them we find answers to the problems of the world."

He said that we have to demonstrate Christ's principles are practical — anywhere.

R. Howard Berg of Melbourne, Fla., president of the Board of Lay Activities, told the men: "Our job is to inform, and mobilize the men of Methodism. They are ready to become active, and will respond when they are given definite assignments."

The board's general secretary, Dr. Robert G. Mayfield of Chicago, urged that the church and lay activities not become self-centered. "We must not let ourselves become an organization that is so self-centered it loses its concern for humanity," he declared.

Under the guidance of the Council of Bishops, the emphasis on the stewardship of possessions is set for September-November, 1961, as part of the denomination's quadrennial program. Dr. Edwin A. Eriggs, of Chicago, director of the board's department of stewardship, emphasized this program.

Dr. Briggs said, "We have moved from an atmosphere of coldness to one of receptivity toward stewardship in the Methodist Church."

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Christ was not the man who dared to be God, but God who deigned to be man.—*Dr. John A. W. Haas.*



# Methodist Home for Children Makes Numerous Improvements

By DALLAS MALLISON

A new and informal survey reveals that the 60-year-old Methodist Home for Children in Raleigh has instituted many improvements and has made extensive plans for many more, in line with the sweeping recommendations made two and one-half years ago in a much-publicized study of the Home.

This survey indicates that many of the changes needed call for large outlays of money which the Home does not have, and which await increased understanding and far greater support from the 200,000 members of the North Carolina Methodist Conference which owns and controls the institution. Though the superintendent and board of trustees are very grateful for the support that has come from the Conference and the growing number of friends, this is not sufficient for the Home's growing needs.

## *To Stay in Raleigh*

The Home will remain on its 70-acre campus in Raleigh, Superintendent Nicks said. In October of 1959 the Board voted unanimously to retain the institution on its present site.

The possibility of relocating the campus was given consideration, but the decision to remain was based on the excellent location of the present site, investment already made, proximity to hospital and doctors, schools, churches, and other cultural advantages of the city of Raleigh.

The trustees are following the survey's suggestion that the Home move to the Glenwood Avenue side of the campus. Long-term plans call for the gradual replacement of the present ten outmoded cottages with twelve new cottages. The plans also call for a chapel and a student activities building.

No plans are contemplated to sell any of the campus, Superintendent Nicks said. The trustees have donated six acres near the Daniels Street traffic circle as a site for the Methodist headquarters and office building.

Prior to the 1958 survey, Nicks pointed out, the Home had begun to modernize its plant and its child care program, and to provide additional services. It was for purposes of evaluation and guidance that the study was made.

## *Board Changes*

The Board has moved to put several of the recommendations of the survey into effect. Several new committees have been named: a building and grounds committee, a public relations committee, and a long-range planning committee.

In existence at the time the study was made, and still operating within the new committee framework, are the executive committee, the finance committee, and of course, a nominating committee.

The membership of the board has been increased from twenty-four to thirty-six members. Now six members are chosen every year for six-year terms, instead of, as formerly, eight every two years for six-

year terms. All nominations are, of course, still subject to approval by the North Carolina Methodist Conference. Members can serve only one six-year term.

The new trustees approved by the N. C. Annual Conference at its 1960 session are Syndor Cozart of Wilson, the Rev. B. L. Davidson of Morehead City, A. E. Goldfinch of Tabor City, Ralph Hardee of Ayden, the Rev. P. H. Layfield of Tabor City, D. J. Murray of Goldsboro, the Rev. W. K. Quick of Zebulon, George Ratterman of Mebane, J. F. Rogers of Burlington, Dr. L. H. Sanders of Raleigh, and Harold Veasey of Ahoskie.

## *Child Care Gains*

Soon after Nicks became superintendent of the Home in July of 1956, he began making needed changes and instituting improvement programs. Some of these, such as the renovated infirmary, were carried out before the 1958 survey. Many others have been completed since. These include renovation of the McGee cottage, the dining hall, and the administration building.

A long series of improvements have been made in the child care and group living programs. One of the most significant of these, which has made possible or easier many of the others, has been the introduction of a case work program. Although there is a critical need for four other case workers, much progress has been made since October of 1957.

The case worker has worked closely with the county welfare departments in the development of a foster family program. About ten children have been placed with foster families since the beginning of the program. Several others have been placed with relatives.

Nicks said that no longer is it thought best to take a child when he is of pre-school age and keep him through high school. The objective of the Home today is to keep the child only long enough to help the family get back on its feet. There are no children under six years at the Home now, and the upper age limit of eleven years has been extended through high school. Pre-school children are placed in foster homes.

## *Family Life Emphasis*

Child care specialists today urge that the group care of children approximate the natural home environment as nearly as possible. In line with this philosophy, the Home has made many changes and put into effect several far-reaching innovations. Superintendent Nicks said that others are in the making and will be put into effect as soon as conditions permit.

The introduction of the cafeteria style of serving in the dining hall helps in this and other respects. This new system permits the children to come in at staggered intervals, which adds to the smaller group concept.

Another benefit of this method of serving is that it reduces the work of the girls,

thus improving their working conditions. The 1958 report commended the Home for such improvements, "particularly the relief of young adolescent girls from such heavy dining room work . . ."

Also in an effort to stimulate the family life atmosphere of the Home, and as recommended by the report, breakfast is now served in several cottages. Breakfast in the cottage is a great convenience and a health safeguard in rainy or cold weather.

The reduction of the number of children in each cottage aids not only such matters as discipline and the work of the houseparents, but it also contributes to the family life idea, Nicks points out. At one time years ago there were as many as 42 children to a cottage. Today this figure is about 14 per cottage. In line with the survey recommendations, the twelve new cottages will be built for a normal capacity of 12 children.

## *Special Services*

Psychological services have been increased at the Home. Now available are the psychiatry and psychology services at Duke and Carolina Memorial Hospitals. The services of the Raleigh Mental Hygiene Clinic are also available.

This year the Home added to its staff a clinical psychologist who spends a half day a month on the campus. This professional practicing psychologist from Durham helps in evaluating the progress of individual children. She also helps in determining the need for future placement of a child.

The Home is one of 25 agencies in this and nearby states sponsoring a child care and group living project through which professional guidance is available. The expert who offers his service is the assistant director of the group child care project in the School of Social Work at Chapel Hill.

The very best in medical and dental care from the finest of Raleigh's physicians, surgeons, and dentists is available to the children, Superintendent Nicks said. Every child is given regular physical examinations, and constant attention is given to his health needs. Dental care is provided promptly to all children.

## *Still Great Needs*

The Home now has 45 employees, which is about the same number as two years ago when the survey was made. At that time the Home was found to be greatly understaffed, undertrained, and underpaid. The turnover was also found to be high. Since the report was made in 1958, the pay of housemothers has been increased, although it is still too low, as is the general salary level of most of the Home employees, Nicks said.

Superintendent Nicks points out that the chief and compelling reason for all these conditions is the lack of funds, and no real source of trained workers in the child care program. He commented that any great improvement must await greatly increased support, and this in turn depends upon much better understanding of the role and needs of the Home.

In addition to the one case worker the Home now employs, there is a critical and pressing need for at least three or four others. The role of the case worker is so important and strategic that the high level



and continued improvement of nearly all other services depend upon an efficient and adequate case work or social service department.

The 1958 survey recommended the employment of a director of children's services, a director of social services, and four full-time case workers. Such personnel, it said, are absolutely essential to a modern, adequate, and efficient child care program at the Home.

Despite these and many other needs, the future of the Home is bright and promising. With dedicated leaders in our board of trustees and administration, a staff truly devoted to children, and an increasingly improved and efficient program of child care, the Home will render significant and valuable service in the future.

"It is my conviction," said Bishop Garber, "that the Home is moving into an expanded and even greater program of service than it has rendered in the past. I am confident that the Home has a bright future, of which all Methodists can be justly proud."

## West Market Street Methodists To Build \$737,000 Structure

The congregation of West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro, has approved addition of a \$737,000 educational building to the church. Dr. Charles P. Bowles, pastor, announced.

The new structure, to be four stories high and contain 52,000 square feet, will be built between the present sanctuary on West Market Street and the education building, constructed in 1952 on Gaston Street.

The new building will have a garden roof on top to serve as a play area for the church's kindergarten activities. Foundation of the building also will be sufficient to carry two more floors on top of the structure at a later date if further expansion is necessary.

The floors of the new structure will align with those of the present Gaston Street building. The new building will include an elevator and will be air-conditioned.

The new building will contain a chapel to seat about 250 persons, will consolidate office space now in various church buildings and will provide space for recreational activities and interest groups. All adult classrooms will be included in the new building, with the Gaston Street educational building being taken over by children and young people.

Of the total to be spent on the building, \$687,000 will be for the structure and \$50,000 for furnishings.

The new construction is part of a long-range plan, committee study which began in 1956. The commission's recommendation on the new building was approved by the official board of the church. Approximately \$240,000 has been pledged toward the work.

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Repentance without amendment is like continual pumping without mending the leak.—*Dilwyn*.

# Schedule for All District Conferences

## NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT CONFERENCES 1960-1961

District Conferences for the North Carolina Conference, as set up by the district superintendents, are as follows:

Burlington: Mount Hebron Church, (Alamance County) Sunday, April 9, 3:00 p.m. Rev. W. L. Clegg, 503 Tarlton St., Burlington.

Durham: January 31, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Asbury Methodist Church, Durham. Rev. C. D. Barclift, 1002 W. Knox St., Durham.

Elizabeth City: January 26, 9:30 a.m., Edenton. Rev. R. L. Jerome, 713 W. Church St., Elizabeth City.

Fayetteville: January 23, 1961, Aberdeen Methodist Church. Rev. M. C. Dunn, 1019 Haymount, Fayetteville.

Goldsboro: January 13, 9:45 a.m., Roseboro. Rev. M. W. Lawrence, Route 3, Goldsboro.

New Bern: Ayden Methodist Church, 9:30 a.m., December 16, 1960. Rev. A. J. Hobbs, Box 187, New Bern.

Raleigh: Garner Methodist Church, January 27, 1961. Rev. Graham S. Eubank, 1913 Reid St., Raleigh.

Rocky Mount: January 27, 1961, 2:00 p.m., Weldon Methodist Church. Rev. Walter C. Ball, 803 Sycamore St., Rocky Mount.

Wilmington: January 17, 1961, Whiteville Methodist Church. Rev. J. E. Garlington, 1516 Market St., Wilmington.

## W. N. C. DISTRICT CONFERENCES 1960-1961

The District Conferences in the Western North Carolina Annual Conference have been planned by the district superintendents. Any person desiring to do business with the District Conference should contact the respective district superintendent well in advance of the meeting of the Conference. The Conferences are scheduled as follows:

Albemarle: Dec. 13, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Albemarle Central Church. Dr. W. J. Huneycutt, 276 N. Fourth St., Albemarle.

Asheville: Dec. 11, 2:30 to 8:30, Asheville. Biltmore Church. Rev. Robert G. Tuttle, 83 Evelyn Place, Asheville.

Charlotte: December 4, 2:30 to 5:30, Hickory Grove Church. Rev. Walter J. Miller, 1100 Quens Rd., Charlotte.

Gastonia: December 4, 2:30 to 5:30, Gastonia First Church. Dr. Eugene C. Few, 606 S. York St., Gastonia.

Greensboro: December 4, 2:30 to 8:30, Greensboro College. Dr. J. Clay Madison, 1130 Westridge Rd., Greensboro.

High Point: January 8, 2:30 to 5:30, Asheboro First Church. Rev. Ralph H. Taylor, 300 Parkway, High Point.

Marion: December 4, 2:30 to (with supper), Oak Grove Church. Dr. Fletcher Nelson, Box 275, Morganton.

North Wilkesboro: November 29, 9:30 to (with lunch), West Jefferson. Rev. Garland R. Stafford, Box 663, North Wilkesboro.

Salisbury: December 4, 2:30 to 5:30, Spencer Central Church. Dr. James C. Stokes, 1 236 Maxwell St., Salisbury.

Statesville: December 8, 4:30 to 8:30, Mooresville, Broad Street Church. Dr. J. Elwood Carroll, 319 Summit Ave., Statesville.

Thomasville: January 8, 2:00 to 5:30, Welcome Center Church. Rev. John H. Carper, Box 768, Thomasville.

Waynesville: December 4, 3:00 to 8:30, Franklin First Church. Rev. Frank C. Smathers, Box 352, Lake Junaluska.

Winston-Salem: December 7, 9:00 to 1:00, Winston-Salem, Mt. Pisgah Church. Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, Box 5197, Ardmore Station, Winston-Salem.

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## Stokesburg Church Plans New Building Project

The congregation of Stokesburg Methodist Church, Walnut Cove, has accepted preliminary plans for a new building, drawn by Mr. Fred Butner, Jr., architect, of Winston-Salem. The estimated cost is \$87,000, of which the church has approximately \$20,000, and is engaged in a crusade to raise \$50,000. On Tuesday, November 15, a "Forward Step Banquet" was held. Special guests were Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, district superintendent, and Dr. Mark Depp, pastor of Centenary Church, Winston-Salem. The Rev. Jim Coleman of Mt. Tabor Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, will lead the congregation in revival services November 20-25. These services will be preceded by a Building Crusade Prayer Vigil on Saturday, November 19. Loyalty Sunday will be November 27. Members are asked to bring contributions and pledges to the altar for a service of gratitude and dedication. Sunday, December 4, will be Victory Sunday at which time the results of the crusade will be announced. Dates for the Building Fund Crusade will run from November 27, 1960 through November 27, 1963. Rev. Jack Kaylor is pastor of Stokesburg.

## St. Paul, Greensboro Holds Groundbreaking

Groundbreaking for St. Paul Methodist Church was held Sunday, November 13, at 4:30 p.m. at North O. Henry Boulevard and East Cone Boulevard in the O. Henry Oaks community of Greensboro.

Dr. Clay Madison, superintendent of the Greensboro District of the Western North Carolina Conference, participated in the ceremony.

The first unit to be built will be the sanctuary-fellowship hall with nine classrooms, the pastor's study, a kitchen, rest rooms, mechanical room and a storage area.

Estimated cost of the first unit is \$83,000 and work is to begin immediately.

The congregation now occupies a building at Vine and Twelfth Streets which was constructed in 1905. The new building is expected to be ready next spring, said the Rev. Joel T. Key, pastor.



# We Gather Together

By RICHARD BRAUNSTEIN

Thanksgiving is more than an official proclamation. It is more than a date on a calendar. It is a state of mind. It need not be seasonable. We once wrote a poem which had for its theme, "Every day is Thanksgiving if you are really living." Not that we committed literature but that is how we felt at the time and are still of that opinion.

Most of our holidays and anniversaries require our deepest thought. They have a cream-rich background of regnant personalities, movements and traditions. There are many "special days" but not all demand our thinking as does Thanksgiving. When we think we thank. The word *think* is only a slight variation of the word *thank*.

Once more we "gather together" as the old hymn reminds us "to ask the Lord's blessing." We are carrying out an observance that finds its source in the Old Testament and gets into full stream in the New Testament. We are in step with prophets and apostles.

When a moving picture director discussed his technique he said, "I do not think a picture changes one single person's ideas about anything, but sometimes two people come out of a theatre and say, 'I never thought about it that way before.'" Our programs and ceremonies, whether in church or elsewhere, help us to conclude that we "never thought about it that way before." A service of worship or a Christian sermon establishes no values but they do put emphasis on values already established. Special effort is made "lest we forget." Our plea as in the words of Kipling's *Recessional*, "Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget - - lest we forget."

Often people query if they have aught to be thankful for. They have experienced frustrations and handicaps. But we turn to St. Paul who was a Christian, therefore an optimist who confesses, "I have learned in whatsoever state I am therewith to be content." We are not alone but in company with the great hearts and strong hearts of history who, going out like Abraham, looking for a city which has foundations whose builder and maker is God. A spell of illness, the loss of a friend, an ideal that is shattered, the going out of life of a loved one—these challenge our faith. Elijah is not the only one who had his Cherith and a brook that suddenly went dry. But Elijah had no reason to lament. *He had Cherith*. It is a sheer truism that one cannot lose without first having possessed. Is not every loss itself a confession that we had something to lose? When a stream has failed, God help us then, to take a moment to remember those days and nights when it failed not. So we carry on in the hope and shape of our memories.

Bernard Clausen in his book, *Pen Pictures in the Upper Room*, describes the first Thanksgiving in our land. The early settlers were the victims of severe weather, the threat of savages and hunger. Someone suggested a fast day, a period of mourning and petition. But one man thought otherwise. His thought was that they had better make it a feast day. Let them forget themselves, feel sympathy with one another. Let them forget the things they lacked. Let them give

themselves up for what they undoubtedly had. These turkeys which the Indians ate. The strange corn they enjoyed. Those outlandish pumpkins. Those bitter cranberries. The supply ship may tarry but until then we shall do the best and make the best of where we are and what we have. The narrative concludes with, "I wish I knew the name of that man who suggested thanksgiving — he saved America. Every time we sit at a typical meal, let us remember that it is a symbol of limitations, not ordinal plenty. It celebrates the spirit of a person who can be grateful for little or nothing."

Thanksgiving—real thanksgiving—begins with religion. It establishes an altar. The keynote theme is worship. Whatever our plans, of a secular nature, planning fun and jest, or feast or game, the locale is not a table or a stadium, but a sanctuary. There is no life so bereft that does not have a shrine. "We gather together" because we have a reason. That reason is, in a world of chaos, "Hitherto hath the Lord led us." We are not altogether on the way to utter madness when we can sing "This is my Father's world."

Our forefathers wrote over the doorway of the church in the Fort, *Nisi, Dominus Frustra*, which might literally be translated, "Except the Lord watch over the welfare of the country, they labor in vain that safeguard it." We can be thankful for a land in which this sentiment still prevails. Captain Parker, on the morning of the battle of Lexington, rode up and down and cried, "Go get your guns and ammunition in the meeting house."

In order to "maintain the spiritual glow" constant vigilance is necessary. So we have our duly appointed days, edicts sent out by Presidents, governors, and mayors. These days are stepping stones to better and finer living. They are like the oasis in the desert on which the weary traveler pauses for rest and strength for the rest of the trek. In order to make this possible we dare not lose the spring of our blessings. It is something that happened in England. The place called Scarborough was one famous for its medical baths. These baths were the chief attraction until the place lost its simplicity and the abode of humble fishermen and became famous as a resort for tourists. It is now resplendent with large hotels and private cottages. But among the thousands who yearly frequent the place there are few invalids and the large majority knows little about the healing fount. This day of progress, nuclear energy and the triumphs of science, when there is daily some new design for living there are some worths and values we dare not let go. May we never lose that thankful mood of mind and heart that can be couched in the words of the preamble of a century-old will, "For all of which blessings I give thanks to Almighty God." The maker of that document was recalling the men and women, the thinkers and givers, the writers and artists and all and sundry who had contributed toward the rich life he had lived through the years.

Let us gather together and think and thank.

Eugene J. Coltrane

An Appreciation

By VIVIAN MOORE CULBRETH

Probably no one person in western North Carolina has had a more profound influence on western North Carolina Methodism during the past twenty-five years than Dr. Eugene J. Coltrane. From the time he was selected to become the first president of the college to be formed by the merger of Rutherford College, Weaver College, and Brevard Institute his influence has been felt. The task was not an easy one!

Those of us who were there in 1934-1935, who helped found the college, remember the vivid picture of Dr. Coltrane rubbing his hands together reminding us again and again that, "It is a cooperative enterprise." And indeed it was! Yet without Dr. Coltrane's (and I quote from the 1935 Pertelote) "untiring efforts, dynamic personality, and Christian faith, his foresight, courage, sympathy, and loyalty to what is right, and his cooperation with faculty and students," Brevard College would not have become the fine institution it is today. We alumni followed with interest and concern as did he, even after his retirement, its growth through the years.

Because of his personal interest in each of us during his sixteen years as president, he became more than the college president; he became a personal friend! Many of us remember how diligently he worked to secure scholarships so that no worthy student need be turned away from Brevard because of lack of funds; many of us remember how he stretched the dollars to get some of us to the National Conference of Methodist Youth in Memphis, Tenn., during Christmas 1935—a conference to broaden our Christian concept of life; many of us remember his counseling with small groups of students, helping us change our basic philosophies of life from childish pictures of God to a more mature concept of an ever-present Father guiding us into broader fields of love and service; many of us remember the challenge he gave us by giving us places of responsibility—even commending us for our feeling of inadequacy—and in so doing developing and strengthening qualities of leadership; many of us remember his challenging us as we left Brevard College to continue our Christian higher education—and as we were inspired and challenged we learned the real meaning of our motto, "Labor, Learn, Live."

His sixteen years of personal service to the college as president, his continued interest in it after retirement, his service to the Methodist church and his service to the students as individuals is attested by the fact of the hundreds of his students who today hold responsible positions in church and state. Methodism is stronger, so is the state, because of him.

He is not dead! He lives on in the lives of those who have known and loved him—those he inspired to go out from the halls of Brevard College to live the unselfish Christian life he exemplified.

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"blow-out" Usually it is a "slow leak."  
—Otis Moore



## LEST WE FORGET

By LOUISE STAHL

### IX. Green Hill

The Reverend Major Green Hill, local preacher, soldier and chaplain in the Revolution, was one of the most colorful characters in North Carolina Methodist history. He was born in the present Franklin, then Granville and later Bute County, on November 3, 1741. He married a daughter of Col. Benjamin Seawell, who moved from Brunswick County, Virginia, in the early 1770s and became prominent as a judge in the North Carolina courts. Dr. John King also married one of the Seawell daughters.

Green Hill became a prominent man, a member of all the Provincial Congresses in North Carolina, state treasurer and a large slave holder and land owner. He was a devout Methodist and a friend of Asbury's. On July 5, 1870, Asbury wrote in his famous *Journal*, "I was kindly entertained and blessed with the fellowship at Green Hill's," and on the following Sunday, July 9th, the great circuit rider preached there.

Hill lived near Louisburg, North Carolina, and one of King's descendants lives there today. The fame of the house is due to the fact that in March, 1785, Coke and Asbury held there the first Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which had been formed only three weeks before. Because of this the Green Hill House has been designated as a shrine of American Methodism by the General Conferences. Three other conferences met there later, two in 1792 and one in 1793.

We do not have the details of this first conference. About twenty preachers were present from Virginia and the Carolinas and they were all entertained in the house, sleeping in an upper room. We do not know all of them but such stalwarts as John King, Jesse Lee, Philip Bruce, Reuben Ellis, and Beverly Allen were there. Probably John Dickins came from the Bertie Circuit, and Edward Dromgoole from Brunswick. Henry Willis, the first preacher ordained by Asbury after the Christmas Conference, was traveling with the bishop, but Asbury took him from his appointment as elder over the Yadkin and Holston Circuits and left him at Charleston before returning to North Carolina. Beverly Allen later killed a man and fled from Georgia to Kentucky and was expelled from the Conference.

As the bishop's party rode southward Jesse Lee went from his Salisbury Circuit and joined the group at the home of Col. Joseph Herndon on the Yadkin in Wilkes County. Asbury appeared wearing "black gown, cassock, and band" and Lee objected to this dress as unbecoming to Methodist simplicity, whereupon the bishop laid it aside, and so far as is definitely known he never wore it again.

Dr. Coke met the party at Green Hill's and in his sermon he denounced slavery, as he did elsewhere. Jesse Lee rebuked him before the Conference and Coke objected to the passage of Lee's character, though he later repented and apologized.

In 1799 Green Hill left North Carolina and moved to Tennessee. Col. Seawell moved about the same time. It seems that land there had been granted to Seawell and others who had served with distinction in the Revolution. Seawell's name is inscribed on a monument in the Capitol grounds at Nashville.

Hill settled in middle Tennessee about a dozen miles south of Nashville, where he built a house called Liberty Hill, almost duplicating his North Carolina home. There in October, 1808, he entertained the Western Conference, which was the first conference presided over by William McKendree as bishop, although he had as an elder presided over the conference at Gerizim, near Cynthia, Kentucky, in 1804, because of the illness of Asbury.

"We put in at Green Hill's, Williamson County," wrote Asbury on Tuesday, September 27, 1808. And on Saturday, October 1, he continued, "I began Conference. I preached twice on the Sabbath day, and again on Tuesday. Our Conference was a camp meeting, where the preachers slept in tents. We sat six hours a day, stationed eighty-three preachers, and all was peace." He remarked that "the families of the Hills, Seawells, and Cannon were greatly and affectionately attentive to us."

Thus Green Hill had the distinction of entertaining five Methodist Conferences.

He died at Liberty Hill on September 11, 1826, in his eighty-fifth year. He was buried a few hundred yards from the house, and 'near his dust in the rock-walled enclosure is the dust of wife, sons, daughters and grandchildren.' He was a noble man who served well his day and generation in both church and nation.

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### Special Thanksgiving Offering

The Methodist Home for Children is looking forward to a beautiful new chapel in the near future. The Monk family has made a good sum available for this purpose. There is still need for quite a bit more.

The North Carolina Conference has agreed that each church will be given an opportunity to give a love Thanksgiving offering for this fine cause. The Rev. Dick Harrington and his family have decided as they plan for their guests for the Thanksgiving meal they will give a similar amount to the Chapel Fund of the Methodist Home for Children. In turn, the Knightdale official board decided to promote the idea of its pastor throughout the church. Mrs. S. F. Nicks, mother of the superintendent, presented the Home a check for \$400.00 for the Chapel Fund.

We feel the ministers and laymen would like to have a part in this wonderful undertaking for our boys and girls at the Home for Children. Each pastor has a supply of Thanksgiving envelopes. May we use them gladly and thankfully.

—ROBERT L. NICKS, Superintendent  
Methodist Home for Children

### Commission Studies General Conferences

Upon what city will delegates from the 150 annual conferences of the Methodist Church converge in 1964 for their quadrennial law and policy-making session?

To consider this question the Commission on Entertaininment of the General Conference met in St. Louis, Mo., November 3-4.

The 1964 session will mark the 25th anniversary of Methodist unification.

No decision was reached but when the choice is made the meeting place will probably be one of these five cities: Detroit, Mich., Kansas City, Mo., Louisville, Ky., Pittsburgh, Pa., or St. Louis, Mo.

Formal invitations were extended from all of these cities. Four of them sent delegations of church leaders whose speeches were supported by convention bureau managers armed with photos, maps, testimonials, charts and brochures.

The invitations represented all but the Western Jurisdiction where the 1960 and 1952 sessions were held. The Central Jurisdiction officially shared in the Louisville presentation.

The Commission will visit Louisville January 11 and Pittsburgh on January 12 before making its final decision.

The Commission on Entertainment includes, in addition to the officers, the following members: Rev. Dr. William H. Alderman, Bridgeport, Conn.; Rev. Dr. L. S. Allen, New Orleans, La.; Thurman L. Dodson, Washington, D. C.; Carl C. Hall, Little Rock, Ark.; Rev. Dr. Robert C. Holmes, Lakeland, Fla.; A. G. Jefferson, Lynchburg, Va.; Rev. Dr. Ira E. Williams, Tulsa, Okla. (absent); Mr. John R. Van Sickle, Rockford, Ill.; also the secretary of the General Conference, Rev. Dr. Leon T. Moore, Philadelphia, and the general secretary of the Council on World Service and Finance, Rev. Dr. Thomas B. Lugg of Chicago. Dr. Lugg's place will be taken on January 1 by his successor, Rev. Dr. Don A. Cooke, Chicago.

### Mrs. Fralix Attended Conference on Seminars

Mrs. Harriet Fralix, of Fayetteville, was among forty Methodist women from throughout the United States who attended a conference October 24-28 in New York to study techniques for planning and holding local seminars on the theme, "Families in a World of Rapid Social Change."

Each of the women at the conference is expected to return to her home church and community to lead in setting up a "seminar in miniature" on that theme. The New York leadership training conference was sponsored by the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, Methodist Board of Missions. Each local "seminar in miniature" is to be patterned generally on the 1959 national seminar of Christian Social Relations, sponsored by the Woman's Division.

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I could run into Christ's arms though  
He had a sword in each hand.—Luther.





# Woman's Activities



## Third Quarter Supply Askings

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

The funds given for Supply Work in the third quarter will be sent to foreign projects, says Mrs. H. J. Wise, secretary of Supply Work for the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference.

The projects include Union Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Aayama Kakuin in Japan, the Congo Central Conference at Lodja, and special missionary work in the Philippines.

The amounts needed for these four projects are \$4,000 for the seminary in Argentina, \$4,150 for the work in Africa, \$1,500 for Japan, and \$500 for the Philippines.

These amounts have been divided among the thirteen districts of the Conference and the funds will be sent with the third quarter's report—or before.

In addition to the foreign work, there are special Christmas askings to take care of needs at home. These needs are funds for the new rural work in Yancey County, clean used baby clothing for the Bethlehem Center in Charlotte, clean worn woolen blankets for the Methodist Center at Cherokee, pieces of upholstery material to the Wesley Community House, 1520—8th Avenue, Meridian, Miss., and cash for furnishing a room at the new Brooks-Howell Home for Retired Missionaries and Deaconesses in Asheville.

Each Woman's Society is asked to send a Christmas package to one of these five projects. Packages should be mailed by the last of November.

It is said that someone asked the question, "How does the Woman's Society of the Western North Carolina Conference lead the Southeastern Jurisdiction in giving to Supply Work?"

The answer is found in the response that women make to the above requests—they reach around the world, South America, Africa, Asia, the Philippines, and our own United States.

### Pfeiffer Notes of Interest

In a recent meeting the trustees of Pfeiffer College at Misenheimer approved a budget of over \$1,000,000 for the current school year.

The board also reaffirmed its desire to become affiliated with the Western North Carolina Conference and approved an increase in student charges for the year.

Paul R. Ervin of Charlotte, chairman of the Board of Trustees, was in charge of the meeting.

In giving its approval to an increase in fees, the board members were making an effort to increase the salaries of the facul-

ty members. Dr. J. Lem Stokes, president, said, "It is no secret that financially more attractive offers are coming each year to members of Pfeiffer's well-qualified faculty. That most of our faculty has chosen to remain at Pfeiffer is a tribute to their devotion to the ideals of education and to the principles for which we stand."

The increase in student charges for the year 1961-62 will be \$198 for resident students and \$137 for day students.

Other matters considered by the trustees included the drilling of another deep well on the campus, the improvement of food service, and a decision that the college would award no honorary degrees at the 1961 commencement.

## N. C. Conference

By MARY GARDNER



### Sudie Hunt Doughton Begins Work in Chile

North Carolina Conference's newest representative in the mission fields has been assigned to Sweet Memorial Institute, Santiago, Chile. She is Sudie Hunt Doughton, of Durham, N. C. Her sponsors are the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Edenton Street Methodist Church and the Durham District WSCS.

Sweet Memorial Institute was established in 1924 from gifts of the Sweet family of Topeka, Kansas. The original building, destroyed by fire in 1946, has been replaced with gifts from Methodists of the



SUDIE HUNT DOUGHTON

an's Division of Christian Service, its program of medical and social work includes maintaining a Day Care Center for children of working mothers of low income; providing a health-supervised program and medical care for children of the nursery, and students of the training school for Christian workers, and serving as an observation and demonstration center for university students and students of the training school.

The nursery is arranged in three sections to care for a total of 100 children between the ages of one month and six years. Entrance requirements are high and include a chest x-ray of mother and child, United States, the Chile government, and numerous friends. A project of the Woman's Society tests, and vaccination certificates. Nevertheless, the institution maintains a long waiting list. Acceptance is based upon the results of the health examinations, economic status of the mother, and social problems of the family. Once the child is accepted he is given care 18 hours a day, including food, clothing, medical and dental care and kindergarten instruction. The mothers pay according to their respective economic situations, which usually results in an average of approximately one-third the actual cost.

The children come from homes where it is necessary for the mother to make a living. Many of these women are widows, many have been abandoned by the husband, many are single women, and many who are legally married have husbands who do not take the responsibility of the home, usually due to alcoholism. Besides being from the low income group, each child has some particular social problem which makes it necessary for him to be in a Day Care Center such as Sweet Memorial Institute.

The health program at Sweet Memorial for the children of the nursery and their families requires a part-time pediatrician and a full-time nurse. The dentist attends the needs of the children and of their mothers, also the students of the training school for Christian workers.

The Mothers' Club meets regularly at the Institute. There the group learns to cook, sew, and solve problems which arise in the home.

When the work at Sweet Memorial Institute was reorganized it was the purpose to also serve as a demonstration and practice center. This has been accomplished and today the nursery is used by all types of university students. Last year students came to the center from nine schools and universities.

The authorities at Sweet Memorial endeavor to employ young people who are interested in furthering their education in the public school. Nine of the eleven employees living at the institute are currently studying at night school.

The extension work of Sweet Memorial began in October, 1957, when a dental clinic was opened in one of the suburbs of Santiago in connection with one of the small churches. Although the clinic has no running water and practically no equipment, almost 4,000 patients were treated there last year. Plans are underway to build a new clinic which will be adequate



for the dental and medical needs of the community.

Sudie Hunt Doughton's address is Casilla 7029, Santiago, Chile.

### Louise Nichols Addresses Guilders

"Our misison today is that of bringing the message of Christ to people in all parts of the world," Miss Louise Nichols told members of the Raleigh District Wesleyan Service Guild at their recent anual meeting held in Highland Methodist Church, Raleigh.

A field worker for the Woman's Division of Christian Service, Miss Nichols is spending the entire month of November in the North Carolina Conference, speaking before district Guilds, subdistrict Woman's Societies of Christian Service, youth, and other groups.

Using for her topic, "Our Mission Today," Miss Nichols declared, "If all the Christian women in the world would pray for peace it would come. We could turn the world from upside down to right-side up. We must take our places of responsibility with our children and youth, in our homes and in our church.

"America is a mission land today. Every land is a mission land as long as there are people who are out of Christ." Miss Nichols cited a number of mission projects of the Woman's Division of Christian Service in foreign fields and in the homeland. "When we give our money to missions we are helping schools, rural work, medical work and many other types of work. Last year more money was spent on Christmas decorations than on missions. We are going to have to reorganize our giving. We are going to have to have the 'faith that compels us, face the factors that confront us, go into the frontiers that call us, with a program that unites us in witness and service.' Because our nation and our world need us we dare not fail." A question and answer period followed Miss Nichols' address. She was introduced by Mrs. D. C. Fussell.

Mrs. Harriett Fralix, conference secretary of WSG, explained the Guild unit plan of Guild organization and urged that each Guild work under that plan.

The Rev. A. F. Fisher, pastor of the host church, read the opening scripture and led the group in prayer. Others participating on the program included Miss Juanita Scott, conference chairman of missionary education and service; Mrs. T. W. Wood, president of the hostess society; and Mrs. Bert Alabaster, president of the Divine Street Guild, Dunn, who gave the welcome and response, respectively. Mrs. Wiley Bryan, district treasurer, conducted the pledge service, assisted by Miss Susan Womble, Miss Elizabeth Whisner, and presidents of the local Guilds. Mrs. Guy Cassell and Mrs. J. Curtis Thompson, Jr., sang a duet. Mrs. W. T. Cline, district Guild secretary, presided.

The 1961 Anual District Guild meeting will be held at the Louisburg Methodist Church.

Following the program members of the Highland Gulid were hostesses at a social hour.

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We find in life exactly what we put in.  
—Emerson.

## In Memoriam

**WILLIFORD.**—The members of the Official Board of the Edenton Methodist Church, Edenton, North Carolina, do truly mourn the loss of our friend and co-worker, Mr. Hubert Williford, who on October 1, 1960, went to take the place reserved for him among the faithful of God.

We shall miss the bright spirit of friendship which never allowed Hubert to say 'no' to anyone who needed a helping hand.

Through his carpentry shop, a hobby he loved very much, passed most of our townspeople at one time or another for help. His warm smile and reassuring manner helped us all to know that things would soon be made right.

Since early life until his first heart attack, this servant of God has been active in church affairs. His church was dear to his heart and his efforts and accomplishments in its behalf have been untiring and devoted.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the memory of his loyal and beautiful life always inspire us to dedicate ourselves to finding greater opportunities for Christian service.

The Rev. R. E. Fowlkes, Pastor  
J. R. Dulaney, Chairman  
Grace S. Griffin, Secretary

**JACKSON.**—In the passing of Mr. B. E. (Buck) Jackson on August 18, 1960, Wesleys Chapel Church, Goldsboro District, lost an ardent friend and supporter.

He was a trustee and steward of the church for many years, and gave generously of his means and time to its support. He was 78 years of age and active in the work of the church until sickness prevented shortly before his passing.

Affectionately known as "Uncle Buck," he was prominent in the civic life of the community, and a staunch supporter of the local school. He was a good neighbor, the pastor's friend, a wise counselor for his family and his numerous friends.

The funeral services were held at Wesleys Chapel Methodist Church, Saturday, August 20, by the pastor, Rev. J. G. Snypes, assisted by the Rev. Johnson Griffin and Rev. B. D. Critcher.

We, the members of Wesley's Chapel Church, grateful for his noble life lived among us, and wishing to express sympathy to the bereaved family, respectfully submit the following resolution: That the memory of his life shall be an inspiration to each of us; That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family, and to the local paper; That a copy be entered in the records of the church.

—The Members of Wesley's Chapel  
Methodist Church

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## Churches Give \$20,000,000 In Aid To Needy

**Buck Hills Falls, Pa.**—Church people in America's major Protestant churches have sent almost twenty million dollars' worth of aid to the needy in fifty countries since January 1960.

In addition to the on-going overseas relief programs were 17 emergencies—two of disaster proportions, to which they responded through Church World Service, a central department of the National Council of Churches.

## Vocations Conference Held At Searritt

The fifth annual Vocations' Conference sponsored by the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service, was held at Searritt College October 28-30. Mrs. Charles Ratcliffe, secretary of missionary personnel for the Southeastern Jurisdiction WSCS, served as Conference chairman.

Speakers included *President D. D. Holt* (formerly of Greensboro), Dean Betsy K. Ewing, Dean John W. Johannaber, Dr. David White and Henry Koestline of Searritt's faculty. Other leaders who spoke to the 24 college juniors and seniors included Margie Harvey, R. N., missionary candidate to Sarawak; Joy Haupt, short-term missionary candidate to India; Lois Johnson, part-time director of Christian education and deaconess candidate; Carolina Clemente, deaconess from the Philippines; Marcia Damasceno of Brazil; David Willis and Warren Day, graduate students in Christian Education at Searritt.

More than 19 Annual Conferences were represented at the meeting. Those attending were Darrilyn Dandurand and Sylvia L. Fingar of Asbury College; Joan M. Short of Eastern Mennonite College; Sara Ann Winn of Emory University; *Mary Jane Manchester of Greensboro College; Betty Lou Williams of High Point College; Jamie Elizabeth Cecil, Jan Gregory and Bob Zellner of Huntingdon College; Patricia Burford, Faith Craig, and Shirley McDaniel of Millsaps College; Mary Evelyn Granberry of Mississippi-Southern College; Joan Hayes and Loureta Lamb of Pfeiffer College; Karen S. Hansen of Taylor University; Jo Ellen Hunter of Tennessee Tech; Carol Hammond and Phyllis Highland of Tennessee Wesleyan College; Carol Morgan and Virginia Sparks of the University of Alabama; Jeanie Black and Martha C. Knight of Winthrop College, and Patsy Ann Martin of Covington, Ky.*

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# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## Anything To Be Thankful For?

Mary was deep in thought as her mother walked through the room. She was supposed to write a theme on "Thanksgiving." Hoping her mother could help, she asked her what she would write about if she had to write a theme on "Thanksgiving."

Mother suggested that she use the Pilgrims and Indians as her subject. No, that wouldn't do, as she had used that one last year. The next suggestion was about the big football game and their plans following the game.

To Mary these didn't seem the proper subjects. Somehow she wanted to write about things for which she was thankful. She knew she was thankful, but didn't know what for. So Mother and Mary began to do some serious thinking.

Presently Mother said, "I remember something my father once told me which I shall never forget. He said, 'I complained I had no shoes, until I saw a man who had no feet.'"

This really set Mary to thinking. "Man without feet!" Of course, there was Johnny who had polio and was still in a wheel chair. And Mrs. Smith who had been a shut-in for years. And sie's grandmother couldn't see, and Sammy who couldn't hear or talk. Su-Susie often went over and read to her. There was Lyndia who couldn't play games because of a fever she had a few years ago. Jack had no friends because his father was serving a prison term. Sally had speech difficulties, and all the children made fun of her.

This gave Mary plenty of food for thought. She picked up her pencil and began to write.

"It was a man without feet who helped me know what Thanksgiving really means." Mary looked with satisfaction at the first sentence of her theme, and then continued to write.

On and on she wrote, her thoughts coming faster than she could put them on paper. They were thoughts of gratitude for her two good feet on which she loved to skip and run; for her bright eyes to see the faces of her loved ones and the beauty all around; for her ears to hear, and her voice to talk and sing. Then she thought of her home where she was happy in the loving care of her family, and for the good food that she enjoyed each day, while

thousands of children in the world have little or nothing to eat. She even thought about school, which was pretty hard sometimes, but which she knew was a blessing that a lot of children don't have. And then she thought about living in a free country, and how wonderful it is to think and speak and worship God without persecution.

All these thoughts led her to the biggest thought of all, and she closed her theme with a paragraph giving thanks to God for being the giver of all these things, and for being a real friend of boys and girls.

By the time Mary finished writing, she was so full of thankfulness that she ran to her mother with happy tears in her eyes, and said, "Mother, I'm so excited over being thankful for so many things! I know I can't actually share all of them, but I want to share my happiness on Thanksgiving Day with Johnny in his wheel chair, with Mrs. Smith in her lonely house, with Susie's grandmother, with Lyndia who can't go out and play, and some of the others who need cheering up. May I make a little visit to each of them on Thursday, and maybe take them some cookies?"

"Indeed you may, my dear," her Mother replied. "I think this is a beautiful idea."

"And Mother," Mary added, "I'm so glad I had to write a theme about Thanksgiving. I hope I get a good grade on it, but this isn't half so important as finding out how many, many things I had to be thankful for, and sharing my happiness with somebody else." — **Selected.**

## THANKSGIVING DINNER

The turkey's in the oven  
Turning all crisp and brown;  
And all the big red apples  
In a dish upside down.

Big yellow pumpkin pies,  
Little tangerines,  
A big bowl of potato salad—  
Make just the right kind of scene.

Grandma made the pumpkin pies,  
Mother cooked the turkey,  
Auntie made the potato salad;  
And I . . . stood around to see.

—LILLIAN PRUITT

## The Ant and The Grasshopper

One cold winter day a hungry grasshopper went to an ant to get something to eat. The grasshopper knew very well that the ant had worked hard all summer and that she had stored away a good supply of food.

"Good morning, friend Ant," said the grasshopper.

"Good morning, neighbor Grasshopper," replied the ant. "It's quite a cold morning, isn't it?"

"And I am very hungry," hinted the grasshopper.

"Why do you not have food?" asked the ant.

"I had no time last summer to get any," replied the grasshopper.

"What did you do all summer?" inquired the ant.

"I sang all summer," answered the grasshopper.

"Then you will be hungry all winter," said the ant. "Those who will not work should not eat." — **Clipped.**

## The Interesting Letter "E"

The most unfortunate letter in the alphabet is the letter "e," because it's always out of "cash," forever in "debt," and never out of "danger."

On the other hand, it's never in "war," always in "peace," and always in something to "eat." It's the beginning of "existence," the commencement of "ease," and the end of "trouble."

—Exchange.

## BIBLE QUIZ

### Concerning Weddings

- 1 Who went to her wedding on a camel? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Where did Jesus perform his first miracle? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 What humble Jewish maid married a king? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Who married two sisters? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Did Moses marry an Egyptian princess? \_\_\_\_\_

### Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. The Dead Sea
2. A fishing boat
3. The feeding of the 5000 — Matthew 14:15-21
4. Fish without fins and scales—Leviticus 11:9-12
5. Jesus—Matthew 4:18-19

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If we put off repentance another day, we have a day more to repent of, and a day less to repent in.—W. Mason.



# Sunday School Lesson

FOR NOVEMBER 27

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## BE STRONG IN THE LORD

Background Scripture: Psalm 46;  
Ephesians 6

Lesson Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-20

This lesson is about life as a battle, and the need for strength to fight it. For any person who takes life seriously, or who is dissatisfied with merely animal existence, there is the perpetual challenge to throw one's strength into the conflict on the side of the things he believes should prevail. To use the idea of William James, life is not like some parlor game that one may stop playing when he is tired of it. It is a real fight in which something of vast importance is either going to be won or lost for the human race and, above all, for the cause of God in the world.

There are two Biblical passages which form the background of our thought. First there is Psalm 46. While not printed in the lesson materials, this psalm should be read in your class, for it is one of the greatest in the Psalter. It has played a large part in Christian history. It was the basis of Martin Luther's famous hymn "A Mighty Fortress," it was often on the lips of Cromwell in the fight for religious liberty in England, and its majesty lines were on the lips of the dying Wesley all through the night before the morning during which the leader of Methodism passed from this earth.

Turning to Ephesians 6:10-20 we recognize these verses as battle orders. Often before entering an important struggle the captain may be heard addressing the men of the company in words of advice and encouragement. These verses are much the same sort of thing. After outlining the Christian virtues in previous verses, the readers are then called upon to get the spirit that will enable them to put them into practice.

The first verse of our selected Scripture commands us to make use of the strength that may be ours for the asking. The American translation puts it this way: "Henceforth you must grow strong through union with the Lord and through his mighty strength." This ability to allow oneself to be the channel of the Divine power is the reason given throughout the Bible to explain the miraculous deeds that humans are called upon to perform. This formula is used to explain such widely different things as, on the one hand, Samson's great feats of strength, and on the other, the coming of the Spirit upon the disciples at Pentecost. It's another way of saying that superhuman strength is needed to do the extraordinary things that need to be done.

Verse 17 explains further why we need a strength beyond that which is ordinarily ours. It is because we have to struggle with evil in superhuman form, which to say, demonic. Note how this evil force is described: "For we have to struggle, not against flesh and blood, but with the hierarchies, the authorities, the master-spirits

of this dark world, the spiritual forces of evil on high." (American Translation.)

To combat these forces successfully, plain every-day human virtues are not enough. "Put on the armor of God" is the command. In many ancient writings God is pictured as engaged in battle with evil. This may be seen in some of the early Jewish and Christian religious tracts that never became a part of the Bible. But we have a striking example in Isaiah where, after his human children had proved unfaithful, the Lord himself takes up the battle. Listen to this: "The wine trough I trod alone, of the people no one was with me . . . so my own arm helped me, and my fury upheld me. I trod down the peoples (nations) in my anger, and shattered them in my fury; and I brought down their glory to the earth." (Isaiah 63:3,5). In "putting on God's armor" we are assured that many elements of strength will be ours.

Among the weapons available for the conflict are: *truth* (the power that will finally prevail), *righteousness* (the pure heart gives ten-fold strength), *peace* (the end of all our striving), *faith* (giving us the courage to dare), *constant prayer* (the channel of power), *alertness* (so our warfare will be skillful and effective). What a picture of the Christian well prepared!

## The Duke Divinity School Seminars

The annual two-day seminars presented in North Carolina cities by the Duke Divinity School have been scheduled for the week of January 16-20, 1961. The first will be held in Statesville at the Broad Street Methodist Church on Monday and Tuesday, January 16-17. The other will be held in Kinston at the Queen Street Methodist Church on Thursday and Friday, January 19-20.

The subject for the 1961 seminars will be "Ministerial Education in a Changing South." The leaders are to be Dr. Olin T. Binkley, professor of Christian Sociology and Ethics at Southeastern Theological Seminary in Wake Forest (at Kinston); Dr. Ansley C. Moore, president of St. Andrew's College in Laurinburg (at Statesville); Dr. Gerald O. McCulloch, director of Theological Education for the Methodist Church, of Nashville; Dr. H. Shelton Smith, James B. Duke professor of American Religious Thought, of the Duke Divinity School; and Dean Robert E. Cushman, professor of Systematic Theology, also of Duke.

In addition, the program will include a discussion of the subject by a panel of ministers, who will deal especially with the practical aspects upon the basis of their experience in the ministry. The panel members are chosen to represent different age levels of training and experience, and the subject assigned to them is "The Efficacy of My Theological Training."

This opportunity for concentrated study of contemporary training for the ministry will call upon the members of the seminar to address themselves to an analysis of the relevance of theological education to the minister's task. The study will deal with the changes taking place in our southern culture and with the forces that produce them, with the new pressures upon the

clergy, and with the type of training best suited to produce effective spiritual leaders in these times. The seminar program is especially designed for participation by all its members, and so conceived that every member may contribute through full discussion of the theme.

The Duke Divinity School seminars were inaugurated in 1949. Up until the present they have been held always within the state of North Carolina. In this year, 1960-61, however, they are to be extended to South Carolina. The first in this new series will be held in Columbia, S. C. at the Washington Street Methodist Church on November 7-8, 1960. Announcement of this earlier session in Columbia has recently been issued. The formal announcement of the two North Carolina seminars will be mailed after Christmas, along with the regular form for registration. In all three the same subject will be treated, under the leaders named above, with the addition of Dr. Ernest Trice Thompson, professor of Church History and Polity at Union Theological Seminary at Richmond, Va., who will participate in the program in Columbia next month.

## Free Use of Film, "Gift From the Earth"

A new 25-minute sound and color film, *Gift From the Earth*, is now available free of charge to churches, lodges, service clubs, and other worthwhile adult organizations in North and South Carolina. The film was produced by the Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation, one of the major suppliers of natural gas to distributing utility companies throughout the Atlantic Seaboard states, to acquaint local residents with details of their southern construction program. As one of its public relations services, Transcontinental will supply the film plus a projector and operator at no cost to clubs and organizations interested in viewing it.

*Gift From the Earth*, a prize-winning film, opens by showing all the good things that come from the earth—precious minerals, gems, food, clothing and shelter. The film then goes on to follow explorers in their search for natural gas deposits in scenic Texas and Louisiana, and shows how gas is extracted from subterranean pockets.

The film then depicts the laying of the 2,000-mile pipeline from Texas to New York City, across mountains and under rivers, highways and railroads. Present-day uses of natural gas in "kitchens of tomorrow," in the manufacturing of fine china, fibre glass and steel are also shown.

The film will be available after October 15th. Groups interested in viewing it should write to Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation, Box G, Grove, N. C., giving two alternate dates, as well as details of meeting places, etc.

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We can't use all our church members on committees, but we need every member to witness for Christ in his daily life.—DR. ROBERT G. MAYFIELD, *Chicago*, general secretary of the Board of Lay Activities, in a talk at the Northeastern laymen's assembly, Atlantic City.



## Progress on Richland Circuit

The Haw Branch Methodist Church recently set up a building fund which is to be used for making necessary repairs to the sanctuary and Sunday school rooms.

Joe Brinson has been elected superintendent of the Sunday school to fill out the rest of the year. Dwight Malpass, the former superintendent, has been drafted. This church is to be commended for the attempts it is making in developing its potential leadership in the young adult group.

Carson Malpass has been elected teacher of the senior class and Douglas Howard has been elected teacher of the young adult class.

The M.Y.F. in this church observed Halloween by going "trick or treat for UNICEF."

The Gum Branch Methodist Church likewise has established a building fund. This is an act of faith for sure, inasmuch as this church is situated in a diminishing

community. The sanctuary and Sunday school rooms are in need of repairs. The small membership of this church is rendering a "mission service" to a number of children who otherwise would be without Christian education.

The M.Y.F. in this church is comparatively new and is eager to participate in all phases of the church's life. They worked in behalf of UNICEF on Halloween night and collected a good-sized offering.

Sunday, November 13, was homecoming day, and all former members of the church, all non-resident members were invited to return for a day of worship and fellowship. Each family was invited to bring a picnic lunch.

Beginning Monday evening, November 14, Rev. J. C. Staton of St. John's Church in Kinston, began a week of evangelistic services, and on November 20 at 7:30 p.m., Miss Louise Nichols, who will be visiting in our district in behalf of the W.S.C.S., will be our guest minister. Miss Nichols will be the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Venters. Mrs. Venters is president of the W.S.C.S. in the New Bern District. We invite the membership of nearby Methodist churches to attend this service.

One of the newer congregations established by our Conference is that in Beulaville. This congregation is still worshipping on the ground floor of the Masonic Lodge building. It has paid off more than half of its indebtedness on the site it purchased for building a church and educational plant. A balance of three thousand dollars is owed, but this little congregation of less than thirty resident members faces its challenge optimistically. Recently, the Finance Commission recommended and encouraged the membership to raise its level of giving to the tithe, or at least to five per cent, and the response was most gratifying.

Four persons have united with this congregation since Conference—two on profession of faith. Two persons moved their memberships to other communities, which leaves us with a net increase of two members. But we are still working on other prospects.

During the week of October 31-November 4 the pastor, Rev. H. G. Quigley, held a series of evangelistic services in the auditorium of the local high school. The church deeply appreciates the generosity of the Board of Trustees of the Beulaville School in granting permission for the use of the auditorium.

About two months ago the Methodist Men's Club received its charter. Mr. Cecil Rhodes of Havelock was the guest speaker and presented the charter to Mr. William Cutler, president of the Methodist Men in the Beulaville Church. This group is alert and dynamic, and has a membership of thirteen men.

The Woman's Society continues to be one of the strong pillars of this church. The ladies earnestly endeavor to participate in all district work and carry out a strong program of worship, study, and service. They have made large contributions to the Building Fund.

## "Best Sermons" Collection Includes Ten Methodists

Ten of the 42 "Best Sermons" in a recent volume by that name were preached by Methodist ministers. Made for the seventh time by Dr. G. Paul Butler, the collection includes the following Methodists: the Rev. Ralph W. Sockman, New York; Dr. Leslie Weatherhead, London; Bishop Gerald Kennedy, Los Angeles; Prof. Thomas Kepler, Oberlin School of Theology; Prof. Paul W. Hoon, Union Theological Seminary; President Russel Humbert, DePauw University; Dr. Laton Holmgren, American Bible Society; Chaplain Charles Carpenter, U. S. Air Force Academy; and the Rev. William Byrd, Pine Bluff, Ark.

## Methodists Urged to Keep "Christmas for Christ"

Washington, D. C. — Efforts to keep "Christmas for Christ" and to combat the trend toward increasing commercialization of Christmas are engaging Methodists and other churchmen again this year.

The annual campaign of "Christmas for Christ" is sponsored by the National Temperance League in cooperation with the Division of Temperance and General Welfare of the Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns and other agencies.

The program encourages office parties and other social functions in keeping the holiday as Christ's birthday, and discourages use of alcoholic beverages for such parties and as gifts.

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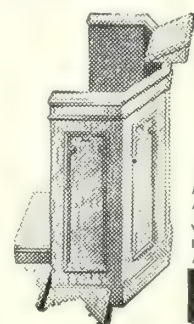
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## *A Thanksgiving Prayer*

Dear Father, Maker and Giver of all that we are, and all that we have; without whom and beyond whom there is neither life nor being; again we bow before thee in thankful acknowledgment of thy might and power, thy greatness and thy goodness, thy never-failing bounty generously provided for all our needs and beyond our needs.

We thank thee, our God, for those obvious goods and mercies that thou hast shown to us and showered upon us these recent months and years: for health, and material blessings, and spiritual joys that have made our sojourn upon thy earth altogether pleasant and meaningful; for family and friends who have shared our happinesses and comforted us in our sorrows, and who have stood beside us—representing thee—in days of pain and anxiety; for the good harvests that have come from our cooperation with thee and under thy laws in the cultivation and nurturing of thy great wealth of seed, and grain, and flower, and fruit in the vast acreage of our land and of other lands; for the wealth of field, and forest, and mine, and the skills of men's minds and hands which others have shared with us, and for the goods and opportunities thou hast given us to share with others.

We thank thee, Father of the Prince of Peace and Father of us all, for the general peace and security that has enfolded our states and much of the world this past year. We thank thee that, despite fears and misunderstandings, our sons have not been engaged in armed conflict; and we would pray for the coming of an unarmed peace and for thy peace upon the whole family of mankind. We thank the Christ for that brightening vision of thy Kingdom of Righteousness covering and governing all earth; and we pray that we as individuals, we as a church, we as a nation may be used by thee in the realization of that goal—of that uniting of heaven and of earth in common pursuit and achievement.

We thank thee for these bounties, our Father—these gifts and concerns that are largely physical and material. And yet we sense that there is a need for even deeper gratitude than we have expressed—and here we grope for words with which to thank thee. We feel our indebtedness to that long line of inspired prophets, and seers, and dreamers, and martyrs, and poets of the word and of the spirit—thy servants and thy messengers—who through the centuries have glimpsed thy will and way, and have lighted torches along the road we and our fathers have come. We praise thee for them—and ask to be made worthy to follow them. We thank thee for the Holy Spirit—thy Spirit—and for the evidences of its continuing work in the world, its touching and inspiring of the hearts and minds of men: teach us to recognize and to follow thy Holy Spirit's guidance. We thank thee for those moments—and for those sometimes baffling and frustrating situations—that cause us to pause in the midst of feverish onrushing, and to take measure of ourselves beside the Christ, to take measure of our nation or our race against the Master's teachings and thy known care for all, to take measure of what we are and do against what we might be and what we should do in thankfulness that we are "sons of God."

Help us, O God, to know thy deeper bounties and higher purposes: may thankfulness be expressed in generous sharing and in noble living. Amen.



# CAROLINA BRIEFS

☛ THE REV. JOHN H. CARPER, district superintendent of the Thomasville District, preached the sermon for the 9:45 o'clock worship service at Centenary Methodist Church, Clemmons, Sunday, Nov. 13.

☛ SEDGE GARDEN LADIES of the WSCS and Guild held open house for their parsonage Sunday afternoon, November 20, from 3:00 to 5:00. Friends were invited to drop in and see the newly-finished and newly furnished parsonage at those hours.

☛ A \$300,000 DORMITORY is being constructed at Bennett College, Greensboro, to accommodate the increasing student enrollment. The new student housing unit is expected to be ready for occupancy by the opening of the 1961-1962 school year.

☛ ASHEVILLE IS THIS week the focal point for the gathering of some 2,500 Baptist messengers attending the state convention. C. B. Deane of Rockingham is head of the state convention, and is expected to be re-elected. Theme of the meeting is "The Christian Witness in a Changing World."

☛ JOSEPH H. ARMBRUST, JR., son of Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Armbrust, is director of the Greater Myrtle Beach Community Chorus of seventy voices. The chorus will present Handel's *Messiah* on December 11th, at 4:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Myrtle Beach. Mr. Armbrust served as organist-choir director at NATO in Paris, France, for twenty-four months. He was also director of the All-Europe Music Clinic, Berchtesgaden, Germany, three times.

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☛ THE REVEREND JOHN T. MAIDES, pastor of the Longview Gardens Methodist Church in Raleigh, will preach in revival services at the Little Swamp Methodist Church, Smoaks, S. C., November 28th through December 2nd.

☛ MR. LAWRENCE W. ROUTH, member of of the Methodist Board of Publication, and president of L. W. Routh Construction Co., also president of the Board of Directors of the Greensboro YMCA, spoke to the Christian Business and Professional Women at the Mayfair Cafeteria last Tuesday evening.

☛ ACCORDING TO bulletins and other information we receive, a large number of Methodist churches will hold Thanksgiving services, either on Thursday, November 24, or at other times. This should be a time when all our people avail themselves of the opportunity to attend religious services and give expression of their gratitude to God for his continual blessings.

☛ MRS. C. C. PHILLIPS, secretary of Spiritual Life for the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Thomasville District, taught a study course on "Basic Christian Beliefs" at Centenary Methodist Church, Clemmons, on Sunday evening, Nov. 13. Members of Mt. Olivet, Arcadia, and Good Hope Methodist Churches attended this study.

☛ REVIVAL SERVICES began in Lane's Chapel Church November 20th, and will run through tomorrow (Friday) night, Nov. 25th. Rev. John Bryant of the Beston-Bethel Charge in the Goldsboro District has been bringing the messages each evening, and Mr. R. D. Shinkle of Havelock is song leader for this week of spiritual growth. An invitation was extended to all to attend these services. Rev. J. C. Parker is pastor.

☛ ON NOVEMBER 28, 9:00 a.m., the pastors of the Raleigh District will observe a Day Apart program at the Hayes Barton Methodist Church. This is a part of the Raleigh District program of evangelism. Among the leaders will be the district superintendent, the Reverend Graham S. Eubank, Dr. Carl Sanders, district superintendent of the Richmond, Virginia, District, the Reverend C. Freeman Heath, and the Reverend J. Kern Ormond. The Reverend John T. Maides is district secretary of evangelism in the Raleigh District.



## A Page from Lincoln's Book

Living in Lincoln's old town of Springfield, Ill., and in the hotel which bears his name, Bishop Edwin E. Voigt has taken a page out of Lincoln's book. Biographies report that in his earlier years when he was postmaster at nearby New Salem, Lincoln "carried his office in his hat." Residing temporarily in the hotel until an episcopal residence is found and waiting his turn for office space in a downtown building, Bishop Voigt has his office "in his hat."

## Horace R. McSwain Speaks At Woodmont, Reidsville

On Sunday, November 6, Horace R. McSwain, executive secretary of the Western North Carolina Conference Board of Missions, visited with the congregation of Reidsville's youngest Methodist church. Mr. McSwain addressed the Wesley Fellowship Adult church school class and preached during the morning worship service in the auditorium of South End School. An afternoon session was devoted to the showing of slides and discussion of current trends in church architecture and church building.

The chairman of the Building Committee, Jimmy Waynick, announces the engagement of the McMinn, Norfleet and Wicker architect firm of Greensboro, to submit plans for the proposed church building to house the new congregation. The building site is located in a lovely residential area on Richardson Drive.

The Woodmont Methodist Church was duly organized on July 10, during organizational services conducted by the Greensboro district superintendent, Dr. J. Clay Madison. The congregation is now conducting church school and worship services in the South End School. The pastor of the new church is Garland S. Gammon, a recent graduate of Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C.



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# EDITORIALS

## We Achieve Success By Honoring Our Vows

A great many of the world's problems could be avoided if people and nations regarded their vows more seriously. According to the Old Testament vows had an important place in the life of Israel. A vow is a solemn promise to perform, or not to perform, as the case may be. It may not be essential to make a vow, but once made it is binding. One of the writers said "Better it is that thou shouldst not vow than thou shouldst vow and not pay." Jesus told the story of two sons when commanded to go to work in the vineyard. One said he would go, but went not. The other said he would not go, but afterward repented and went. When Jacob awoke out of his sleep on his way to Haran and recognized the presence of God, he made a vow to God, saying, "Of all that thou givest me, I will surely give the tenth to thee." Many of us have made vows. We stood before the marriage altar and vowed to be faithful to each other till death us do part. If we kept those vows our divorce courts would not be so crowded. We also stood before the altar of the church and made a vow to God to be faithful to the church in our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. If we had kept those vows the church would be a stronger, more virile institution. Nations make vows, or agreements with each other. If they honor them, the chances are they will live in peace and harmony. But the trouble arises when they take the position that Hitler is reported to have taken when he said "Treaties are only scraps of paper." Wars, and death and destruction come when vows are ignored. Homes are broken when vows are ignored. The church is weakened when vows are ignored. Character is sacrificed when vows of chastity and honesty are set aside. Moses, speaking to the heads of the tribes of Israel, said, "This is the thing which the Lord hath commanded. If a man vow a vow unto the Lord, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth." The God whom we worship never forgets, nor releases us from the solemn vows we have made. The best recipe we know for success is to make the proper commitments to God and our fellowmen, and then observe to do all these things.

## Religion Is Chief Interest of Many

Some years ago Dr. W. P. Few, then president of Duke University, in welcoming a group of religious leaders to the campus for a symposium, made the statement that more people are interested in the subject of religion than any other subject. The present political campaign seems to bear out the truth of that statement, for many who are slow to warm up to a political campaign have certainly become concerned in this one, chiefly because of the religious angle. The American people are interested in many things, such as politics, economics, world affairs, and whatever pertains to the welfare of the human race. One of the poets wrote a song in which it is said:

*Religion is the chief concern  
Of mortals here below,  
May I its great importance learn,  
Its sovereign virtue know.*

The founding fathers seemed to sense the same thing when they wrote in the Constitution that no religious test was to be applied to anyone seeking political office. Freedom to worship God according to the dictates of one's own conscience is assured the citizenship of this republic. And while no one is barred from seeking political office because of religious affiliation, neither is anyone deprived of the privilege of investigating the kind of religion one professes. For that reason candidates in this campaign have recognized the rights of citizens in this respect. There is a catechism which says "man's chief duty is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever." That carries the responsibilities of investigation in order that one may arrive at a conclusion of what is right and best. We feel that where such evaluation is made without prejudice and free from rancor it will contribute to good government and a better America. It is a good sign when people are interested enough to make such evaluation. It goes to show the universal interest in good government. As a religious publication we have tried to steer clear from promoting the cause of either party or candidate as such. We have in the church sincere men and women on both sides, and they have a right to their opinions, and we respect it. Our role has been to urge people to be serious about the whole matter, study the issues, the parties, the candidates, and do what they are convinced in the fear of God they should do

for the best interest of the nation. This is the responsibility which every person, after prayerful investigation, must decide for himself.

## N. C. Group Ministry

The Michigan *Christian Advocate*, in its November 10 issue, gave prominent emphasis to the Clay County Group Ministry project in a feature article of more than a page by the Rev. H. C. Young, Jr. He emphasized the fact that a group of Methodist churches realized they could accomplish more by working together than by working alone. This group ministry project was established by Bishop Nolan B. Harmon in 1957 after a group of ministers and laymen had become concerned about the matter. It has proven to be a fine success.

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## LETTERS

November 8, 1960

Rev. S. J. Starnes, Editor  
NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE  
Box 508  
Greensboro, North Carolina  
Dear Sir:

You can't imagine how eagerly we await each issue of the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. For us, it is the only tie we have with many friends in the two Conferences. It helps to keep us in touch with "the program" of home-base churches. So often personal letters skip this type of news. Most of our friends are so interested in our "missionary work" that they forget to share their own missionary stories. The ADVOCATE fills this empty space quite adequately.

I'm sending along some notes about our part of the great Methodist world parish. Some of our friends along the circuit may find them interesting. And with these notes I'm sending a request for a change of address. Boat mail takes about six weeks to arrive. Then our copies have been going to the old address, adding several more weeks to the journey. This new address will speed up the process:

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Cordially,  
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the Western North Carolina  
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## FROM THE BIGHAMS IN BRAZIL

Although it's nearly Christmas, you would never be able to guess it from the weather. It gets hotter and hotter. The only relief is the daily rain—this is also our rainy season. The evenings are cool enough, with a nice breeze coming off the nearby mountains. We're dreaming of a white Christmas, but it'll be only a dream!



This will be our second Christmas in Brazil, our first in Jundiá.

Our young people will present a drama, the Biblical story of Christmas. And on Christmas Eve we'll have our Festa das Crianças (Children's Party). Christmas Day will include the traditional Christmas Worship Service. Also, we are planning a special program for a number of poor families. Each family will receive a box of food to help make the Christmas season a little happier. Right now, we are concerned because there are so many who need our help, and so little that we can do.

New Year's Eve will be a special night for us. At 7:30 p.m. we'll begin a series of evangelistic services. Then, at 11:00 p.m., we'll receive, on profession of faith, a number of recent converts. At midnight, we'll gather around the altar to participate in the Lord's Supper.

Last Sunday was an important day in the life of our little congregation. We held a service of thanksgiving and consecration on the site where we will build our new church. It was really an interdenominational event, with pastors of the other evangelical churches bringing their greetings. This was a day of victories for us. First of all, our people had been struggling along for several years. Thoughts of a church of their own never got beyond the dream stage. Now, we have the property, and the engineer is drawing plans for the three units of our future home. Sunday was also a day of victory because we received two more decisions for Christ—two women. Now, we are hoping that we'll be able to win their families. In this city of more than 100,000 we know that over 50% have no contact with the church. Another 25% might be listed as nominal Christians (Catholics). Our little church (the only Methodist church within 25 miles) has a tremendous responsibility.

Our work here in Brazil is perhaps less dramatic than the work in more primitive countries, or countries where there has been little contact with Christianity. Actually, our church program is very much like that of the average congregation in the U. S. We have Sunday school, two Sunday worship services (an evangelistic service in the evening), M.Y.F. activities, W.S.C.S., Men's Fellowship, Official Board, Quarterly, District, and Annual Conferences, Committee on Commission meetings, visitation evangelism, choir practice, etc. And our problems are generally the same—although we have some unique situations. For instance, we have only two cars in our church. Everyone travels by bus, or on foot.

Our people are much poorer than the average church situation in the U. S. But, then, the middle class is a relatively new development in Brazil. Brazil has imported our "dollar down, dollar a month" system, and so many families are buying "luxuries" that have been denied them until now. Inflation has troubled all of us, especially the worker who earns only the minimum wage—until recently around \$40.00 per month. But there is an air of expectancy everywhere. It is hoped that the new government will bring more stability. There is everywhere evident the feeling that Brazil is on the march. The national motto "Progress and Order" has taken on new

meaning. Brazil, undoubtedly, will be one of the world powers of the future. And it is in this situation that we have the privilege of exalting the name of Jesus Christ. Without a strong Christian base, anything could happen here. How we need your prayers!

Our strangest experience is that of being a part of the minority. We have only 65 Methodists in this great city. Until recently we were the only Americans. We have not felt persecuted, either because of our religion or because we are Americans. In fact we have been very warmly received. Brazilians are basically friendly. As for the Catholic church, we note only the defensive maneuvers characteristic of any majority group when threatened by a new movement. We believe in the old saying, "One person can't fight by himself." We're just going to love them to death! And our friends talk very frankly about the U.E.A., because we don't become defensive or irritated even when we don't agree. There has been wide interest in the elections. While we have sensed a deep mistrust in U.S. policies, we have been impressed with the increasing confidence—especially in the Cuban situation.

We need your prayers, especially as we undertake the first part of our building program. Letters, manifesting an interest in this work, would serve to encourage our little congregation. And don't forget to keep your missionary friends up to date with the activities at home. Abracos dos amigos,

BILL AND MARTHA BIGHAM

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Dear Mr. Starnes:

May I send a brief but sincere note of appreciation for the editorial stand which you took on the political election and on the case of Dr. Martin Luther King in your issue of November 3, 1960. My wife and I read the *ADVOCATE* regularly and are grateful for news of Carolina Methodism. We are even more grateful when you take your very real opportunity to lead the social and moral thinking of our people.

Sincerely yours,

CREIGHTON LACY

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## Student Recognition Day To Be Observed

Nashville, Tenn. — The Methodist Church's annual Student Recognition Day will be observed Sunday, January 1.

On that day, Methodist churches across the country will give recognition to their college and university students in special services. In many cases, students will participate in the services.

A suggested service of worship for the special day has been prepared by Methodist Bishop Eugene M. Frank, St. Louis, and the Department of College and University Religious Life of the Methodist Board of Education. It is available from the board's national headquarters in Nashville, Tenn.

The *Discipline* of the Methodist Church designates one Sunday a year, usually the Sunday after Christmas, as Student Recognition Day in the local church.

## Classes Named For Bible Characters

The Commission on Education of Woodmont Methodist Church, Reidsville,, has established a far-sighted program for naming of church school classes for Reidsville's newest Methodist congregation. The Commission chairman, Mr. James Hardy, states that the Children's and Youth's Divisions will name their classes in honor of Biblical characters. Each class will do research on its name, thus gaining a deeper understanding of Biblical characters. The Adult Division classes will name their classes in honor of significant persons and events in church history. One class has already honored the founding family of Methodism by electing the name, Wesley Fellowship Class.

The Commission hopes this method of naming classes may give the congregation an incentive to become more familiar with true meaning of the church and to serve as an educational measure for those who do not have a firm background in the knowledge of the history of the church.

The pastor is Garland S. Gammon.

## Dean West of Pfeiffer On State Study Commission

Misenheimer—Can teachers be paid in relation to their teaching ability? A State Commission is seeking the answer.

Dr. Cameron West, Pfeiffer dean, is serving as a consultant to a special commission authorized by the last General Assembly to report on the subject, "The pay of public school teachers based upon the ability of the individual teacher." Dean West has launched a research study on the subject for the study commission. Chairman of the group is Rep. W. C. Harris, Jr., Raleigh.

Appointment of the Pfeiffer dean as consultant to the committee headed by Rep. Harris was announced some days ago. The commission must make a report to the governor during the month of December.

Dean West will serve as consultant to the commission in addition to serving as academic dean at Pfeiffer. A graduate of the University of North Carolina, he served as a Kellogg Research assistant there in 1955-56 and received his doctorate from the university in 1956.

Dr. West is a member of the National Education Association, N. C. Education Association, Phi Delta Kappa, Association for Higher Education, and Association of Student Teaching.

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## HEARD AT METHODIST MEETINGS

Our age must get along with a smaller world than ever before. This world demands greater unity but is characterized by profound separations.

—BISHOP JAMES K. MATTHEWS  
Boston

If one believes in God, evil is a mystery, but if one doesn't believe in God, then goodness is a mystery.

—DR. JOHN A. REDHEAD  
Presbyterian Minister  
Greensboro



## Lake Junaluska Trustees To Continue Policy

Nashville, Tenn.—The executive committee of the Lake Junaluska board of trustees, which met November 10 in Atlanta, did not change the board's policy of segregation of the Junaluska swimming pool.

Representatives of the Methodist Student Movement met with the committee. They were invited to attend after a group of about ten whites and Negroes attending an MSM conference at the Methodist assembly last summer were not allowed to swim together in the pool.

According to a report by the Rev. Gene Carroll, Atlanta, director of Georgia Methodist Information, Miss Gayle Graham, one of the student representatives at the meeting, asked if the 1962 Methodist Student Regional Conference would be allowed to be held at Junaluska if Negro students attended.

Mr. Carroll reported that Edwin L. Jones, Charlotte, N. C., president of the board of trustees, explained that this would not be a violation of the assembly's policy so long as no attempt was made to integrate the swimming pool.

The trustees adopted a resolution written by retired Methodist Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Atlanta, which expressed appreciation for their conference that day with "certain representatives" of the MSM relative to "certain matters."

The resolution reads as follows:

"The executive committee of the board of trustees of Lake Junaluska Assembly records its appreciation of a frank conference with certain representatives of our Methodist Student Movement relative to certain matters related to the summer program at Lake Junaluska.

"We request these leaders to convey to their associates and other interested persons the assurance of our continuing interest in this and other matters which concern the interest of our local church.

"We further request these representatives to convey to their associates the complete story of the very great progress already achieved in this difficult field and assure all concerned that we will combine to deal with this matter in the spirit of Christ-like concern."

Though the resolution did not state what "this difficult field" is in which it said "very great progress" has already been achieved, presumably it is race relations.

The resolution was adopted unanimously by the 17 members present at the executive meeting, reported Mr. Carroll.

Among other matters which came before the board were:

- adoption of a \$200,000 budget with \$90,000 additional devoted to capital improvements.

- laying of plans for the Golden Anniversary celebration of Lake Junaluska in 1963.

- presentation of a schedule of 40 assemblies and conferences to be held at the assembly next summer.

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Learning without thought is labor lost; thought without learning is perilous.

—Confucius.

## Duke University to Publish New, Complete Works of John Wesley



Dr. Frank Baker of London, England, (left) has been named archivist and bibliographer for a special project to publish a complete definitive and critical edition of the works of John Wesley. The project is expected to require ten years and to result in the publication of some 35 volumes. Shown with Dr. Baker is Dr. Robert E. Cushman, dean of the Duke University Divinity School, who announced plans for the undertaking. Also co-operating are Emory, Boston, Drew and Southern Methodist Universities. (Duke photo by Thad Sparks.)

Durham, Nov. 14—A project of major importance to contemporary Protestant theological scholarship is presently being projected and launched under the auspices of Duke University Divinity School in company with four sister institutions.

Dean Robert E. Cushman of the Duke Divinity School defines the undertaking as "the publication of the first complete definitive and critical edition of the works of John Wesley. The last comprehensive edition of the works of Wesley was published more than 100 years ago," he added.

The project, which is estimated to involve a 10-year period of research, is expected to result in publication of approximately 35 volumes. The effort is being undertaken jointly by Southern Methodist, Emory, Boston, Drew, and Duke Universities.

Through the authorization of the central administration at Duke, the Divinity School here has recently secured the services of Dr. Frank Baker of London, England, as architect and bibliographer for the work. Dr. Baker, who is secretary of the Wesley Historical Society in England, has been described as "probably the greatest authority on 18th Century Wesleyana." He is currently a visiting associate professor of church history in the Department of Religion at Duke.

The Duke University administration also has made available a grant to imple-

ment the procurement and organization of a suitable editorial board to be headed by an editor-in-chief. The board, its personnel and the policies under which the enterprise is to proceed will be formulated at a meeting in January of the deans of theology of the five participating universities.

It is the expressed conviction of the theologians heading the project, that the completed effort will be "a significant landmark in the historical investigation of literary sources of the Wesleyan theological tradition."

Concerning the project, Dr. Baker says: "A definitive edition of the complete corpus of Wesley writings (perhaps eventually including those of Charles) has long been a dream of Wesley scholars. As far back as 1943, I outlined such a project as one of the most important tasks for the next 50 years. Pressures of time and resources have so far prevented the realization of that dream, nor does it seem likely of fulfillment without the closest cooperation between scholars of American theological schools, generously supported by far-sighted administrations, and those of the mother country of Methodism, with its documentary riches and its traditions of Wesley scholarship. The plans now being formulated give me great hope of seeing the first truly definitive edition of Wesley's works, and I shall count it a great joy and privilege to share in this imaginative and highly desirable project."



# Methodist Rural Fellowship Speaks For Gospel To Go To All Classes

*Adopted by the Methodist Rural Fellowship in session in Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 7-9, 1960)*

**For Methodists:**

Together with all Christian people, the great concern of the Methodist Rural Fellowship is that the gospel of Jesus Christ shall be made known to all men in every land and nation without regard to race, nationality, social or economic station, or area of residence. It seeks to call Christian people to an understanding of, and service to, *persons*—and especially to persons in the sometimes neglected parts of the world, as well as in the more traditional areas we have long served. We are especially concerned that the gospel be made known to and accepted by the people living in the towns and country sections, to those who produce our food on farms, or the natural resources for our industries (in mines, forests, etc.), the migrant workers who plant and harvest our crops, the minority groups in isolated communities. These also are our brethren, children for whom Christ lived and died, a principal foundation of our affluent society: they deserve the ministry of the Christian church, and all that the church means in good life and in community well-being.

To help attain these spiritual objectives, it is often necessary that we be concerned with the *physical* and *economic* conditions under which people in these situations live; the financial returns and the returns in satisfactions that come to town and country families; their relations with people in the nearby and extending urban community; the housing, and the educational, cultural, and religious conditions within the family's community and its institutions; the provision of roads, and markets, and the sharing in the common and national prosperity. Since all these affect the lives and well-being of men and women, and have a bearing upon their ability or willingness to accept the benefits of the gospel, they are of deep concern to the Christian church.

Since ours is the *Methodist Rural Fellowship*, our immediate concern is that the Methodist Church understand the problems and opportunities that come to it in communities and in isolated places around the world—and that the Methodist Church act upon the basis of that knowledge. The Fellowship has no legislative power, and desires none; but it does exist to call Methodist people in local church and in high church council to understanding and action.

As we look at the social, technological, and religious trends in our own land, and try to project these trends over the period of the next twenty-five years, we find that the rapid changes of recent decades will continue through these years and much longer. It becomes trite to say, "We are in an era of great social upheaval." Everyone acknowledges it. But our concern is with the impact of these changes upon *people*, especially those people in small communities and in farming areas. We are concern-

ed especially with what this rapid change is doing to the spiritual life of our older worshiping and ministering congregations as well as to new groups of people.

The population of America (and of the world) is growing at an alarming rate; it may double in the next thirty years. Technology has invaded agriculture in America, so that the percentage of farmers, out of the total population, needed to supply our food is lessening yearly. The "new" population crowds present cities, flows over into erstwhile agricultural communities, and builds new towns and cities. Farmers' sons—and many farmers themselves—move into town and city industries, depleting the population of extensive rural areas. While city churches find their old members moving away, and newcomers in the cities do not take their places; and the same is too often the situation in which the rural and village church finds itself. Churches, generally speaking, have not been as flexible as some other institutions in adapting programs and personnel to meet the varying needs of new people in the old communities. We need to re-examine, and perhaps reshape, our church programs at every level of administration and activity. We need to be so flexible in hours, for example, that we do not neglect making it possible for policemen, lumbermen, commuters, nurses, gas station attendants, bus drivers, and many others who serve us on Sundays and at odd hours, to worship in our churches.

Our concern is for people, because they are children of God and, therefore, are our brothers. We need to use all resources which God has placed in our hands as a stewardship for the benefit, not only of the present generation, but for all people that shall follow us.

In endeavoring to appraise the situation in the town and country church of Methodism today, and to look toward its future, the Methodist Rural Fellowship would urge the Church, at all levels, to re-examine its program and measure it against the needs of the people in the area to be served. Is there a specialized ministry needed in a community with a special problem—such as coal mining? Is the ministry adequately trained? Is it adequately supported by the Church? Is there some small group — fishermen, or a foreign-speaking minority, for example — that is now outside the church's ministry? Does the pastor stay long enough in the community to know it, and to be known by it? Is some special method of pastoral appointment required because of a special need—as in a college community? Is there good cooperation among the denominations, looking toward service to all the people in the area? Are able young men being recruited for the ministry, and are they being trained to adapt their service to the peculiar needs of varying congregations? Does the pastor have a sufficient, but not over-burdening work-load — of about 400 members? Does he have spiritual satisfaction and adequate support in

his work? These are some of the questions we would ask all church groups to ask themselves: perhaps they can all be summed up, "Are the church programs and the church leaders flexible enough to change as needs and conditions change—but always remain true to the Master?"

Finally, we would call the Methodist Church to the service of the rural people of the world. All rural people of the earth have many of the same fears, and concerns, and problems. But we in America have an abundance and a technological skill that others do not possess. This very day, millions of people in other lands are dying of starvation and malnutrition. Only the other year it was said, "The world cannot long remain half-starved and half-stuffed." Strife and revolution are proving that on three continents, America cannot remain in peace and plenty while others strive and starve. The world awaits our sharing of substance and skills. To that high hour of sharing the Methodist Rural Fellowship would call the Methodist Church and all Christian people.

In attendance from the Western North Carolina Conference were the Rev. G. R. Stafford, national president of the Methodist Rural Fellowship, and Mrs. Stafford, Rev. E. H. Lowman, Rev. W. W. Blanton, Professor M. W. Nesbitt of Duke Divinity School, and Professor Glenn Bush of Pfeiffer College.

—for the Methodist Rural Fellowship  
GARLAND R. STAFFORD, President  
JAMES E. HANKINS, Secretary

## In The Bible

Most people know that the Bible is a collection of 66 books and it seems to them so big and so cumbersome that they don't know where to take hold to help reach people. Dr. G. Ernest Thomas has issued a little booklet of 32 pages which bears the title *Meeting God Through the Best Loved Chapters in the Bible*. There are 24 of these chapters and the comments on each chapter are clear, concise and easy to read and understand. It is put out by the *Upper Room*, 1900 Grand Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn. There is quite a collection of these booklets, each of which is great in itself. Those who are fostering this enterprise are rendering a great service to aspiring Christians everywhere and I wish that such Christians would send to *The Upper Room*, get this catalogue and begin to purchase and use these booklets. If those who do so are not greatly blessed, I will agree to pay the damages to the extent of my ability.

—W. C. CULLOM

Wake Forest, N. C.

## Still Going Strong

*Hillsboro, Texas* — 100-year-old Rev. J. W. Shuler marked the start of his second century of life doing what he's done the greater part of the past century: preaching a sermon. He spoke in the First Methodist Church here.

He spoke without notes and without a public address system to a congregation that included Bishop William C. Martin and retired Bishop Hiram A. Boaz, both of Dallas.



# Interesting Methodist Matters

Last year the Methodist Publishing House's church school literature had a total circulation of 147,258,002 copies.

Fifty-two Methodist laymen attended the third national workshop for lay leaders in Chicago October 28-29. It was sponsored by the General Board of Lay Activities.

Louis C. Hauser of East Meadow, N. Y., succeeds Richard W. Campbell of Altoona, Pa., as president of the Northeastern Jurisdiction Board of Lay Activities.

The percentage of Methodists 75 years of age and over is 40 per cent higher than the total U. S. population in that age group.

Baldwin Boys' High School at Gangalore, India, now has its first Indian principal, Dr. Eugene B. Finch, a professor of economics and Crusade scholar at Syracuse (N. Y.) University.

Methodists tend to be better educated than most Americans. The average Methodist has finished one semester of college. The median is 12.4 years of schooling beyond kindergarten while the national median is 10.8 years.

The greatest tragedy in our world is the uncommitted Christian.—BISHOP EUGENE L. SMITH, *New York*, general secretary of the Division of World Missions, talking to laymen at the Northeastern annual assembly, Atlantic City.

Methodism's youngest hospital overseas—Christ Hospital in Kapit, Sarawak—has begun its healing ministry in much-needed new quarters, where it will continue to serve an area of 15,000 square miles with a scattered population of 41,000.

A Swedish theologian, the Rev. Thorvald Kallstad, is the first Methodist clergyman to serve in the Swedish national legislature in 65 years. He was elected as a representative of the Liberal Party, one of the two largest minority parties there. A professor at the Methodist Theological Seminary at Gothenburg, he was a delegate to the 1960 General Conference in Denver.

Dr. Byron F. Stroh, Fort Wayne, Ind., district superintendent, has been named executive assistant to Bishop Richard C. Raines, head of the Indiana Area. Dr. Stroh succeeds Bishop Edwin R. Garrison of Aberdeen, South Dakota, who served as Bishop Raines' aide for 10 years before his election to the episcopacy last summer.

In a reorganization of the public relations department of *The Upper Room*, Nashville, two laymen have been named to new positions. Earle H. MacLeod, art director, becomes director of public relations for the daily devotional guide, and Harold Rogers, director of personal evangelism for the Board of Evangelism, becomes director of promotion. They begin their new jobs January 1.

The Rev. Dr. Virgil D. Morris of Baton Rouge, La., has been elected executive secretary of the South Central Jurisdiction. In his new post, Dr. Morris will succeed the Rev. Paul D. Womeldorf, whose resignation is effective January 1. Dr. Morris began his work as secretary-elect in the Council's Oklahoma offices Nov. 15.

The Rev. Dr. Halford E. Luccock, 75, died Nov. 5 in New Haven, Conn., after a month's illness. Widely-read author of many books and long-time professor of preaching at Yale Divinity School, he was the son of a Methodist bishop. He was best known in recent years through his *Christian Century* column, signed 'Simeon Stylites.'

Record growth in the Methodist Publishing House's service and sales was reported here October 26th at the annual meeting of its Board of Publication. Lovick Pierce, Nashville, Tenn., president and publisher, reported that combined sales last fiscal year amounted to \$27,205,272—a gain of \$1,589,023 over the previous year and nearly a five-fold increase over 20 years ago.

The Methodist minister who developed the Air Force chaplains' corps from its inception is retiring to return to the pastorate in his native state. Chaplain Charles I. Carpenter, former Chief of Air Force Chaplains and since 1958 Protestant chaplain of the Air Force Academy, is leaving military service November 30th and has been appointed pastor of Avenue Methodist Church in Milford, Delaware.

## SO THEY SAY . . .

A religion which never gets outside the walls of the church isn't worth the powder to blow it up.—BISHOP W. VERNON MIDDLETON, *Pittsburgh*, speaking to Methodist laymen from the Northeastern region at Atlantic City.

We have to earn the right to speak to others by being willing to listen to what they have to say. We have to live our lives against a world background, and we are not yet living adequately.—BISHOP JAMES K. MATHEWS of Boston, at the 75th anniversary of the Chicago Home Missionary and Church Extension Society.

Never has it been so necessary for the church to talk about peace, when most of our policy proceeds on one premise—that war is inevitable.

—THE REV. DR. JAMES LAIRD, pastor of Central Methodist Church, Detroit, addressing the Northeastern Regional Briefing Conference on Christian Social Concerns.

Our job is to inform, inspire, and mobilize the men of Methodism. They are ready to become active, and will respond when they are given definite assignments.

—R. HOWARD BERG, Melbourne, Fla., president of the General Board of Lay Activities, speaking at a national workshop for Methodist lay leaders in Chicago.

## Bennett Students Urged To Cherish Their Heritage

Referring to Africa as the "bridge between the East and West—the last great frontier of the West," Dr. R. O'Hara Lanier of New York City, urged the Founders' Day audience at Bennett College, Sunday, November 6, to re-identify themselves with Africa, "lest what we know as a free society pass from our generation."

Dr. Lanier, director of African Affairs for the Phelps-Stokes Fund, decried the fact that "it is difficult to appreciate Africa because we have been told that Africa has nothing and have resisted learning anything about it."

"You and I should cherish the idea that color is not a disgrace, but an honor," he said. "Deep are the roots of our heritage in Africa."

The speaker only recently returned from a tour of Africa, reminded his listeners that highly organized and complex civilizations flourished in Africa long before the white man came to the continent. Evidence reveals that as early as 3315 B.C. the African-Egyptians had developed a writing method.

Stating that the Irish and the Scotch never forget their native lands, keeping alive their link with the past by annual observances and celebrations, Dr. Lanier pleaded that Negro Americans never be accused of denying their heritage and culture.

"The majority of the people in the United Nations," he declared, "are from colored countries. They are the ones who will vote on the great issues involving the security of the world. The great battle between democracy and totalitarianism is being fought out on the African continent. So we should seek opportunities to associate with these people who may develop something truly unique in the history of time."

Speaker for the Sunday vesper service at Bennett College November 20, was the Rev. Charles Bollinger, Director of the Commission on Christian Higher Education for the Syracuse Area of the Methodist Church.

## Louisville Church To Build Unique Plant

*Nashville, Tenn.*—The skyline of Louisville, Ky., will be changed within two years by the construction of a Methodist 16-story church and apartment building.

To be called Trinity Towers, the building in downtown Louisville is a project of Trinity Temple Methodist Church and will be on the site of the present church building, which will be razed.

The Federal Housing Administration has guaranteed a \$2,475,000 loan for the construction.

There will be 218 residential units in the building, and the aged will be given preference in renting them, said the Rev. Paul Shepherd, Trinity Temple pastor.

The church will occupy the two first floors and the basement. There also will be a chapel on the roof.

Construction may begin within 90 days, said Mr. Shepherd.



# N. C. Conference Plans to Advance

## N. C. Conference Seminars On Local Church Emphases

Meeting at St. Paul Methodist Church in Goldsboro, Friday, October 28, under the leadership of the president of the Board, Rev. Leon Couch, host pastor, the North Carolina Conference Board of Evangelism recommended lay retreats, lay revivals, an extended visitation program to send laymen into hospitals, jails and into the homes of shut-ins and an increased emphasis on the dedication of infants to God through holy baptism.

Persons elected to be in charge of these various emphases were Eldridge I. Fergus, laymen's retreats; Walter Anderson, laymen's revivals; Skinner A. Chalk, lay visitation in hospitals, jails and to shut-ins; and Rev. Couch, dedication of infants to God through holy baptism.

Local churches were encouraged to avail themselves of these persons in connection with implementing any phase of the program.

C. Freeman Heath, executive director of the Board, emphasized the "grass roots" approach in this year's plans. He reported having traveled 5,617 miles in the interest of evangelism in the North Carolina Conference since its annual meeting late in June of this year.

The executive director reported on the impact of the Days Apart which had been conducted in the Elizabeth City, New Bern, Rocky Mount, and Wilmington Districts and are planned for the other districts this fall. Featured speaker in these Days Apart has been Rev. D. E. Earnhardt of McMannen Chapel, Durham.

Revs. Paul Browning, C. J. Andrews, Irving Cook and Ted Wilson, along with Mr. Heath, reported of their experiences at the Council of Evangelism in Bloomington, Ill., October 9 through 18. Each of the ministers told of evangelistic successes in the Methodist Witness for Christ in Illinois campaign at New Canton. Each man reported winning commitments for Christ in the campaign which was staged to bolster enthusiasm for Christ in an area of religious decline. The executive director told of working in an area where Baptist, Presbyterian, Disciples of Christ and Latter Day Saints had each in turn abandoned the field in futility. He said the Methodists continue to hold on and that the evangelistic work of the campaign team did much to infuse new life into the local Methodist church in this depressed area.

Rev. C. S. Boggs of Clinton, European caravan leader during the past summer, made mention of the warm reception he received while abroad and also reported on the work of the Jurisdictional Council Commission of Evangelism. Under the heading, "Jesus Christ Is Lord," he told of the suggested emphases for a year of dynamic discipleship. Some of these emphases were: spiritual life retreats, scholarships for young ministers, prayer partner programs, evangelism through church extension and an increased support of the annual Candler Camp Meeting at Lake Junaluska.

Rev. Leon Couch explained a Training Revival planned for his church, and Dr. C. D. Barclift, Durham District superintendent, praised the Orange County min-

isters for their joint effort in the recent Orange County Preaching Mission which featured Dr. Clovis Chappel, noted Methodist preacher.

The Research Triangle area in the Durham-Raleigh-Chapel Hill District was suggested as an immediate target for church extension consideration.

Rev. Kern Ormond was elected dean of the Pastors' Conference on Evangelism scheduled for Louisburg College next September 5, 6 and 7. This conference has become one of the most enthusiastically supported meetings of ministers within the bounds of the annual conference. Rev. Ormond and the executive director promised an all-out effort to make the 1961 conference equal to those held in the past few years. Dr. G. S. Eubanks, Raleigh district superintendent, moved that an evangelistic outreach program for the area around Louisburg College be included in the program. The Board unanimously endorsed his suggestion. He explained that this traditionally Methodist area had been one of the relatively quiescent activity in recent years and that visitation by the ministers who chose to participate might well help to generate a new spirit throughout Franklin County. He spoke highly of the work of the individual ministers of the area, blaming the decline of Methodist influence on the general economic decline there.

Rev. J. B. Speight thrilled the Board with his report of 84 additions, all on profession of faith, the last year in his rural churches on the Evansdale-Black Creek Charge in the Rocky Mount District near Wilson. His formula: Get out where the people are and tell them about Christ and his church.

Miss Alice Fay Smith stirred the Board with her report on the Youth Witness Mission movement. She was anxious to see the effort expanded and told of helping four persons make decisions for Christ in one Sunday afternoon.

Thirty members of the forty-two-member Board were present for the meeting which adjourned after a barbecue dinner at the church.

Officers of the Board are Rev. Leon Couch, St. Paul, Goldsboro, president; Rev. Paul Browning, Sunset Park, Wilmington, vice-chairman; Rev. Alison Simonton, Glendale Heights, Durham, secretary; and Rev. C. Freeman Heath, Clinton, executive secretary.

### 'No, Thank You'

Washington, D. C.—The implications of "Methodists say 'no, thank you,'" to use of alcohol will be examined in churches across the nation December 4, Commitment Day.

The day will be the focal point of a study program designed to inspire and prepare members for abstinence in personal life and also as a witness to others, as well as seeking solutions to alcohol problems, according to the Rev. Caradine R. Hooton, who directs the work of the Division of Temperance and General Welfare in the Board of Christian Social Concerns.

District Pastors' Consultation Seminars on Christian Education in the Local Church will be conducted in the North Carolina Conference, November 28-December 12. Purpose of the consultations is two-fold: To evaluate the program of Christian education in the local church to discover areas of need; and to recommend to Conference and district staffs, programs to help meet these needs.

In preparation for the consultations, each pastor has been asked to conduct a study session with local church school workers, to list needs felt by them. A recommended guide for this session is "Check List on Christian Education," which has been sent to each pastor. Additional copies are available free from Service Department, Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn.

The schedule of district meetings is as follows:

Monday, November 28, Durham District at Duke Memorial Church, Durham

Tuesday, November 29, Fayetteville District at Haymount Church, Fayetteville

Wednesday, November 30, Wilmington District at Whiteville

Thursday, December 1, Elizabeth City District at First Church, Elizabeth City

Friday, December 2, New Bern District at Trinity Church, New Bern

Saturday, December 3, Rocky Mount District at First Church, Rocky Mount

Monday, December 5, Burlington District at Davis Street Church, Burlington

Tuesday, December 6, Goldsboro District at St. Paul Church, Goldsboro

Monday, December 12, Raleigh District at Highland Church, Raleigh

The meetings will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. with a devotional by the host district superintendent, followed by a brief orientation period and presentation of the new document, "Foundations of Christian Teaching in Methodist Churches."

Conversation groups to share and list areas of need discovered in the local church sessions with "Check List," will be followed by reports from these groups to the general session, classifying needs into concerns related to children's work, youth work, adult work, and general administration.

Work groups to recommend specific programs in these four areas will be led by the staff members of the Conference Board of Education. Reports from the work groups will be given at lunch at the host church. The total results of the nine consultations will be used by the respective committees of the Conference Board of Education in planning for next year and the future.

A display of curriculum and other resource material will be set up at each consultation.

A special feature following lunch will be a presentation of the new Methodist Book of Worship, by Dr. John J. Rudin, II.

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I have a great need of Christ; but I have a great Christ for my need.

—Author unknown



# Christian Action League of North Carolina Elects D. P. McFarland, Jr.

The Christian Action League, formerly the Allied Church League, announces the election of Drew Pate McFarland, Jr., of Covington, Tennessee, as its executive director.

With a board of trustees numbering fifty-five "motivated by firm convictions regarding matters of personal and social righteousness and realizing the unceasing efforts made by evil forces to corrupt the moral, ethical, and spiritual ideals of our land, we hereby unite ourselves in an organization to further the cause of civic and social righteousness and promote the highest standards of Christian morality in the lives of our people."

The president advises that "we are providing a medium through which individuals, who believe that as Christians they believe they are their brother's keeper, will seek to cooperate with churches and social agencies to find solutions to the problems arising from (1) manufacture, use and sale of alcoholic beverages and narcotics, (2) gambling, (3) use and sale of obscene writings, (4) the conditions which produce juvenile delinquency and (5) other related matters which adversely affect the morality of our society."

"We believe," Mr. Zealy further states, "in total abstinence regarding beverage alcohol."

Mr. McFarland is a native of Willis, Texas. He is a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with the Th.M. degree.

He has held pastorates in Ferris, Cold Water, Victoria, and Fort Worth, Texas. For fifteen years he has been pastor of First Baptist Church of Covington, Tenn.

Mrs. McFarland was Miss Reba Wallace of Milan, Tenn. She is a former Baptist Student Union secretary, public school teacher and field worker of Boylon College in Belton, Texas. They have three children who are all in college: D. P. McFarland III, University of Tennessee Medical School; Mary Wallace of Baylor University, and Paul Geren at Vanderbilt.

Mr. McFarland has been active in religious, cultural and civic circles in Texas and Tennessee.

"We are pleased to have him come to North Carolina. Our office of the League has been in Shelby, but we plan to locate our executive director more centrally in the state," stated the president of the Christian Action League. The Rev. R. M. Hauss of Shelby resigned as executive director of the League last year.

Methodist trustees of the Christian Action League are: Western N. C. Conference: Mrs. L. E. Barnhardt, Charlotte; Hon. B. C. Brock, Mocksville; Mr. L. E. Brown, Charlotte; A. J. Clemmer, Misenheimer; Hon. Paul Ervin, Charlotte; Rollin P. Gibbs, Statesville; R. M. Hauss, Shelby; F. E. Howard, Greensboro; J. Clay Madison, Greensboro; W. J. Miller, Charlotte; D. B. Mullis, Greensboro; Ralph L. Reed, Charlotte; Mrs. L. V. Scott, Winston-Salem; Dr. L. B. Skeen, Mooresville; Dr. J. C. Stokes, Salisbury; Ray F. Swink, Ashe-



DREW PATE MCFARLAND

ville; Howard Wilkinson, Durham.

N. C. Conference: Walter Anderson, Raleigh; D. W. Charlton, Enfield; W. L. Clegg, Burlington; Cale Burgess, Raleigh; Mrs. Gray, Rocky Mount; Mrs. Clara Lantham, Washington; Harold Minor, Durham; Hon. B. I. Satterfield, Timberlake; H. L. Swain, Williamston; W. M. Wells, Jr., Greensboro.

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## "The Little Shepherd Of Kingdom Come"

Warren Jones of Fuquay Springs, played Chad, the lead role in the Louisburg College Dramatics Club's production of *The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come*, given Friday night, November 18, at 8 o'clock, in the auditorium of the W. R. Mills High School. The play, arranged by Charles George, is based on a novel by John Fox, Jr.

Nathan Cherry, a hard-fisted, cruel mountaineer, was played by Kay Starr of Oxford, and Carolyn Callihan of Vaughan played the role of Betsy, Nathan's daughter.

The plot of the story is laid in the palatial home of Major Calvin Buford, a bachelor, played by George Utley of Blackstone, Va., who lives with a maiden sister, Miss Lucy, played by Brenda Whitfield, of Roxboro. Mrs. Carolina Dean and her daughter, next door neighbors of the Bufords, was played by Penny Tayloe of Powellsville, and Sylvia Hart of Durham.

Melissy Turner, Chad's first love, was played by Marilyn Gainey of Goldsboro.

Rounding out the cast were Old Tom and Thanky, the Bufords' servant and housemaid, played by Lewis Waskey of South Boston, Va., and Alice Smith of Fayetteville; Morgan Haslett of Suffolk, Va., who played the role of Richard Hunt from the "Blue Grass," with Nellie, his sister, being played by Martha Bradsher, Milton; and the poetess, Jennie Overstreet, played by Joyce Avent, Whitakers.

## Newton Grove Observes Homecoming and Dedication

Newton Grove Methodist Church celebrated homecoming and dedication Nov. 6th. In the morning there was the Sunday school hour for all classes. The morning worship, at 11:00 o'clock, opened by the organist and choir director, Mrs. J. B. Warren, and accompanied by the pianist, Mrs. Kate Thornton. Mr. R. D. Weeks of the official board warmly welcomed the former ministers, members, and friends to the new church. Mrs. Charlie Ballentine gave the response.

Rev. Carroll H. Beale, minister of the church, cordially welcomed all as he introduced the Rev. Mark W. Lawrence, district superintendent of the Goldsboro District. Rev. Mr. Lawrence brought a most inspiring sermon on "We Love the Church." At the close of the sermon, Mrs. R. D. Weeks presented a pin of life membership in the W.S.C.S. to Mrs. Blanche Raiford. Following the benediction, a delicious picnic dinner was served on the lawn. The fellowship hour of renewing acquaintances was greatly enjoyed.

The church opened the fellowship hall to seat the overflow worshippers. Beautiful flowers were placed on the altar, at the sides of the Communion rail, entrance hall, and fellowship hall.

The dedication services for the organ and church began at 1:30 p.m. The electric organ was presented by the donors, Mr. and Mrs. Percy C. Weeks. Rev. Mr. Beale accepted the organ for the church.

Mr. N. C. Lee, chairman of the Building Committee, made remarks concerning the building of the new church. Mrs. J. B. Warren presided at the organ for the musical numbers by the congregation. Miss Willie Lee Warren sang "Bless This House." Rev. Mr. Lawrence and Rev. Mr. Beale used the litany in the cornerstone-laying. The copper box contained a complete history of the church, membership roll, officers, and a Bible, and other church data. After laying the cornerstone, Rev. M. W. Lawrence gave the benediction.

## Re-elect Bishop Sigg

*Linz, Austria*—Delegates from seven of the 10 countries composing the Central and Southern Europe Central Conference, meeting here October 13-16, unanimously re-elected Bishop Ferdinand Sigg to a six-year term. The Swiss-born bishop has been the episcopal leader of the Geneva Area (all 10 countries) since 1954.

The conference includes Algeria, Tunisia, Belgium, Austria, Switzerland, Poland, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Bulgaria. Delegates were present from all countries except the last three.

## Wanted: College Teachers

*Nashville, Tenn.*—College teaching opportunities in more than 100 Methodist-related colleges are listed with the personnel and placement office of the Board of Education here.

Last year, 479 teaching, administrative and other vacancies were reported to the office by Methodist colleges. This was an increase over the previous year, said Dr. Everette L. Walker, director of the office.



# New District Superintendent

By DALLAS MALLISON



REV. M. W. LAWRENCE

The Reverend Marquis Wood ("Mark") Lawrence, who at 58 as the newest district superintendent in the North Carolina Annual Conference, has just assumed the biggest role of his career, brings to his new assignment as Goldsboro district superintendent unusual abilities, deep dedication, and a long and varied experience.

Also, incidentally, he has returned to the general scene of his most significant pastorates where as minister of Queen Street Church in Kinston he led in one of the most outstanding triumphs in small-town church extension in all Methodism.

Who is this man everyone calls "Mark" Lawrence, and what sort of a person is he? He is, to start with, one of the very finest and most favorably known members of the North Carolina Annual Conference.

The Rev. Mr. Lawrence was born in western North Carolina, in the town of Statesville on August 10, 1902, the son of L. C. Lawrence who soon moved to New Bern in far eastern North Carolina. The minister likes to think of himself as a "down easterner" as he really is. His father is still living, but his mother, Margaret Wood Lawrence, is now deceased.

He received his A.B. degree from Duke University in 1925 and his B.D. degree in 1930. In 1929 he was admitted on trial as a member of the North Carolina Conference which also took place in Kinston.

## A Diversified Ministry

The several score ministers who now serve under his leadership in the Goldsboro District find inspiration and assurance in Brother Lawrence's long, wide, and diversified ministry.

For the past 30 years and more he has been ministering to small rural churches, typical circuits, large urban station churches, and in all parts of the conference. The positions he has held in the conference other than his pastorates form a long catalog in themselves.

The eleven pastorates he has ministered make a most interesting list. They are Dare Circuit, Carrboro, Maysville, Chadbourn, Person Circuit, Person Street in Raleigh, Mt. Gilead, Asbury in Durham, First Church in Elizabeth City, Queen Street

Church in Kinston, and Trinity Church in Durham. He was appointed to his present post in June.

For many years the minister has been actively engaged in the youth program of the North Carolina Conference. The key points of this service have been as counselor, teacher and dean at the Louisburg Older Youth Assemblies. His record entitles him to be called "Mr. Missions," for during his long membership on the Board of Missions he served as its treasurer and conference missionary secretary for many years.

He has also rendered valuable service as chairman of the Minimum Salary Commission and as a member of the Town and Country Commission, the Coordinating Council, the Commission on Local Church Emphasis, the Commission on Christian Higher Education, the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, and the Conference Entertainment Committee.

He continues his service as trustee of the Methodist Retirement Home and of Louisburg College. He was a delegate to the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference in 1956 and 1960. He was an official visitor to the World Council of the Methodist Church at Lake Junaluska in 1956.

## Extensive Travel

The minister has made a number of trips to places outside this country. He attended the Ecumenical Conference of the Methodist Church at Oxford, England, in 1951, visiting the historic shrines of Methodism in England. He toured the Bible lands in 1955 and the West Indies in 1957, observing missionary work at first hand on the latter trip.

## "Mr. Church Extension"

During his pastorate at Queen Street Church in Kinston during the first half of the decade just ended, Methodism in Kinston did such an outstanding job in church extension under his leadership that this feat was the subject of a long article in "District Evangelism" and other periodicals.

In a town of less than 25,000, three new churches were organized under the leadership of Queen Street Church which contributed about \$70,000 to their support. One of these churches (Westminster) has shown one of the fastest rates of growth of the nearly 100 new churches in the North Carolina Conference.

During this period Queen Street continued to gain in membership, established four scholarships of \$250 each for worthy young people, and inaugurated a "mission special" program of \$17,200, of which \$10,600 was for Foreign Missions.

## Proud Grandfather

The minister married the former Miss Velma Patterson of Coats in 1928. This happy union has been blessed with two fine daughters. One daughter, Mrs. W. H. Weir of Wilson, has one daughter, Deborah Margaret, and one son, John Marquis. The other daughter, Dorothy, is a teacher in Richmond, Va.

## District Plans

When asked what are his plans and ideas for his new work on the Goldsboro District, the Rev. Mr. Lawrence said he was study-

ing the situation and needs in his area and that it would be sometime before he could formulate a finished and concrete program.

But it is a foregone conclusion that he will do so, and when he does, that the program will be forward-looking, bold, and imaginative. All who know the minister feel certain that he will prove a most worthy successor to the Rev. Howard M. McLamb who as the district's first superintendent laid well and soundly.

(Editor's Note: The author, whose address is Carolina Beach, Box 162, would like to know if there is a sizable desire for portraits of other N. C. Conference district superintendents. Dr. W. L. Clegg, who in June was assigned as superintendent of the Burlington District, has served at least twice previously as a district superintendent. Therefore, he can not be considered as new in this role.)

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## IRISH THANKSGIVING

Thanks be to God for His goodness to me,  
Thanks be to God now and in eternity.

Thanks be to God for the wonders He has done.  
Thanks be to God for His dear and only Son.

Thanks be to God for our sweet Virgin Mother,  
Thanks be to God for becoming our Brother.

Thanks be to God for His Body and His Blood,  
Thanks be to God for this legacy of love.

Thanks be to God for His Sacred Heart benign.  
Thanks be to God for this treasure divine.

Thanks be to God for my Angel Guardian bright,  
Thanks be to God for morning, noon and night.

Thanks be to God in all ages and climes,  
Thanks be to God one hundred thousand times.

Thanks be to God in my joy and my sorrow,  
Thanks be to God for today and for tomorrow.

Thanks be to God in my illness and my health,  
Thanks be to God both in poverty and in wealth.

Thanks be to God at my work and at my prayers,  
Thanks be to God in my troubles and in my cares.

Thanks be to God in my life and at my death,  
Thanks be to God when drawing my last breath.

And when, lifeless, my poor heart  
Shall lie under the green sod,  
May my soul sing in heaven:

Thanks be to Thee, a good and generous God.



## LEST WE FORGET

By LOUISE STAHL

### X. Samuel Edney

Samuel Edney was the first Methodist preacher appointed west of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The Swannanoa Circuit to which he was sent in 1793 covered western North Carolina to the Tennessee line.

Edney was born in Pasquotank County in 1768, licensed to preach in 1790, and ordained by Bishop Asbury in 1813. Following his admission to the Conference he served successively the New Hope, Bladen, Swannanoa, and Yadkin Circuits. He then settled in Henderson County where the community and church of Edneyville bear his name. As a local preacher he was postmaster and served for forty years as a Justice of the Peace. In old age he often said, "I have served God for over fifty years, and have never seen a moment when I regretted it." Asbury visited him several times and made half a dozen entries in the famous *Journal* concerning these occasions.

He died on September 17, 1844, and was buried at Edneyville. Other members of his family are buried there and numerous descendants still reside in Henderson County.

Samuel Edney married Eleanor (Nellie) Mills, daughter of William Mills, an exhorter and a friend of Asbury's. He lived in Henderson County, where his name is perpetuated by Mills Chapel, Mills River, Mills Gap, and Mills Spring and other spots. He and his sons John and Marvil are mentioned in the bishop's *Journal*. "I preached at Mills Chapel," the bishop wrote on Sunday, November 12, 1812. "After meeting we went home with John Mills, White Oak Creek. Ah, John, thy pious, praying mother! I often think of her."

William Mills was the son of Colonel Ambrose Mills, who was born in England and during the Revolution lived on Green River in Rutherford County, North Carolina. William served as a major under his father in the war and both were captured at King's Mountain. The father was hanged as a Tory at Biggerstaff's Fields near Rutherfordton in October, 1870, but the son was spared because his exhorter's license was found on his person and his captors would not execute "a priest."

Just where Samuel Edney preached on his far-flung circuit cannot be certainly determined, but as the first circuit rider in the area he must have established all or most of the early preaching places and societies.

One of these was at the home of Daniel Killian near Buncombe Courthouse, the present Asheville. This was a favorite stopping place for Bishop Asbury and is mentioned ten times in his *Journal*. A full-fledged society was functioning there in 1800 and must have been formed much earlier. It is still in existence and appropriately called the Asbury Methodist

Church. It treasures the pulpit chair and other articles used by the bishop.

Another society which must have been formed by Edney was in the home of Jacob Shook, called "Vater Shuck" by Asbury. He was the son of a Dutch immigrant, George Shook, who came to America in 1740. Jacob was born in Pennsylvania in 1749 and went with his father to Burke County, North Carolina. After serving in the Revolution he settled in 1786 on the Pigeon River at the present town of Clyde in Haywood County, where he is said to have built the first frame house in the county. The house still stands, considerably enlarged, and a road marker has been erected there. The attic room where the first Methodist society in the county met has been preserved with pulpit and chair.

On November 30, 1810, Bishop Asbury, Bishop McKendree, John McGee, and Henry Boehm crossed the aboriginal Cataloochee Trail from east Tennessee to western North Carolina. This is Asbury's account: "Our trouble began at the foaming, roaring stream, which hid the rocks. At Cataloochee I walked over a log. But O, the mountains—height after height, and five miles over! After crossing other streams, and losing ourselves in the woods, we came in about nine o'clock at night, to Vater Shuck's. What an awful day!"

To commemorate this trip road markers have been erected by the state at Lake Junaluska and Cove Creek, the route has been designated and marked as the Asbury Trail, and the Boy Scouts of America have established the Asbury Trail Award and confers a medal on Explorer Scouts who hike the rugged way followed by a great bishop.

The party stayed all night at Shook's and on the following day, which was Saturday, they rode on to Buncombe Courthouse. On Sunday Asbury and Boehm preached at Newton's Academy, conducted by the Rev. George Newton, a Presbyterian whom Asbury loved, while McKendree and McGee proceeded to, and preached in, the home of Samuel Edney.

Jacob Shook died about 1832 and bequeathed a tract of land at Clyde for a camp meeting site. The appointment was long called Camp Ground. It is now Louisa Chapel, named for Shook's unmarried granddaughter. It is the successor of the society organized by Samuel Edney in the Shook home and bears the date of 1798. There are numerous Shook descendants in the area today.

Methodism flourishes today in what was the Swannanoa Circuit, now embraced in the Asheville and Waynesville Districts of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference. The nearly two hundred churches and thirty thousand members of these districts represent the continuing work of Samuel Edney.

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Religion at its best is the whole man seeking the whole of life.—SHERWOOD EDDY.

## Methodist Representatives In National Congress

Washington, D. C.—Two more Methodists were elected to the United States Senate this month. This makes a total of 19, again the largest number in the Senate from a single denomination.

The additions are Senators J. Caleb Boggs, former governor of Delaware, and Lee Metcalf, former representative from Montana.

Bids for the Senate were lost by two Methodists already in public office—Gov. Herschel Loveless of Iowa, and Rep. George S. McGovern of South Dakota.

Methodists who were re-elected to the upper house are Senators Henry C. Dworshak of Idaho, James Eastland of Mississippi, B. Everett Jordan of North Carolina, Karl E. Mundt of South Dakota, Richard B. Russell of Georgia, Andrew F. Schoepel of Kansas, Mrs. Margaret Chase Smith of Maine, and John J. Sparkman of Alabama.

Holdovers are Senators Alan Bible of Nevada, John Marshall Butler of Maryland, Francis Case of South Dakota, Clair Engle of California, Bourke B. Hickenlooper of Iowa, Lister Hill of Alabama, Spessard L. Holland of Florida, George A. Smathers of Florida, and John J. Williams of Delaware.

Other denominational affiliations in the Senate include 15 Baptists, 14 Episcopalian, 11 Presbyterian, 11 Roman Catholic.

A similar count in the House of Representatives, where there were 81 Methodists during the last session, is not yet possible. However, preliminary checking indicates that 67 of those were re-elected. Newly-elected representatives are expected to add to the list.

## Methodist Laymen Speak On Evangelism

Nashville, Tenn. — Two nationally known Methodist laymen will be among the speakers for the second annual meeting of the Methodist National Lay Committee on Evangelism November 25-27 in Columbus, Ohio.

They are Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, Washington, D. C., the U. S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, and Dr. Henry Denman, Nashville, general secretary of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism.

About 200 selected Methodist laymen are expected to attend the meeting. All sessions, except the closing one, will be at the Deshler Hilton Hotel.

The public is invited to the last session, which will be a meeting addressed by Dr. Denman at the Broad Street Methodist Church, Columbus.

Theme of the conference is "Dynamic Discipleship."

## They Coordinate

Chicago—The church's 36-member Coordinating Council took a good look at assignments handed it by the 1960 General Conference and began the task of delegating the work to its several committees here Oct. 31-Nov. 1.

Bishop Edwin R. Garrison of Aberdeen, S. D., heads the Council.





# Woman's Activities



## Pfeiffer Student Attends Conference

By MARY GARDNER

Twenty-three students representing 14 colleges and universities in the Southeastern Jurisdiction Area were guests of the Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service and Scarritt College for Christian Workers at a Vocations Conference Oct. 28-30. The annual event, held at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., is designed for college youth planning to enter full-time Christian service.

Evaluating the Vocations Conference, Pfeiffer student Joan Hayes, N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service's representative at the meeting, writes:

"Personally, I'd like to commend the WSCS on the outstanding work they are doing with students in the field of missionary personnel, and for the opportunity they gave me to attend this conference at Scarritt. It was very informative and helpful to one who will be going into this chosen profession or vocation so shortly. No matter the vocation, it may certainly be a Christian one. If nothing else was gained from the conference, I feel certain everyone received the full meaning of a Christian vocation."

Speakers for the 1960 Vocations Conference were Dr. D. D. Holt, president of Scarritt College, on the topic, "Channel of Service;" Miss Marjorie Harvey, registered nurse and a missionary candidate to Sarawak, who led the morning meditation. Members of a panel, "The Mission of the Church and You," included Joy Haupt, short-term missionary candidate, India; Lois Johnson, deaconess candidate, Christian Education; Dr. David White, associate professor of Christian Life and Thought, Scarritt College, and former missionary to Chile and China. Deaconess Betsy Ewing, dean of students, Scarritt College, was the moderator.

Under the theme, "A Summer With a Purpose," the Saturday evening session featured slides showing opportunities for summer service; fellowship singing, led by David Williams, Jr., of Florida; special music by Carolina Clemente, deaconess, from the Philippines, and Marcia Damasceno, Brazil.

Early Sunday morning a service of Holy Communion was administered in the Upper Room chapel of the Board of Evangelism building, by the Rev. Henry Koestline, director of public relations, Scarritt College.

The students toured the Centenary Community Center, the Bethlehem Center, and the Board of Education building. They were guests of the Wesley Foundation at a social following the Saturday evening session.

### Members Score Perfect Attendance Records

A record of thirty years' perfect attendance at meetings of an organization is both enviable and notable. Such is the record of Mrs. O. B. McBroom, a member of the Mary Hambrick Woman's Society of Christian Service, Long Memorial Methodist Church, Roxboro.

Mrs. McBroom, better known as "Miss Nannie," celebrated her seventieth birthday last July. She has twice served as circle chairman, thrice as vice-chairman, treasurer for three years, and recording secretary for ten years. For twenty-five years Mrs. McBroom represented her Woman's Missionary Society and Woman's Society of Christian Service, the church's Commission on Education and was a delegate to the two annual meetings of the Conference WSCS. She also served as assistant leader for the Bright Jewels, the missionary society for children in the former M. E. Church, South. Mrs. McBroom holds a life membership in her WSCS, gift of her husband. A member of the former Woman's Missionary Society and the Woman's Society of Christian Service for forty-five years, Mrs. McBroom has missed less than a dozen meetings.

Two other members of the Mary Hambrick Society have perfect attendance records of twenty and thirteen years, respectively. They are Miss Mary Wagstaff and Mrs. Henry Gates, both of whom have held several offices in the Woman's Society.

The Honor Roll project, sponsored by the Mary Hambrick Woman's Society, was inaugurated some thirty years ago by a member, Mrs. R. J. Teague, who has financed the project from its beginning. At the close of each year, Mrs. Teague presents a white satin ribbon and a year's subscription to the *The Methodist Woman* and *World Outlook* to members who have attended all general and circle meetings during the year.

Twelve members of the Mary Hambrick Society attained the honor roll during 1959-60. In addition to Mrs. McBroom, Miss Wagstaff, and Mrs. Gates, they are Mrs. Earl Hall, Miss Claire Harris, Mrs. S. G. Winstead, Mrs. Wyatt Monk, Mrs. Reade Gentry, Mrs. Zelle Barnette, Mrs. Garland Pass, Mrs. Frank Willson, and Miss Mary Harris.



When the church ceases to be the conscience of the nation, then both the nation and the church suffer.

—BISHOP WILLIAM C. MARTIN  
Dallas, Texas

## W. N. C. Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



### Twelve Dollars a Year!

"Twelve dollars will send a high school student to school for a full year," says the Rev. Max Lowdermilk in a recent letter from Pakistan.

He continues by saying, "There are hundreds of poor boys and girls who do not have money to go to school."

He tells the story of a young *Gulzar Wafa* who received the highest marks in his high school and in his district—a student whose father has an annual salary of \$100 per year and whose mother sold her wedding gifts in order to have funds to send the young son to school. *Gulzar* is a graduate of the *Stuntzabad* High School and he has made a wonderful witness for the Christian community in which the Lowdermilks live and work.

The young missionary says yearningly, "Our school is growing from mud huts with straw-thatched roofs into a decent place with large classrooms, blackboards, desks, science equipment, and better-trained teachers. Our classrooms which are so badly needed, cost about \$1,000 each. We need ten to accommodate almost 500 students. We need science equipment."

"These are some of the things we need in order to produce more *Gulzars* who will be the future leaders of the church. *Gulzar* will study journalism because he has been given a scholarship to go to Forman Christian College."

*Gulzar* writes to the Rev. Lowdermilk, "I pray that I may be able to use my talents which God has given me to serve my Christian community and make a witness before the Muslims for Christ."

Methodist men should pray for "the many *Gulzars* who will make the future vital decisions in this Land of Decision."

### PAPERBACKS IN INDIA!

"An Expanding Market," says the headline in a recent issue of *Publishers Weekly*, after a mass market consultant had spent seven months in India studying the situation for publishers, distributors and marketing specialists in India.

"The need for a well-planned Christian literature program for all of India is urgent," answers the Methodist Church.

So a meeting was called at Holman Institute in Agra to bring together the Commission on Education, the director of literature and representatives from seven language areas where the Methodist Church is working. They discussed reading rooms, village libraries, bookshops and every available means of getting the Christian material to the people. They concluded that good books and magazines "be printed with a controlled vocabulary, in clear large print, so that reading will be less difficult."

Further, they found that, "There are many phases of the program that carry specialized skills—writing, publishing and distribution. The economy of the country is such that materials must be produced



and sold so that they are within the purchasing power of all.

"Over 65 per cent of the church members in India are illiterate," says the annual report of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, "which places a heavy responsibility on the 25 per cent who know how to read. How can we be sure that those who become literate do not lapse into illiteracy? This is reported to happen frequently and the explanation is that there are no books to read. It is imperative that good books be printed."

Further plans were made when an All-Asia-Booksellers' Conference was held with Christian booksellers from Jakarta, Burma, Egypt, Lebanon, Thailand, and India met, to discuss distribution and production problems. "All who attended realized the need for a co-ordinated program across the denominational lines—a syndicated magazine, a central circulation fulfillment program, and a central purchasing agency for imported books, enabling book shops to enjoy a better discount, and thus helping them to become self-supporting."

Their conclusions were, "We have the leadership that senses the need, but we need trained personnel on a full-time basis with adequate funds to set the wheels in motion to make possible for India literature whose objective is the revelation of the Christian way of life," says the annual report of the Woman's Division.



Parents Stand In Way

Nashville, Tenn.—Emphasis by parents on status, salary and security is keeping many young people from entering full-time work for the church, a Methodist leader said here.

The Rev. Richard H. Bauer, Nashville, executive secretary of the Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations, made the statement at its meeting October 16-17. He said the church needs to develop some way of communicating to its families the paramount importance of Christian service and the need for young people in church vocations.

Bishop Edwin E. Voigt, Springfield, Ill., was re-elected chairman for 1960-64. Bishop Eugene M. Frank, St. Louis, was named vice-chairman, and Miss Allene May Ford, New York, secretary. James F. Blair, Nashville, was re-elected treasurer.

'Peace And Power'

Washington, D. C. — The unprecedented power available to men and nations in this decade, and increasing concern for peace are the themes of a study book just issued by the Division of Peace and World Order of the Board of Christian Social Concerns.

"Peace and Power" is a symposium designed to further discussion on the subject. The book is dedicated to Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, New York, for 33 years chairman of the former Board of World Peace, and Dr. Charles F. Boss, of Washington, executive of the board for 23 years before his recent retirement. It is edited by the Rev. Daniel E. Taylor, Portland, Oregon, former board executive.

Successful Evangelistic Mission In Korea

Nashville, Tenn.—More than 3,000 Koreans, most of them students, committed themselves to Christ and the church on profession of faith during an evangelistic mission led by 12 American Methodists in Korea October 13-31.

Of the number, 1,337 were baptized during the mission. A total of 607 persons were baptized in one service at Ewha University, a Methodist-related school in Seoul.

The mission was conducted at Ewha and 12 other educational institutions. The Americans went at the invitation of Dr. Helen Kim, Ewha president, and the Korean Christian Teachers Association.

Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, general secretary of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism, was the leader. It was the fourth such mission he has led to Korea.

Nearly 6,000 rededicated their lives to Christ and the church during the mission, said the Rev. Dr. J. Manning Potts, Nashville, one of the American leaders. He is editor of *The Upper Room*.

The ten other Americans participants were Mrs. Milton Randolph, Nashville; Mrs. R. G. Pullen, Alexandria, Va.; Mrs. J. A. Berry, Roanoke, Va.; Mrs. George W. Amos, Arlington, Va.; the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Wayne A. Lamb, Paducah, Ky.; the Rev. Robert E. Forrest, Arlington, Va.; the Rev. Reginald H. Potts, Herndon, Va.; A. S. Mertz, Webster, N. Y.; and R. H. Smith, West Columbia, S. C.

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# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## The Lord's Ten Cents

By Violet Hunter

"Bye, Mom," Joey called from the kitchen door. "I'm going to see if Wayne can go with me to the dime store. You see, I'm going to spend the dollar Grandad gave me for my birthday."

"Ninety cents, dear," mother corrected. "Ten cents belongs to the Lord, you know."

"That's what I meant," Joey said. "Bye now, Mom."

A minute later he was standing in Wayne's kitchen. "Hurry and get done, Wayne. Here, I'll help. Let's get to the store early so we can go fishing. Can you go? I'm going to spend the dollar Grandad gave me for my birthday. It's today, you know." Joey's tongue could travel fast, and his words tumbled out so quickly that Wayne still hadn't said a word except hello.

"I'll go ask my mom," he finally said, and disappeared into the other part of the house. Soon he returned, with "O. K., Joe. Let's go."

Not many shoppers were in the dime store, so it wasn't long before Joey had purchased the things he wanted. With his new belongings tucked away in his pockets, he found he had 30 cents left. Enough for an ice cream cone each, and the 10 cents which belonged to the Lord.

The day was getting warmer, so Wayne and Joey walked slowly while they ate their ice cream. As they passed the corner bakery, they stopped to look. Cream puffs, cakes, pies, and other goodies brought forth the exclamation, "Gee, don't they look good!"

"Wayne, look at those gingerbread boys. Ten-cents specials today! Sure wish I had a dime."

"But you do have a dime," Wayne replied.

"That's right, I have." Joey looked thoughtful. "It isn't enough to really help in the Lord's work anyway, is it?" After a moment's hesitation the boys entered the bakery.

Five minutes later the dime and the gingerbread boys were both gone. The latter didn't taste nearly as good as it looked, and Joey wished he hadn't yielded to temptation.

"Let's go catch those fish," Wayne said, and he took Joey's arm to hurry him along.

The park was cool, and it felt good just to sit with one's back against a

tree, feet dangling in the water. Joey yawned and closed his eyes. Such a warm drowsy day. The gingerbread boy had tasted very good, and it cost 10 cents. Little brown boy, 10 cents.

"Why, hello, Rev. Smith," said Joey, "I thought you were in Brazil." The missionary didn't answer and continued walking slowly by. I must be dreaming, thought Joey, and of course, he was. He watched the missionary walk past, and then he saw a little brown boy run up and take hold of his hand. Joey couldn't hear what was said. The missionary looked down at the brown boy's foot, and Joey saw that it was bleeding. "He'll put a bandage on it," thought Joey, "and then he won't get infection like I did once." But no, the missionary shook his head. This time Joey heard.

"I'm sorry, little brown boy, I have no more bandage, and I can't help you."

"You've got a bite there. Pull it in." Wayne was tugging excitedly at Joey's line. "Oh, it got away. What's the matter? Are you asleep, or somethin'?" Wayne sounded a bit cross.

"Guess I don't feel so well. Think I'll go home," Joey said as he stood up.

"I'm goin' to stay and catch that fish. I'll bet it's a big one," Wayne replied, and settled himself on the grassy bank.

Joey couldn't forget the little brown boy with the hurt foot, nor could he forget the gingerbread boy he had bought with the Lord's money. He walked home slowly, wondering what he should tell his mother.

When he got home, Mother was sitting on the porch with her mending basket on her lap.

"Hello, dear," she said. "Did you have a nice morning?"

Instead of answering her question, he asked one of his own. "How much does a bandage cost, Mom?"

"That's a rather strange question," Mother replied. "I suppose it depends on the size, Joey. A Band-Aid to cover a cut finger probably costs 2 cents."

"What about a bandage to cover a hurt foot, Mom. How much would that cost?"

Mother looked puzzled, and after a moment of thought, said, "That's hard to say. Depends on how bad and how big the foot. I don't know, really. Maybe 10 cents."

Joey was silent. His mother wondered what was on his mind, but decided

to wait until he was ready to explain. Finally he said, "Mom, I'll never again think the money I have for the Lord is too little to do any good." Then he told her all about the little brown boy in the bakery shop, and the other little brown boy who needed a bandage for his hurt foot. — *My Pleasure.*

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Answers—that's all my teacher wants to know,

She asks a million questions, so  
Us kids has to know, right now,  
Who, an' what, an' when, an' how.  
Wouldn't you think that some day she  
Would know the answers, 'stead of me?

—By LOUISE C. GOOSMAN

## CHUCKLE

Young Father: "In your sermon this morning you spoke of a baby being a new wave on the ocean of life."

Minister: "That's right."

Young Father: "Don't you think a fresh squall would have been nearer the truth?"

## BIBLE QUIZ

### Places in Bible Geography

1. Moses climbed to its top alone and brought down the Law on tables of stone. \_\_\_\_\_
2. A river that twists and turns as it goes; From Gallilee the water flows. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Famine was spreading everywhere, But this one land had corn to spare. \_\_\_\_\_

### Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Rebekah, Genesis 24:61-67
2. At the wedding in Cana, John 2:1-11
3. Esther, Esther 2:16-18
4. Jacob, Genesis 29:13-60
5. No. A daughter of Jethro, priest of Midian, Exodus 3:1

## Finance 99 Scholars

*New York*—An international scholarship program of the church will finance the study this year of 83 selected students from 21 countries in American colleges, universities and hospitals in 22 states and the District of Columbia.

For the fifteenth consecutive year, the Crusade scholarship program will enable carefully screened students from overseas and minority groups in the U. S. to further their education. They will study in 34 colleges and three hospitals. In addition, 16 other Crusade scholars will study in England, Scotland, Wales and Portugal, making a total of 99 Crusade scholars during the 1960-61 academic year.



## Sunday School Lesson

FOR DECEMBER 4

By **RAYMOND A. SMITH**

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### THE NEW COVENANT

*Background Scripture:* Jeremiah 31;  
Romans 8

*Lesson Scripture:* Jeremiah 31:5-7, 31-34; Romans 8:1-2, 38-39

In some current books on the Old Testament Israel is called "The Covenant Community." This term is used because we see in the history of the Hebrews a series of covenants—the one with Noah, with Abraham, and, above all, the covenant at Sinai where the Law was given. What is a covenant? The dictionary definition is: "A binding and solemn agreement made by two or more individuals to do or keep from doing a specified thing." The Biblical covenants differ from some others in that they are not agreements between equals. God takes the initiative and offers the covenant to man. In the Sinai Covenant the people agreed to live under the Law that was given them. But the Law imposed obligations upon the people which they did not always keep, as the history of Israel abundantly shows. However, the love and faithfulness of God continued even when the people were unfaithful. If the reader will pause at this point and read slowly and carefully the first part of the material from Jeremiah (see Jeremiah 31:3-7) he will find this idea beautifully expressed in a poem.

Why was the Sinai Covenant so often broken? Jeremiah believes that it was because it was not made a part of the life of the people. When we read the wonderful words of Jeremiah 31:31-34 we find ourselves in a different atmosphere from that of much of the Old Testament. This is why this section of Jeremiah has been "the gospel before the gospel." The new covenant is not something written on stone or parchment, but upon human hearts. How profoundly true this is! We are in the habit of saying: "His word is as good as his bond," by which we mean that such a man would keep an agreement even though the legal documents were destroyed. Likewise our sense of right is outraged when treaties are regarded only as "scraps of paper."

The great difference between the old and new covenants is this: in the new there is no longer the disposition to bargain with God and to do as the law is fulfilled; but rather there is a glad and eager acquiescence in the will of God which arises out of love, not fear. In other words, the creature responds to the love of the Creator with gratitude for the op-

portunity of being included in the circle of the Creator's love and care. Furthermore, even the man who wants to live up to the requirements of the Law finds it impossible to do so. He has, at last, to fall back upon the grace of God. If success in the Christian life depended upon living up to the requirements of the Sermon on the Mount, then the words of that great discourse would not be good news, but rather, bad. That is because none of us can "make a hundred" on the test.

It is here that the New Covenant comes in. Actually, the New Testament should be called the New Covenant, for that is what it is. We might almost say it is "God's New Deal" for a sinning humanity. Bishop Palmer has written some most inspiring words in the Wesley Quarterly about this. Says he: "Covenant is a key word in the most sacred of all practices in Christian worship, the sacrament of Holy Communion. Through nineteen centuries, when Christians have gathered in remembrance of Jesus Christ to celebrate his presence and power, it has been spoken. As they have made ready to drink of the cup, the minister has referred to what our Lord said to his friends during the Last Supper when he made their common cup a symbol of his mission, saying: 'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins' " (Matthew 26:28).

The memory selection (Romans 8:38-39) is a fitting close for our study. It stresses the faith that the covenant is something not bounded by time nor space, nor conditioned by any sort of human or earthly circumstances. Here it is as Phillips renders it: "I have become absolutely convinced that neither Death nor Life, neither messenger of heaven nor monarch of earth, neither what happens today nor what may happen tomorrow, neither a power from on high nor a power from below, nor anything else in God's whole world has any power to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord!"

## Going Back to Congo

*New York*—More than half of the 110 Methodist missionaries evacuated from the Congo in July have returned to their posts, and all Methodist stations again are being served by missionaries on either a full-time or visitation basis, it has been announced by the Board of Missions here.

Bishop Newell S. Booth reports from Elisabethville that 56 missionaries are at work again in the Congo and that 13 new missionaries are in language schools just outside the Congo, preparatory to entering as soon as they can.


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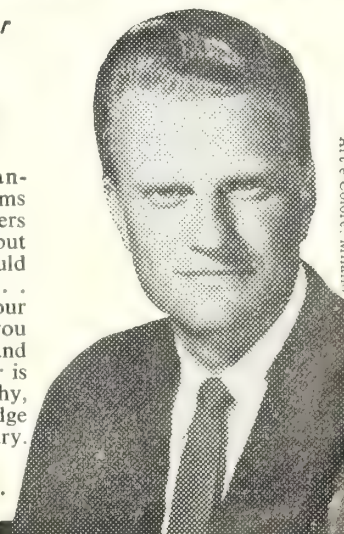
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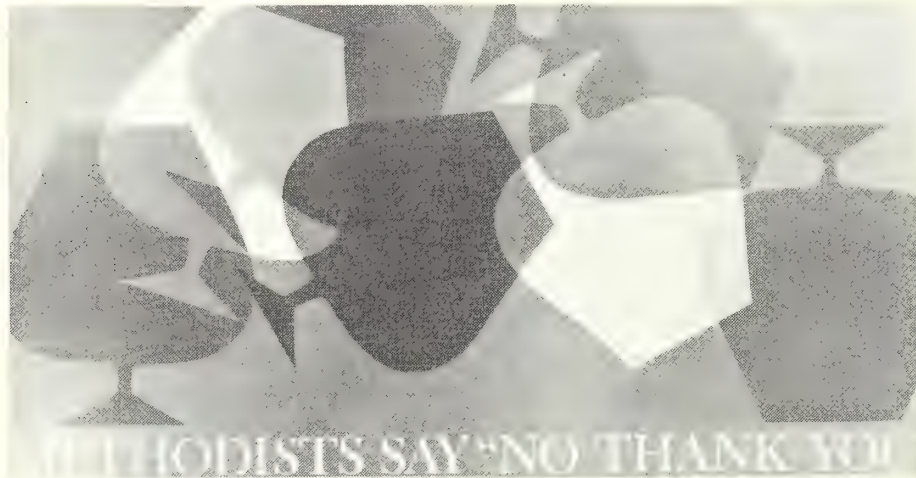
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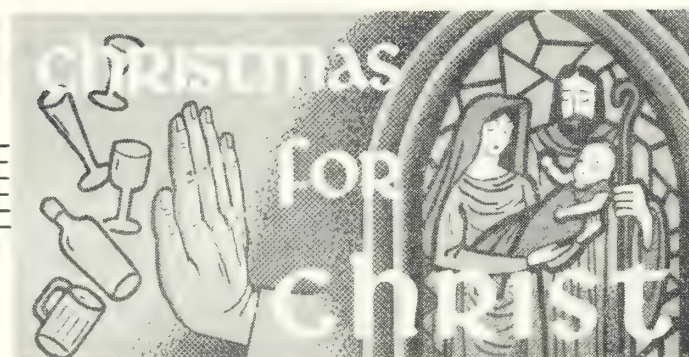
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# CAROLINA BRIEFS

☛ GROUNDBREAKING exercises for the new Highland Methodist Church in Hickory were held last Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

☛ THE CALDWELL COUNTY MYF sub-district met at the South Lenoir Methodist Church Monday evening, Nov. 21.

☛ REV. HARLEY WILLIAMS, pastor of Central Church, Monroe, was the preacher for the union Thanksgiving service held at the First Baptist Church, Thursday, Nov. 24.

☛ THE REV. LEON HALL, of Durham, will speak in a Spiritual Life Revival at St. Paul Church, Burlington, Thursday, Dec. 1, through Sunday, Dec. 4.

☛ REV. J. G. HUGGIN, a former pastor, spoke to the Methodist Men's Club at Mount Holly at its supper meeting Tuesday evening, Nov. 22, at 6:30.

☛ THE REV. ROBERT G. TUTTLE, Asheville district superintendent, was guest preacher at revival services held at First Church in Thomasville Nov. 27-Dec. 1.

☛ THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP Ladies' Night and Christmas program for the Central Church, Concord, will be held December 7, with Bishop Nolan B. Harmon as the speaker.

☛ THE JUNIOR CIVITANS and Civinettes of William High School worshiped in a body Sunday, November 27, at the St. Paul Methodist Church, Burlington. Rev. Rufus Stark, pastor, brought the message.

☛ WESTMINSTER CHURCH, Kinston, occupied its new fellowship hall for the first time on Sunday, November 20. It was the fulfillment of a long-cherished dream by the congregation. Rev. H. Langill Watson is pastor.

☛ MILFORD HILLS Methodist Church, Salisbury, held open house at the new parsonage Sunday afternoon, Nov. 27, between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. All members and friends were extended an invitation to attend.

☛ THE ANNUAL MARION District youth rally was held in the Valdese Methodist Church Sunday afternoon, Nov. 20. The program was centered on Christian Social Concerns. Several ministers and laymen served as group leaders.

☛ BISHOP NOLAN B. HARMON will be the featured speaker at the Statesville District Conference on Dec. 8. The conference will be held at the Broad Street Church, Mooresville, and will run from 4:30 in the afternoon till 9:30 in the evening.

☛ REV. AND MRS. GEORGE MEGILL have been accepted for foreign missionary service in Brazil. Mr. Megill has been pastor of St. Luke Church, Goldsboro, for the past two years. He will remain there through January 8.

☛ REV. JOHN A. MCHENRY, district superintendent of the Danville District, Virginia Conference, will be the revival preacher at First Methodist Church in Rockingham, March 12-17, 1961.

☛ A UNION Thanksgiving service for all the churches of Leaksville was held in the Methodist Church Wednesday evening, Nov. 23. The speaker was Dr. Lloyd B. Bryon, superintendent of the North Carolina District of the Church of the Nazarene. The offering will go to CARE.

☛ THE PINE WOODS Methodist Church, on the Pine Woods-Fairview Charge in the Thomasville District, will be dedicated January 15 at the 11:00 o'clock service. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to be present for this special service. Rev. F. A. Wright is pastor.

☛ ASBURY CHURCH, Durham, Rev. L. C. Vereen, pastor, is conducting a "Building Fund Completion Crusade" to finish paying the debt on the educational building. November 30th marked the end of the second three-year phase of the building fund drive.

☛ A CONFERENCE-WIDE planning meeting for the Western North Carolina Conference has been called by Bishop Nolan B. Harmon for December 1 and 2 in Charlotte. The Cabinet and certain chairmen of boards and commissions will work on a quadrennial program for the conference.

☛ HIGHLAND METHODIST CHURCH, Raleigh, one of the newer churches of the conference, has installed a new Baldwin Organ. This was made possible by an anonymous gift, and the efforts of the Methodist Men in raising funds for this purpose. Rev. A. F. Fisher and his people are rejoicing.

☛ A MISSIONARY INSTITUTE for workers with children will be held at Memorial Methodist Church, Thomasville, on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 4, from 2:30 to 4:30. Mrs. W. F. Perkins is the district director. All workers with children in the church school are urged to attend. It is a district-wide program.

☛ MEMBERS OF THE Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church in Thomasville presented the program for the W.S.C.S. of St. John's Methodist Church and participated in a fellowship period following the program. St. John's Church is one of the churches of the Central Jurisdiction in Thomasville.

☛ MYERS PARK METHODIST CHURCH, Charlotte, has awarded a contract for the first phase of a new building program. This will include the office area, remodeling and alterations to the present building. Southeastern Construction Co., Charlotte, has the contract. A second contract will be awarded in January for the large additional Christian education building. Dr. Wilson O. Weldon is pastor of the church.

☛ DR. WILSON O. WELDON, pastor of Myers Park Methodist Church, Charlotte, was guest speaker at the Junior Woman's Club in Gastonia, when it met for a dinner meeting on Thursday evening, Nov. 17.

☛ ANN STREET Methodist Church, Beaufort, was host to the traditional community Thanksgiving service on Thursday, Nov. 24, at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Randy Cox, of the First Free Will Baptist Church, brought the message.

☛ THE ANNUAL UNION Thanksgiving service sponsored by the churches of Albemarle were held in Central Methodist Church Thursday morning, Nov. 24, at 10 o'clock. The Rev. Eric Collie, rector of Christ Episcopal Church, brought the message.

☛ CHURCHES OF GREENVILLE held their city-wide Thanksgiving service at Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church, on Thanksgiving day, Nov. 24, at 9:30 a.m. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. W. J. Hadden, minister of the Christian Church. Others participated.

☛ DR. HUBERT SEARCY visited North Carolina Wesleyan College of Rocky Mount recently as a consultant for the University Senate of the Methodist Church. Dr. Searcy is president of Huntingdon College, Montgomery, Ala. He devoted two days to studying Wesleyan and advising on procedures to qualify for accreditation.

☛ BISHOP NOLAN B. HARMON of Charlotte has been elected chairman of the Curriculum Committee for the Methodist Church by the General Board of Education. The committee is responsible for the approval of all literature to be used in the educational program of the church, including books to be used in the program of Christian Education.

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# EDITORIALS

## THEME FOR THE WEEK

*"I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live."*—Psalm 116:1, 2.

## Methodists Hold Important Meeting In Chicago

Enthusiastic concern about the mission of Methodism in its world-wide task was in evidence as one thousand leading churchmen met in Chicago November 18-20. It was known as the District Superintendents' Conference, and its purpose was to launch the new 1960-1964 quadrennial program of the Methodist Church. The delegates, coming from every state in the Union, were all housed in the huge Conrad Hilton Hotel, the world's largest hotel, with some 2,600 rooms, and all the meetings were held there.

From the opening session on Thursday, held in the Grand Ballroom, in which Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., conducted the devotions, until the closing worship service Sunday morning, when Dr. R. Marvin Stuart of Palo Alto, Calif., preached on "Our Lost Commitment," the delegates were engaged in general and group meetings dealing with the over-all program or its constituent parts. Whatever attitude one may have had toward the program of the church before attending this convocation, at the closing service on Sunday morning all seemed to be thrilled and challenged by the magnitude of the task set before them.

The theme for the quadrennial emphases for the Methodist Church for 1960-1964 is "Jesus Christ Is Lord." The General Conference meeting in Denver, Colorado, last April appointed a committee of nine bishops representing the Council of Bishops to implement and direct this church-wide program. The committee is composed of Bishops Richard C. Raines, Matthew W. Clair, Paul N. Garber, Gerald H. Kennedy, Paul E. Martin, Roy H. Short, Donald H. Tippet, Hazen G. Werner, and Lloyd C. Wicke. The quadrennial emphases, as adopted by the General Conference, begin and end in the conviction that Methodism needs to recover the New Testament faith and experience that "Jesus Christ is Lord." The quadrennial emphases call every Methodist to spiritual renewal and spiritual outreach. They set up no new machinery and few numerical goals. They offer little to the mind-set which expects to organize and promote men

into salvation. They recognize that what men can do for the kingdom is vital, but that what God has done in Jesus Christ and is doing through the Holy Spirit is decisive, and they summon all men to recover the New Testament balance between these two.

The need and purpose in this program is that the Methodist Church set its mind, heart, and energies to renew the springs of faith and to engage in spiritual disciplines and discoveries to make Jesus Christ the Lord of every phase of life. Coming up for special attention during the months ahead will be such topics as personal witness and evangelism; new churches and church schools; small and country parishes; recruitment and Christian vocations; the church and the campus; the family; Christian social concerns; our mission today; and stewardship. A detailed plan has been worked out and it is believed that if every church will follow it the goals in each of these fields can be realized. Each episcopal area is to call a special meeting of its ministers and other leaders to set in motion these plans, which are believed to constitute one of the finest and most far-reaching programs that Methodism has ever produced.

There were many interesting features in the Chicago meeting. Those present felt that if the spirit and challenge of this great opportunity could be conveyed to the rank and file of the Methodist constituency the growth and influence of the Methodist message would be almost unlimited.

Those persons from the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences who joined with representatives from every state in the Union for this planning session of the Methodist Church around the world were Bishop Paul N. Garber of the North Carolina Conference and District Superintendents W. L. Clegg, Burlington; C. D. Barclift, Durham; R. L. Jerome, Elizabeth City; M. C. Dunn, Fayetteville; M. W. Lawrence, Goldsboro; A. J. Hobbs, New Bern; Graham S. Eubank, Raleigh; W. C. Ball, Rocky Mount; J. E. Garlington, Wilmington; also Bill Price, of Burlington chairman of the Commission on World Service and Finance; G. R. McKenzie, of Raleigh chairman of the Commission on Cultivation and Promotion.

From Western North Carolina Conference: Bishop Nolan B. Harmon; and District Superintendents R. G. Tuttle, Asheville; Walter I. Miller, Charlotte; J. Clay Madison, Greensboro; Eugene C. Few, Gastonia; Ralph H. Taylor,

High Point; Garland R. Stafford, North Wilkesboro; J. C. Stokes, Salisbury; J. Elwood Carroll, Statesville; John H. Carper, Thomasville; Frank B. Smathers, Waynesville; Lee F. Tuttle, Winston-Salem. Rev. W. J. Huneycutt of Albemarle and Rev. Fletcher Nelson of Marion were unable to be present on account of illness. Also present were Mr. Hugh Massie of Waynesville, chairman of the Commission on World Service and Finance; Rev. Cecil G. Hefner, of Asheville, chairman of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation; Rev. J. W. Fowler of Lake Junaluska. Rev. S. J. Starnes, editor of the North Carolina CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, attended as the editor of a religious periodical representing both conferences. Ladies from the two conferences who attended with their husbands were Mrs. Nolan B. Harmon, Mrs. Walter J. Miller, Mrs. J. Clay Madison, Mrs. Ralph Taylor, Mrs. Garland Stafford, Mrs. J. Elwood Carroll, Mrs. W. L. Clegg, Mrs. C. D. Barclift, Mrs. R. L. Jerome, Mrs. M. W. Lawrence, Mrs. W. C. Ball. If the concern of those present in the Chicago meeting is an index of the general interest throughout the church when it becomes informed, then Methodism should advance along many lines during the quadrennium.

## From One Extreme To Another

Americans have a tendency to go from one extreme to the other, as indicated in the recent Presidential election. President Dwight D. Eisenhower, we are told, is now the oldest man to have served as President of the United States in its 184-year history, being now past 70 years of age. When President Elect John F. Kennedy takes office January 20, 1961, at the age of 43, he will have the unique distinction of being the youngest man ever elected to that high office. We recall also that when Vice-President Richard M. Nixon took office eight years ago at the age of 39 he was the youngest man ever to hold that office, and that he succeeded Alben W. Barkley, who was 71. There is a difference of 27 years in the ages of our oldest and youngest Presidents, all other occupants of the White House being between those two extremes.

A man's qualifications, however, for this or any other important position, are not determined by the fact that he is in either of those two extreme groups of maturity or youthfulness, but whether or not he has the intellectual acumen and moral integrity to measure up to the heavy responsibilities placed upon him. In these days of international tension we Americans should seek divine guidance for our leaders, and they should "look unto the hills, from whence cometh their help."





New Methodist Office Building, Evanston, Illinois

Evanston, Ill.—Ground was broken here Sunday afternoon, November 20, for a new Methodist office building to house several national boards and agencies of the Methodist Church.

The three-level neo-Gothic building will be erected at the southwest corner of Ridge Avenue and Davis Street in the Chicago suburb.

Bishop Marshall R. Reed of Detroit, president of the denomination's General Board of Pensions, presided at the groundbreaking service.

Also sharing in the service were two other Methodist bishops, civic and educational leaders, and executives of the national boards to be housed in the new building.

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy of Los Angeles, president of the church's Council of Bishops, led the responsive psalm, and Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, Tex., chairman of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, gave the prayer and benediction.

Mayor John R. Kimbark gave an address of welcome on behalf of the city of

Evanston, and President J. Roscoe Miller of Northwestern University brought greetings.

The Rev. Dr. Charles L. Calkins of Evanston, general secretary of the Board of Pensions, explained the purpose of the new building to be erected on the site.

Sharing in the symbolic act of turning a spadeful of earth were the following representatives of the Methodist general agencies to be headquartered in the new building: the Rev. Dr. Thomas A. Stafford, Evanston, executive secretary emeritus of the Board of Pensions; the Rev. Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, Evanston, general secretary-treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance; the Rev. Dr. E. Harold Mohn, Chicago, general secretary of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation; Dr. Olin E. Oeschger, Evanston, general secretary of the Board of Hospitals and Homes; Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, Wheaton, Ill., general secretary of the Board of Lay Activities.

These boards are presently housed at 740 Rush Street, but will move to the new Evanston building when it is completed in the winter of 1961-62.

## "God Reveals Himself Daily in Science"

Lakeland, Fla.—"I find God in the laboratory every day," students of Florida Southern College were told here by Dr. Christopher P. Keim, a noted nuclear research scientist and active Methodist layman of Oak Ridge, Tenn.

He was principal speaker during the college's annual observance of Religion-in-Like Week, November 6-12. "God and the Atom" was his subject.

"God reveals Himself daily in science just as He does in all other fields," Dr. Keim said. "I don't understand how anyone working on a laboratory experiment, knowing that every fact is built on other facts which follow definite laws, can fail to see that there is a spiritual creator who is infinite in wisdom."

He said many of the scientists who developed the atomic bomb had mixed emotions when success was achieved. "We were fearful of its terrible potential as a weapon of war, but hopeful of its ultimate good as a scientific advancement," he said. "Science cannot be held back," he added, "but man must develop moral and religious

precepts in keeping with his scientific progress."

Dr. Keim is director of technical information at the National Laboratory in Oak Ridge, and president of the Tennessee Academy of Science.

He is a member of the official board at Oak Ridge's First Methodist Church, chairman of the building committee, teaches a Sunday school class, serves with his wife as MYF counselors, and is board chairman of the Holston Conference Methodist Hospital.

## Chip Off Old Block

Claremont, Fla.—A small block of sandstone from John Wesley's birthplace has become the cornerstone of the new First Methodist Church here. The 48-pound, 10 by 16-inch stone was part of the Old Rectory in Epworth, England.

The cornerstone was laid by Bishop Ivan Lee Holt (retired) of St. Louis, former president of the World Methodist Council.

## Bishops Share In Dedication Rites

Evanston, Illinois — Methodist bishops attending the Council of Bishops in Chicago, November 15-17 were guests of honor here at the dedication of the new student residence hall of Garrett Biblical Institute.

The program conducted in the chapel Thursday morning, November 17, under direction of Garrett's president, Dr. Dwight E. Loder, was in two parts: a Service of Thanksgiving and a Service of Dedication. Five bishops and several notables related to theological education participated in the rites.

Bishop Gerald Kennedy of Los Angeles, president of the Council of Bishops, in his dedicatory address, stressed the importance of a vigorous reaffirmation of essential Protestant beliefs.

Among the convictions he held up for emphasis were the right and obligation of private judgment, the doctrine of salvation by faith and the sanctity of our common life. In developing his last point he stressed the importance of the ministry of the laity.

In the presence of 90-year-old Dr. Harris Franklin Rall, from 1915 to 1945 one of Garrett's most widely known faculty members, the announcement was made of an endowed professional chair in his name. Dr. Rall, before coming to Garrett, was president of Iliff School of Theology, Denver.

The Harris Franklin Rall Chair of Systematic Theology will be occupied by Professor Phillip Watson, distinguished British theologian who, before joining the Garrett faculty instructed in Wesley House, Cambridge University.

High tribute was paid Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kresge by President Loder for a contribution which substantially launched the new building project; also to the supporting annual conference whose special gifts saw it completed.

Other participants in the services included Bishops Raines, Brashares, Tippet and Clair; also President J. Roscoe Miller of Northwestern University; Dr. Gerald O. McCulloh, director, Department of Ministerial Training; Dr. Herbert M. Johnson, president of Garrett's Board of Trustees; Dr. Charles L. Taylor, executive director of the American Association of Theological Schools, and Mrs. Ronald Talkington, president of the Dempster League, a student organization.

## West Cramerton Church Has a Great Revival

The West Cramerton Methodist Church, pastored by E. L. Murphy, has experienced a great revival. The Rev. Paul Taylor, pastor of Bethesda Methodist Church, was the visiting evangelist and truly spoke as never man spoke. Souls were saved and saints were strengthened. The following Sunday seven members were received on profession of faith and six children placed on the preparatory roll. Also in two weeks following eight more persons have been saved. We thank God for this great outpouring of His spirit and are rejoicing.

—BUD BELL, Chairman  
Evangelistic Committee L L



## Louisburg College Elects Three New Trustees

The Louisburg College Board of Trustees meeting at the college Nov. 18, adopted an operating budget of \$500,450, elected three new trustees and voted to make a survey to reveal the financial potential of the college.

The meeting was presided over by Board President James E. Hillman of Raleigh and heard reports from the college administration and the various committees of the Board.

New trustees include Rev. Troy J. Barrett of Warrenton, pastor of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church and president of the Louisburg College Alumni Association; Ben Everette Jordan, Jr., vice-president and secretary of Sellers Manufacturing Company, Saxapahaw, and Nelson Thomas of Oxford, farm operator and businessman.

The survey, to cost around \$3,000, will include alumni, the board of trustees, Franklin County and area and other friends of the college. The survey will reveal the funds that might be available through the constituency of the college in its plans for improvements and expansion.

In other business the Board voted to appoint a committee to plan the 175th anniversary of the charter of the college which is to take place in January 1962, voted to require a deposit of \$50 of students who are accepted by the college and to increase room rent from \$100 to \$130 a year.

President Cecil W. Robbins reported that the college opened with 497 students this fall and because of limited dormitory space nearly 200 were required to find rooms downtown or to live at home. He reported that the Housing and Home Finance Agency of Atlanta, Ga., had stated that \$290,000 has been set aside for the college to erect a residence hall for men. Total cost of the building, with furnishings, will run approximately \$325,000. The Board also requested the Buildings and Grounds Committee to proceed with plans to erect a 50-bed annex to Pattie Julia Wright dormitory for women. President Robbins also reported that walkways and patio connecting all the buildings with the Benjamin N. Duke College Union building had been made possible through a gift made by Mr. Edward N. Bartholomew of Louisburg, and reported other improvements to the physical property.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee was authorized to proceed with plans to remodel the W. R. Mills property and have it ready for occupancy for the 1961-62 session.

President Robbins also reported that a long-range master plan had been drawn by Goodwin & Bell of Raleigh, landscape architects, and all improvements and additional buildings are in harmony with the plan.

Academic Dean John B. York reported for the faculty and Mrs. Genevieve Perry, treasurer, submitted a financial report. Dr. Allen P. Brantley, executive director of the Commission on Higher Education of the North Carolina Conference, reported on



## Sanctuary New Lebanon Methodist Church

The first service in the new Lebanon Methodist sanctuary was held Sunday, November 13. The Reverend Ralph H. Taylor, superintendent of the High Point District, preached.

This service marked the climax of a three-stage relocation and building campaign. In 1955 the congregation moved from its old location on North Main Street in High Point and built the educational unit. This was followed with the building of the parsonage in 1959, located nearer the church. Ground was broken for the sanctuary on November 15, 1959.

The new sanctuary is planned to seat approximately 400 persons, and is of contemporary design. The interior has exposed wood beams with a modified arched ceiling. The design of the interior lends to good acoustics and a general feeling of warmth.

Over the altar at the front of the sanctuary is a mosaic glass window, thought

to be the only one of its kind in this section of the state. Standing out from the window is a large wooden cross. Pews and interior furnishings are of antique oak finish. The new building has offices for the minister and church secretary, a choir room, and dressing room for bridal groups. The sanctuary and offices are air-conditioned. Cost of the new sanctuary, including furnishings, was around \$110,000.

The building committee was composed of Donald Wehry, chairman; Delos Hedgecock, Enos Blair, Robert Montgomery, J. S. Hedgecock, Jr., and William Huff. Members of the furnishings committee were Mesdames A. B. Moore, W. O. Spell and D. S. Hedgecock.

Lebanon is one of High Point's oldest churches, and in its new location has actually returned to the place where the first church was built around 1865. The membership now numbers 485. Rev. K. D. Crouse is pastor.

the progress of the recent campaign for funds to aid the Methodist colleges.

The trustees joined the faculty in a luncheon in the Benjamin N. Duke College Union building.

## Appraise Rural Task

Columbus, Ohio—"We need a more flexible program of services and ministry in Methodist local churches to meet the rapidly changing needs of people . . ."

This was one of the recurring suggestions when town and country leaders from more than a score of annual conferences met here in a study conference Nov. 7-9 under the auspices of the voluntary and unofficial Methodist Rural Fellowship. The conference attempted to look ahead for the next 25 years or more in town and country church work.

## Evangelistic Mission In Three Conferences

Nashville, Tenn.—A recent evangelistic mission in the Holston, Louisville and Tennessee Conferences of the Methodist Church resulted in nearly 3,700 commitments to Christ and the church.

The total was 3,692 for the three conferences. Of this number, 1,588 were on profession of faith, 1,575 by transfer from other Methodist churches, and 529 by transfer from other denominations.

The mission was conducted in two phases. The first was September 25-29 in the Holston Conference and one of the districts of the Tennessee Conference. The second was October 29 to November 3 in the rest of the districts of the Tennessee Conference and in the Louisville Conference.



# Winston-Salem District Rally for Youth Asks "How Wide Our Circle"

Almost 600 Methodist youth from the counties of Forsyth, Stokes, and Surry filled the Ardmore Methodist Church of Winston-Salem on the afternoon of Oct. 23, 1960. There was great enthusiasm for this meeting and they gathered with a sense of expectancy. Adult workers with youth also attended as an expression of their continued interest in all the facets of our program for youth. Five subdistricts plus the Junior High subdistrict of Forsyth County (the others have junior highs and seniors together, i. e., Stokes and Surry) brought enough of their fine youth to occupy every pew in the church.

Several outstanding personalities were present for our rally. To begin the activity while people still gathered, Mr. Rhon Carleton, a student in the Duke Divinity school, led early arrivals in fellowship singing. All those who attended Camp Tekoa this summer will remember him as the director of arts and crafts. The youth lustily sang many fellowship songs. Then Miss Valerie Kreutzer, of Germany and Duke University, led the group to sing the more serious numbers as we prepared to begin our program proper; nobody can sing "Did you bow mighty low when you come out the wilderness?" like Val! Dr. Lee Tuttle opened the meeting with prayer, then lifted up the idea of teamwork across the district as he spoke on "Youth and Our District Program." Our superintendent believes that youth needs to be guided to assume more responsibility for the total program of the Methodist Church. Kelly Jones, president of the W. N. C. Conference Council of M.Y.F., presided during the afternoon session. He defined the main purpose of the rally as that of developing a sense of 'togetherness' between each youth and each subdistrict so as to provide a basis for a creative working relationship among all the youth of our district.

Youth need to know adults who are in our district, especially such persons as our district secretaries. These people are valuable resource persons available for various aspects of our work. Rev. Jerome Huneycutt, pastor at Central Terrace and district secretary of evangelism, told the youth how they could help with the program of evangelism by visiting two by two and seeking to win youth for Christ. Rev. Gene Little, pastor at Rural Hall and district secretary of Christian social concerns, was represented by Rev. Arthur Chamblee of the Children's Home. The group was enlisted to support the School of Missions in the local church and learn more about the problem of alcohol in our country and in our community. Rev. Jack Caudill, pastor at Kernersville Main Street and district secretary of Christian vocations, outlined plans for workshops this year to follow up on the good beginning made last year in the 'Career Clinic' in the area of missions, the ministry, and Christian education. Mrs. Harold Carter, district secretary of youth work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, told the

youth that another valuable resource person in the local church is the secretary of youth work in the W.S.C.S. Mrs. Carter urged pastors and youth to use this person to aid them in their work. Rev. George W. Thompson, district secretary of youth work, also commented briefly on the work of the district. He introduced the members of the newly-organized District Youth Council and revealed ways they had shared in planning this rally. "There is no finer group of youth and adults than our District Council; it is a joy to work with them!"

Miss Hie Ping Ting of Sarawak, Borneo, dressed in her native costume, added an air of the Orient to our rally. She spoke of the work of the Methodist Youth Fund in her country. The MYF greatly assists her people in Christian education and rural work. Funds provided by Methodist youth are sufficient to send missionaries up and down the great Rajang River in boats to carry the story of Christ to those who would otherwise never hear it. Since there are no roads, river travel is imperative and old fears and superstitions give way to the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. New life replaces the drab existence of the old era, for Christ brings "new life."

Youth really became alert when the Centenary Players presented a dramatic sketch from *Roundtable*, called, "What's the Church All About?" Rev. Richard Hamer interviewed each player after the performance and this presentation impressed each of us that we need to be a Christian rather than to seem to be one.

The Council believes that the simplest way is the best way to handle a large crowd of people. Ardmore Church provided drinks and the youth brought their own bag lunch.

The evening worship was the crowning climax to the afternoon jammed with activities. Ronnie Berrier, president of North Forsyth District, presided. Ardmore and Burkhead youth participated. Our gratitude goes to the Ardmore youth choir and the Carver High School choir for leading us in an inspiring and worshipful experience in music. Rev. Orion Hutchinson, pastor of First Methodist Church, Thomasville, lifted us with his message of what 'togetherness' with God can do for our MYF and for our subdistricts and for our very own lives. Certainly the youth and the adult workers of the Winston-Salem District went home tired from a long afternoon and evening of Christian fellowship, but with hearts and spirits uplifted by a rich and meaningful experience of communion with God and His Son. Jesus Christ our Lord.

—GEORGE W. THOMPSON  
District Director Youth Work  
Winston-Salem District

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There are enough Christians to change the world, but we are so timid in our witness and so afraid to stand up for Christ that our efforts are ineffectual.

## Church Attendance Movement

By JOHN L. SANDLIN

The Church Attendance Movement seeks to revitalize the interest of every member to the extent that he will attend regularly. To this end the following things are done by this Movement:

1. It produces materials that are adequate, that are of the highest quality, and that are of the finest type.
2. It conducts workshops for training leaders in the techniques of using the tools for the purpose of bringing into full effect the program of Church Attendance Evangelism among all denominations.

To this end, the Church Attendance Movement is designated to help churches in their attempt to locate prospects, cultivate them, bring them into the fellowship, and win them for the church.

The Church Attendance Movement seeks to study, develop, and suggest the latest methods for accomplishing the work that is to be done.

Further, it is our purpose to go into the field to present the "know-how" of approaching, on local levels, situations that are making for the development of leadership.

The ideal is to have every member attending and participating in the church in the sense of "belonging" and togetherness. That is the goal of every live church organization.

To this end we seek to make attractive the matter of church attendance and to bring the denominations closer together in full cooperation in the common pattern of teamwork.

We likewise seek to promote interest in the church through cooperation with councils, conferences, synods, presbyteries, and other organizations and to assist with plans for conducting crusades for the increasing of attendance through renewal of the program of the church on local, national and international levels.

In order that this Movement might be effectively implemented, an emphasis is being placed upon the planning, promotion and observance of *Church Attendance Missions*. Wherever possible, churches are encouraged to participate in such plans.

This particular emphasis will, of course, involve a complete program of visitation and cultivation on the part of the local church as preparation in church attendance.

The climactic part of the program would be a series of sermons by the director, with special sessions followed by visitation and reporting of results.

One of the greatest problems involved in the entire Church Attendance Movement is created because of a lack of assimilation on the part of the local church. It is our hope that the increasing activity of those who become newly interested in Church Attendance may be conserved and used effectively by the local church.

The Church Attendance Movement seeks to reactivate, motivate, and make effective the entire program of the church. To this end, this Movement is dedicated.

More and more, this Movement is becoming year-round and not simply occasional or seasonal.



# Carolina Briefs

☐ **CARY METHODIST MEN'S Club** will observe Ladies' Night Dec. 15, with Mr. George A. Moore, president of the Research Triangle Park, as guest speaker.

☐ **DR. HARRY DENMAN** and Bishop Waskam Pickett will be speakers at the Asheville District Conference to be held at Biltmore Methodist Church, Sunday, Dec. 11, at 2:30 p.m.

☐ **REV. MITCHELL FAULKNER**, pastor of Central Church, Shelby, is this week assisting Rev. John L. McWhorter in revival services at the Black Mountain Methodist Church.

☐ **REV. CECIL G. HEFNER**, pastor at First Church, Asheville, represented the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation of the Western North Carolina Conference in Chicago at the District Superintendents' Conference.

☐ **REV. VERNON TYSON**, associate minister of Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, was the guest speaker at union Thanksgiving services held at Second Street Baptist Church, at South Henderson, Wednesday evening at 7:30.

☐ **THE REV. HORACE E. BOLICK**, pastor of First Methodist Church, Marion, delivered the Union Thanksgiving message at First Baptist Church, Thursday morning, November 24, at 10:00 o'clock. The Methodist offering will go to the Children's Home in Winston-Salem.

☐ **THE MYF RALLY** for the Fayetteville District was held Saturday, Nov. 26, at the Raeford Methodist Church, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Miss Louise Nichols, field worker of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, of New York City, was the featured speaker.

☐ **ON WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30**, the Richmond, Moore, and Montgomery subdistricts of the WSCS met jointly at Page Memorial Church, Aberdeen. The program began at 10:00 a.m. Miss Louise Nichols, field representative of the Woman's Division, was the guest speaker.

☐ **FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**, Hickory, of which Rev. I. G. Winkler is pastor, has designated the fourth Sunday in each month as "Clay Sunday." On this Sunday a special offering is taken to support the church's missionary in Brazil, Rev. Charles Clay. Mr. Clay is a native son of the Hickory church.

☐ **CENTRAL CHURCH**, Asheville, held two special Thanksgiving services. On Wednesday evening at the Thanksgiving Eve Church Night Dinner, Dr. John W. Rustin, of Kingsport, Tenn., and former pastor at Mount Vernon Place Church, Washington, D. C., spoke to the group. On Thanksgiving morning at 10:00 o'clock, Dr. E. H. Blackard, pastor, preached a Thanksgiving sermon.

☐ **THE MEN** of the Calvary Methodist Church, Greensboro, have voted to charter a new Methodist Men's Club for their church. Charter membership roll will be open until January 31. Rev. J. J. Powell is pastor of Calvary.

☐ **FIRST CHURCH**, Mount Holly, will have as guests on Sunday, December 4, a quartet from Greensboro College, which will sing at the morning service, and Dr. Best, vice-president of the college, who will bring the message. The Reverend A. C. Swafford is pastor.

☐ **THE MYF** of Swepsonville Methodist Church presented a play at the South Alamance subdistrict Christmas banquet Nov. 14, "A Child Is Born," a modern drama of the Nativity, by Stephen Vincent Benet. The same play will be presented as a part of the Christmas program at the Swepsonville Church Dec. 11, at 7:30. It was directed by the Rev. and Mrs. J. Doane Stott.

☐ **A SUB-DISTRICT** evangelistic rally for the Elkin-Yadkin sub-district was held at the Jonesville Methodist Church Sunday evening, November 20 at 7:30. Rev. J. H. Coleman, pastor of Mt. Tabor Church, Winston-Salem, brought the message, and the music was furnished by the choir of First Church, Elkin.

☐ **HICKORY GROVE Church**, Charlotte, will engage in a preaching mission beginning Sunday, Dec. 4, and running through the 7th. Dr. George A. Fallon, pastor of Lakewood Methodist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, and president of the National Council of Evangelism, will be the preacher. A prayer vigil will begin at 12 noon on Saturday and run till midnight in preparation for the services.

☐ **THE THOMASVILLE Ministerial Association** recently extended an invitation to the Negro Ministerial Alliance to consider a merger of the two groups. The Alliance announced its acceptance of the invitation and representatives of the two groups will work out plans for this merger. The Rev. Orion N. Hutchinson, Jr., is currently president of the Thomasville Ministerial Association.

☐ **"METHODIST SUNDAY NIGHT"** will be observed by the Methodist churches of Charlotte on January 22, when a union preaching, song, and worship service will be held in the Ovens Auditorium. All the Methodist churches of the city will participate. Ministers will sit on the platform in a body. Bishop Harmon will deliver the sermon, and the choir will be composed of members of the various choirs of the city. Further announcements will be made later.

☐ **REV. M. C. DUNN**, superintendent of the Fayetteville District, is holding a number of Quarterly Conferences-Stewardship Revivals in his district. Several charges are brought together. Mr. Dunn speaks on the subject, stewardship of possessions, emphasizing the principle of the tithe, then holds the combined quarterly conferences. Such a meeting was held recently at the Southern Pines Church, with Aberdeen, Pinebluff, Vass, and West End Charges participating.

## W. N. C. Rural Fellowship In Overnight Retreat

The Methodist Rural Fellowship of the W. N. C. Conference, met for an overnight retreat at Hinton Memorial Rural Life Center, Hayesville, N. C., on Nov. 14-15 with 32 persons present. The theme of the program was *What Shall We Do About Circuits?* The chief speaker and resource person was Dr. Carl M. Robbins, superintendent of the Lexington District, Memphis Conference. The following statement was issued as an expression of the thinking of that group:

Realizing that the circuit system has been the secret of Methodism's success and growth in the past, and that this system will continue in the foreseeable future, we express our concern for the churches, their members and pastors, which constitute the circuits.

We believe the program of the Church at large be adapted to the individual circuit, recognizing the social and economic changes which have occurred and are occurring.

We see a need for a more consecrated ministry and a concerned laity. We see a need among rural pastors, for a willingness to have a long pastorate, for a devotion to rural charges, and for an understanding of rural folk.

We believe the Church must put major emphasis on service, not success. More of our pastors and laity should come to realize that a pastor's standing in the conference must be measured by the service he renders whether on a circuit or in a station appointment.

We see the need for a more realistic grouping of churches on the circuits, recognizing natural boundaries and trade centers where possible.

We believe the circuit can be an effective working group if:

1. the proper organization is set up and used,
2. the pastor and laymen utilize all available resources,
3. a feeling of unity can be realized; and
4. a multiple staff is used where feasible.

We see the need for the proper orientation of all new ministers to their task.

—W. W. BLANTON, *Secretary*

## To Help Resolve Tensions

*Washington, D. C.*—To help resolve racial tensions throughout the U. S., a massive, four-year program of race relations has been approved by two Methodist agencies.

The pyramiding project, to expand from a committee of 200 to involvement of more than one million Methodists, will get under way with a conference in March, 1961.

The venture is co-sponsored by the Division of Human Relations and Economic Affairs of the Board of Christian Social Concerns and by the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, Board of Missions.



## Mt. Carmel Church Has Made Great Progress

By ANNIE STONE

October 1956 brought, to some extent the fulfillment of the dreams of the members of Mt. Carmel Methodist Church of the Greensboro District.

The new church building was opened for the first worship service Sunday, Oct. 26, 1952, with Rev. C. G. Isley pastor. The church was organized near the close of the eighteenth century. The present building is the fourth house of worship that has been built.

The new church was dedicated Sunday, July 3, 1955, while still on the Reidsville Circuit with Rev. Joe W. Lasley as its pastor. Following this eventful day, the people of Mt. Carmel felt that with prayers, faith and the dedicated efforts of its members, the church could be made a station. A building fund for a parsonage was begun immediately. Work was started on this project in the fall of 1956 and completed in the spring of 1957.

The Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska in the fall of 1956 made the church a station and Rev. A. D. Shelton was sent to the work. Under his leadership the church has made progress. The spirit of fellowship and cooperation has helped also in bringing about the success and dreams of this church.

Rev. Shelton and the people of Mt. Carmel community can justly be proud of the progress made during the last four years—73 members have been added to the church roll, the unified budget has tripled, the parsonage debt has been eliminated, an organ has been placed in the church, a new well has been drilled, a new electric stove and hot water heater have been installed in the kitchen, the sanctuary has been carpeted, and a caretaker for the cemetery and church has been hired.

The W.S.C.S. has sponsored many projects in the past four years and more than \$3,000.00 has been raised for foreign and national missions.

The church has regular meetings of all the organizations, such as M. Y. F., the W.S.C.S., the official board, prayer meeting, and choir practice, along with an active Sunday school of around 250 members with an average attendance of 190.

May our hearts be filled with gratitude and praise to God for these many, many blessings, for truly God has been good to us.

## Not Unconstitutional

*Cincinnati*—A resolution adopted by the 1960 General Conference commending sit-in demonstrators for their "dignified non-violent manner" has been held by the Judicial Council to be *not* in violation of the church's constitution.

Some General Conference delegates felt the resolution did violate a section of the *Discipline* (par. 87) dealing with the duty of Christians to the civil authority. The conference then referred the matter to the Judicial Council for a ruling.

The nine-man Supreme Court rendered six other decisions during its recent session here, according to its secretary, the Rev. Dr. A. Wesley Pugh of New Castle, Ind.



Palm Tree Methodist Parsonage, Lawndale, N. C.

## "Open House" Held for Palm Tree Parsonage

Palm Tree Methodist Church, Lawndale, N. C., became a station work June 12 of this year, and the Annual Conference appointed Rev. Herman C. Beck to fill this appointment.

Taking this step meant a greater responsibility in the total work of God's kingdom in many ways. There would be an increase in total benevolent askings, an increase in pastor's salary, and even more challenging, the erection of a parsonage to provide a home for the minister.

A Building Committee composed of Clayton Shuford, Lloyd Crawford, Heyward Shuford, Everett Hoyle, and John Shuford was selected. On June 18 this committee awarded the contract to Mr. Wilbur Cabaniss of Lattimore, N. C., exclusive of electrical, heating, and plumbing. Those jobs were given to members of the church. Mr. Jimmy Carter, the electrical contract, and Mr. Everett Hoyle, the heating and plumbing contract.

Actual work did not get under way on the structure until the first of July, due to bad weather and other delays. But just

two months later, September 1, the pastor moved into the new home.

The parsonage has three bedrooms, full and half-bath, den, kitchen, study, dining room, living room, and carport. In all there are eight rooms, carport, and porches. The parsonage also has new furnishings.

As usual, the parsonage cost was above the original estimate. Cost of parsonage, complete with furnishings, was \$22,000. But one needs only to see the quality of materials and workmanship to be convinced of its real value and wise choice, its worth being far greater than the cost.

The Building Committee and the total membership of the church should be commended for their unselfish, untiring efforts to provide such a beautiful home for the pastor and his family.

Sunday, October 23, was a long-awaited, joyful occasion for every member and friend of Palm Tree Church. Open House was held from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., at which time many availed themselves of the opportunity to inspect the real beauty of a home dedicated to the work of God's kingdom.

## Witnessing for Christ in Peru

(Editor's Note: Miss Spilman, a special-term Methodist missionary, is the Methodist news correspondent in Peru. Her American home is Waynesboro, Va.)

By MARTHA SPILMAN

Who will tell the people of Peru about the Man who died for them? Peruvians are ready to listen. Will anyone tell them the story?

As the Methodist Church in Peru held an evangelism campaign early in August, results showed that now is the time to get to work. Men from various parts of Latin America spent from three to five nights in churches in and around Lima, Peru's capital. Attendance was small the first night, but all churches reported an increase each night.

The church in Chancay, a fishing village north of Lima, held services for three nights. A church building was not needed as these humble families met in the front of a store to worship God and listen to His Word. Two men from Argentina, the Rev. Antonio La Moglie and layman Juan Carlos Wirth, allowed the Spirit of God to work through them. The final night found 37

people accepting Jesus Christ for the first time. At the same time, ten were baptized and three young men dedicated their lives to the ministry. Four others asked to teach in the Sunday school.

Another place where similar things happened was Miramar, near Lima, where Dr. Roberto Manfredi, also an Argentinian, preached. In one of the smaller Lima churches, Dr. Manuel Flores from Mexico used his own songs as a basis for his evangelism. His messages reached many ears through the music.

The seed is being planted throughout Peru. More are needed to help spread it. The harvest is growing. It is time to nourish it in all possible ways. If a man is hungry, would you not give him bread? These people are hungry for the Word of God. Will you help feed them?

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We tend to become too much the children of this age, and identical with it. Thus we waste our time in things which secularize and do not Christianize us.

—BISHOP EDWIN E. VOIGT  
Springfield, Illinois



## Church School Literature To Emphasize Bible Study

Nashville, Tenn.—In the future, Methodist church school literature will have a renewed emphasis on reading and studying the Bible, the editor of Methodist church school publications has reported.

The Rev. Dr. Henry M. Bullock, Nashville, made the report at the annual meeting of the 139-member Curriculum Committee of the Methodist Church, Nov. 14-17 at the Methodist Publishing House here.

Dr. Bullock also said that the Methodist church school curriculum of the future will concentrate on making clear the relation of Christian faith to the life of the individual and to society.

He said further that the curriculum will stress the importance of each person's achieving a clear understanding of the theology that undergirds his faith.

The new trend in curriculum construction, said Dr. Bullock, is based on a new statement of theological and educational principles, *Foundations of Christian Teaching in Methodist Churches*, recently issued by the curriculum committee.

"In future years," he said, "our Christian teaching will be more obviously gospel centered."

The committee organized for the denomination's 1960-64 quadrennium, Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, Charlotte, N. C., was elected chairman and the Rev. Horace W. Williams, Nashville, vice-chairman. The Rev. Walter N. Vernon, Nashville, was re-elected secretary.

## Beauty and Brains



**Rocky Mount** — Patsy Matthews, student at North Carolina Wesleyan College here, has won approximately \$2,000 in scholarships. She was also selected as Nash County Harvest Queen at Nashville, N. C. Former President Harry Truman was a special guest.

Patsy is an active worker in the Methodist Church.

## Lest We Forget

By LOUISE STAHL

### XL Cokesbury

It is an interesting fact that the names of Methodist leaders have been given to so many places. There are towns and post offices called Asbury in Missouri, New Jersey, and West Virginia. Asbury Park in New Jersey is a city and a resort of great repute. There is an Asbury Grove in Massachusetts, a Coke in Virginia, a Cokesbury in Pennsylvania, and a Coke-dale in Colorado.

It is well known that the first Methodist college in the world was Cokesbury College in Maryland, its name being a combination of Coke and Asbury. Cokesbury is the name of the numerous book stores of the Methodist Publishing House. There were Cokesbury Schools in both North and South Carolina, a Coke's Chapel in Georgia, and a Cokesbridge in South Carolina.

John Wesley did not like all this and he did not hesitate to say so in a stinging letter to Asbury on September 20, 1778: "I creep: you strut along. I found a school: you a college! nay, and call it after your own names!" He also denounced Asbury for allowing himself to be called a bishop. Asbury rightfully referred to this letter as "a bitter pill."

Cokesbury College near Baltimore was opened in 1787, burned in 1795, moved to Baltimore, and burned again in 1796, thus ending its career. The Cokesbury School in South Carolina was founded in 1835 and was the successor of Mount Bethel Academy, Tabernacle Academy, and Mount Ariel Academy. The wreck of the old building remains today.

The Cokesbury School in North Carolina was located near Phelps Ferry on the Yadkin River in the lower end of present Davie County, and was doubtless the institution for which Mr. Long and Mr. Bustion gave money to Asbury and John Dickins in 1780 but which was probably used for Cokesbury College in Maryland. This North Carolina school has been called the first Methodist Conference school in America. It was in existence as early as April, 1794, when Asbury wrote, "I came to Cokesbury school, at Hardy Jones's: it is twenty feet square, two stories high, well set out with doors and windows; this house is not too large, as some others are: it stands on a beautiful eminence, and overlooks the Lowlands, and river Yadkin."

The fact that the school had glazed windows was worthy of Asbury's attention, for few churches had them. Cokesbury School in South Carolina, which was founded much later and where the noted Dr. Stephen Olin taught, had no windows.

Not much is known of this North Carolina school. It seems that in 1795 Asbury took James Parks from a district and placed him in charge of Cokesbury. It was of short duration and by 1799 it was converted into a church. "I said but little at the Academical school house, now a house of God," Asbury wrote on October 12, 1799. Only a few stones remain today.

## "Life Lacking Without God," Says Bishop Arthur Moore

Lakeland, Fla.—Every person is interested in religion, "whether he admits it or not," Bishop Arthur J. Moore (retired) of Atlanta, Ga., told Florida Southern College students recently.

"I don't believe it when someone tells me he isn't interested in religion," the bishop said. "Life is lacking without God, and He will not let you alone."

Speaking at the weekly chapel period, Bishop Moore said colleges are concerned with developing "full-grown students, and that includes spiritual growth."

He told the students that they are living in "one of history's most exciting times," and cautioned them not to "substitute the inferior for the best in seeking to satisfy your hunger for God, knowledge, goodness, duty, companionship and love."

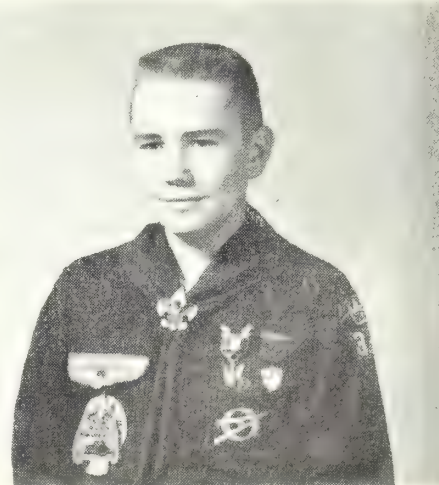
Bishop Moore was here to lead a week-long "Greater Lakeland Revival," sponsored by seven churches and held at First Methodist Church.

### Like Barometers

Speaking on the CBS - TV program, "Lamp Unto My Feet," on November 13, the Rev. Dr. James E. Doty, director of pastoral care and counseling for the Indiana Area, said:

"Children, like miniature barometers, reflect the climate of the family of which they are a part. When that love is neglected or rejected or thwarted in any way, the child becomes physically or spiritually ill."

## Eagle Scout



George Wesley Blount, at the age of fifteen years, received the Eagle Scout Award at a recent Sunday morning service in Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Raleigh. He had previously won the God and Country Award. At thirteen he received his amateur radio license, and has been a "ham" radio operator since then. In Daniels Junior High School last year he was a member of the Honor Society, and in his first year at Broughton High this year he is an "A" student, and has already been elected to the High-Y Club. He is active in M.Y.F., and in all phases of his church life. His unit is Explorer Post 324. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. George W. Blount. Mr. Blount is pastor at Wesley Memorial.



## N.C. Conference Public Relations Office Approved by Study Group

By DALLAS MALLISON

The setting of a half-time public relations office will be recommended to the N. C. Annual Conference at its 1961 annual session in Durham by the new Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information. The writer of this article will be named as director of Methodist Information, should this recommendation be approved.

The commission will suggest that the office be located in Raleigh and in the new Conference headquarters building. The earliest the office could be set up, according to regular procedures, would be after July 1, 1962.

These were the highlights of the action taken at the first regular meeting of the commission, held at St. Paul Methodist Church in Goldsboro, Thursday, Nov. 3. About fifteen members attended with every district represented, the chairman, Dallas Mallison, presiding.

The recommendations, especially their budgetary aspects, will be presented to the Commission on World Service and Finance at its annual budget hearings at the Methodist Retirement Home in Durham on December 8 for its approval, and later in June next year to the full conference, also in Durham.

In other action taken at the Goldsboro meeting the Rev. William K. Quick, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Zebulon, was named as vice-chairman of the commission to succeed the Rev. C. Wade Goldston of Louisburg College, who resigned because of the pressure of his regular duties.

### Extensive Study

This action was taken only after long and thoughtful study. Ever since the commission was set up last June by the N. C. Annual Conference in Rocky Mount, an extensive and intensive study has been under way. Hundreds of letters have been written, scores of inquiries have been made, and dozens of interviews held.

The results of this far-flung investigation have been incorporated in a 20-page mimeographed report distributed at the Goldsboro meeting and now being distributed to members of the conference and its agencies.

The purpose of the study has been to determine the precise needs, requirements and opportunities for publicity through newspapers, television and radio stations serving the conference area and the two wire services operating in the area—the Associated Press and the United Press International.

The study also has included such subjects as the public relations programs of other major denominations in this state, the types of publicity being carried on by present conference agencies, the functions and relationships of related conference agencies, what other conference and episcopal areas are doing, and the requirements of a "director of Methodist Information," the phrase used in the *Discipline* for such persons.

The study reveals a great and immediate need for a conference public relations office, that some other major Tar Heel denominations are far ahead of the N. C.



Members of the Conference Commission on Public Relations and Methodist information, meeting at St. Paul's Church, Goldsboro, November 3, 1960, discuss newly adopted budget recommendations to be presented to the Commission on World Service and Finance and to the North Carolina Annual Conference at their next regular sessions. Pictured are, seated from left to right, Rev. George C. Megill of Goldsboro, Rev. C. Wade Goldston of Louisburg, Mr. Donald Hall of Roanoke Rapids, Rev. William W. Sherman, Jr. of Scotland Neck, secretary, Mr. Dallison Mallison of Carolina Beach, chairman, and Rev. William K. Quick of Zebulon, vice-chairman. Standing, Rev. William M. Jeffries of Whitakers, Rev. Lewis A. Dillman of New Bern, Rev. J. C. Chaffin of Robbins, Rev. H. A. Phillips, Jr. of Shallotte, and Rev. C. Alison Simonton, Jr. of Durham.

Conference in public relations, that there is ample precedent in Methodism for setting up a conference public relations office, that existing agencies of the conference can not adequately operate in the public relations field, and that a skilled and experienced person, preferably a Methodist acquainted with the N. C. Annual Conference, be selected to head up and direct this work.

### General Aim of Office

"This office should serve the bishop, all district superintendents in their district programs, and each and every agency and institution of or in the N. C. Annual Conference, as its official publicity and public relations agency," says the commission in its recommendations which it will make.

### Method of Financing

Much attention was given to the matter of financing the new agency. Three general courses were considered at some length. The first, which was adopted, would be through "direct provision" in the Annual Conference budget by the Commission on World Service and Finance.

The second would be through a proportional sharing of the budget by other conference agencies. A third was a combination of the first and second propositions.

A tentative budget was approved and this is what will be submitted at the December meeting of the World Service and Finance Commission. The breakdown of the proposed budget is:

Salary of Director	\$3,000.00
Travel of Director	300.00
Social Security, Director	100.00
Salary of Secretary	1,200.00
Social Secretary, Secretary	40.00
Office Expenses	360.00
Commission Expenses	500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,500.00</b>

It was suggested that when and if a secretarial help pool is set up in the new headquarters building that the office participate in this arrangement. It was also agreed and understood that the director, as long as he is employed half-time, can use his other half-time as he wishes for other work.

## "Preach for a Decision" says Dr. Denman

Los Angeles—Whether the church can become a redemptive fellowship instead of just a respectable club is a pivotal question on which hinges the future of Methodism in the next 40 years, in the opinion of Dr. Harry Denman, general secretary of the Board of Evangelism, Nashville.

The church can love, live, give and pray redemptively, or go down. And the next 40 years, he believes, are critical. Atheistic communism in the last 40 years engulfed more than a billion people.

This is what Dr. Denman told an unprecedented meeting of 120 young pastors—all men within the first five years of their ministry—called by Bishop Gerald Kennedy.

"Where the Methodist Church is headed in the next 40 years is up to you. We will

go wherever you take us," he told the ministers.

"One thing we need today is devotional habits. We can only give people what we've got. If all we have is scholarship, cleverness, or psychology, then that is all we will give. If we do not believe Jesus is a savior, all we have is a club."

Dr. Denman appealed to the pastors to find and serve people wherever they are whether in jail or heading big corporations. The church, he added, must become person-centered, not institution-centered. "Jesus went to the people organized religion today would cast out."

He also urged the ministers to preach every Sunday to try to get some kind of commitment. Unless this is the goal there is not much to preaching.



# Emmissary Bishops Report Visitations

**Chicago**—Insights into church life on our continents were shared by Methodist bishops with their colleagues in sessions of the Council of Bishops at the Palmer House here November 15-17.

Seven bishops, previously assigned as special emissaries to regional church gatherings, made reports.

While the findings of the bishops were as varied as the problems of the numerous countries they visited, there was consensus that political and social difficulties have stimulated rather than deterred church progress.

Bishop Gerald Kennedy, Los Angeles, president of the Council, found Methodists behind the iron curtain "joyous, courageous and devoted." In reporting to his fellow-bishops his visit to the Southern European Central Conference in Linz, Austria in mid-October he said, "With the many reasons why they might be, I found no Methodists who were feeling sorry for themselves."

Another report in similar vein, touching on religion behind the iron curtain came from Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, of Des Moines. He represented the bishops at the German Central Conference held in Pforzheim, West Germany. The bishop first referred to the consciousness felt by all of the existence of the line. Bishop Friedrich Wunderlich of Frankfurt-am-Main administers work on both sides of the boundary.

"The spiritual vitality of these fellow churchmen of ours as they stand up under the sledge-hammer blows is amazing," Bishop Ensley said. Impressed by the tremendous growth in church membership in East Germany, he said, "Our largest German Methodist churches are behind the iron curtain."

While the Congolese were embroiled in political struggles, the Africa Central Conference was holding its quadrennial session in Nyadiri, Southern Rhodesia, Aug. 20-29. Bishop Richard C. Raines, Indianapolis, newly made head of the Methodist Board of Missions, was the official U. S. representative.

Delegates to the conference were unanimous in wanting all the missionaries to return to the Congo, Bishop Raines told the Council. Expressions of gratitude were profuse, he said, for what the missionaries had meant to them in terms of spiritual enlightenment and privilege, medical development, education and other social contributions.

This Africa quadrennial conference, said Bishop Raines, decided against electing an African bishop at this time, although they had been given authority to do so. With the political situation as it is it was felt that it would be impossible to choose a leader acceptable to all.

Bishop Raines saw the present crisis as a challenge for large scale support and a more aggressive missionary program in the new African states so that the churches may have the fullest possible influence in the current political and social changes.

Southeast Asia Central Conference, which met in Singapore, August 23-27, will request permission from the 1964 General Conference to reorganize into two

episcopal areas. The proposal, described to the bishops by Bishop Edgar A. Love, Baltimore, will be routed through the denomination's Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas.

This Central Conference, the bishops' emissary reported, will request that Hong Kong and Taiwan be included in the Southeast Asia Central Conference and that these two centers, together with Sarawak, be made an episcopal area with headquarters in Hong Kong.

The other episcopal area would be composed of Burma, Sumatra, Mayala, including Singapore as headquarters. The Central Conference plans to defer its 1964 session until after General Conference, so that if their proposals are approved two nationals can be elected bishop. The incumbent, Bishop Hobart Amstutz, will be retiring at that time.

Bishop Love remarked that every delegate from Southeast Asia to the Denver General Conference had presented a written report. They were unanimous in feeling more conscious than ever before that they belonged to a world church.

Methodism in the Scandinavian countries gives an impression of strength and solidity but there is no great numerical growth, Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville, Tenn., reported. "We are a vigorous minority group," he said. Bishop Short represented the Council at the quadrennial Northern Europe Central Conference in Orebo, Sweden, in late September. Bishop Short commended the theological seminary in Gothenburg, Sweden, which serves Norway, Denmark and Finnish Methodists as well. He also made reference to the recently observed centennial of Danish Methodism.

South American visitations were reported by Bishop W. Angie Smith, Oklahoma City.

"Traveling through the indescribable havoc of the destruction of the earthquakes and tidal wave in southern Chile, I was proud of the \$700,000 relief offering made by the Methodist Church," Bishop Smith said. "This money saved Methodism in Chile and has started it on a forward movement beyond anything they have experienced in the past."

The Latin America Central Conference, which has term episcopacy, re-elected Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri of Buenos Aires. The session, attended by Bishop Smith, was held in Lima, Peru, in the late summer. A new bishop to succeed Bishop Julio M. Sabanes, Santiago, Chile, was elected by the conference. He was a well known missionary, the Rev. Dr. B. Foster Stockwell.

"The conference discussions were world-wide in nature," Bishop Smith said. "These South American Methodists are looking forward to self-support and have mapped out a new program of missionary work in regions where Methodism has never been represented. There is a unity which brings the church in the seven nations in this Central Conference into a common purpose and a search for similar ideals."

Bishop Smith also represented the

Council of Bishops at the General Conference of the Methodist Church in Brazil, an independent body, but one which developed from the work of missionaries from North America.

"While there were evidences of some disappointment on the part of our people in Brazil toward the United States," Bishop Smith conceded, "I discovered that in the hearts of the leaders and members generally there is great confidence and true faith in America."

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, retired, of St. Louis, former president of the World Methodist Council, represented U. S. Methodism at the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the establishment of Methodism in the western world on the island of Antigua, British West Indies. An observance October 17-22 was attended by distinguished British Methodists. There are 60,000 communicant members in these British-related Methodist churches, Bishop Holt stated.

## Fair Grove Church Honors Older Members of Class

The Philathea Class of Fair Grove Methodist Church, Thomasville, recently honored the women of the church who were seventy years old and over. A banquet in their honor was held in the Church Fellowship Hall on Saturday, Nov. 12, at 6:30. Eight of the eighteen honorees were able to be present and each had an orchid pinned on her by Mrs. Dwight Pyatt, wife of the pastor. Mrs. H. P. May, age 87, was the oldest woman present and was presented a special gift by the class.

The program was opened with the invocation by the Rev. Dwight Pyatt, pastor. A toast to the guests of the evening was proposed by Mrs. Paul Rothrock, class president. The response was made by Mrs. Jesse Ingram, teacher of the class. Following the meal, the group was entertained by Mr. Gilliam Anderson, a son of the church, who spoke of the influence upon his life by the older persons. The evening concluded with the group assembled singing "Auld Lang Syne" and benediction by the pastor. Mr. Dale Jarrett, Sunday school superintendent, served as master of ceremonies throughout the gala evening. Mrs. James Faircloth planned the program and decorated the Fellowship Hall.

## Launch In-Depth Study

**New York**—What is the nature of the missionary task today? Have world conditions caused it to change in recent years? What are the challenges to the Christian world mission? What are its new frontiers?

Methodists will seek answers to these and other questions relating to missions in a nation-wide, in-depth study program during the next four years. The program undertaken by the board and its four divisions involves creative study, free discussion led by teams of selected leaders, and a climactic series of three regional convocations in 1963.

Supervision of the program has been assigned the board's Joint Section of Education and Cultivation, which has named as director of the study the Rev. Dr. John R. Wilkins.





# Woman's Activities



## Literacy Program for Ibans in Sarawak

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

"By building up a knowledge of reading and writing, the Methodist Church is working along one more line to train the numbers of Ibans who are flocking to the church," says the Rev. Burr Baughman, missionary to Kapit, Sarawak, in a letter to friends at home.

He continues, "Reading is a necessary tool also if the Ibans are to obtain the knowledge, skills and attitudes they need when their country becomes self-governing."

He describes a class in Nasat's longhouse in this way: "Three groups of Iban theological students sat on mats with their literacy instructors. With the literacy primers before them, they were going over the lessons, learning how to teach illiterate adults. They were finding it a far different thing from teaching little children in a school classroom."

"In another part of the longhouse a group of local Ibans was also going through the primer. They had volunteered to act as teachers for others in their longhouse who did not know how to read. They themselves were barely literate. But as they were able to read and write, they were to be teachers. We were instructing them in how to go about teaching their fellows."

The system used by the teachers was worked out on principles growing out of the famed Laubach system. The Rev. Baughman wrote the text, Miss Edna Floy Brown, a nurse, did the illustrations, and Miss Ellen Atkinson typed the material for the printer. Dr. and Mrs. Paul B. Means worked out the plan for teaching the primer. They all agreed that, "Teaching literacy to adults is a special kind of business if it is to be done properly."

This is their system, described in the letter:

1. A few literate individuals from a longhouse will be asked to teach others.
2. Miss Ellen Atkinson will spend a few days with them, training them as teachers, then getting the literacy classes or groups started in the longhouse.
3. After the program has been instituted in any longhouse, the local teachers will carry on the continuing work of teaching. Miss Atkinson, or other supervisors when available, will return for periodic visits to check and to encourage.
4. Rev. Baughman's main duty is to try to provide a continuing supply of printed material suitable for the newly literate.

The young missionary concludes, "We are grateful to the officials of the church in America, and to our numerous friends who are making this literacy-literature campaign possible. Through this further channel you are mediating the love of Christ to men and women in need."

The Baughmans are loved by the people of the Western North Carolina Conference, especially the members of the Hendersonville Methodist Church, the home church of the Rev. Baughman and his beloved mother, the late Mrs. Mable Baughman, former conference officer of the Woman's Society of the W. N. C. Conference.

### Gastonia Women Visit United Nations

Thirty-nine women from the Gastonia District made a pilgrimage to the United Nations building on October 25th to "learn all they could about international relations."

The trip was the realization of a dream of Mrs. Lester Houser of Cherryville, district secretary of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Society of the Gastonia District. She chose this as her major project for the year.

The wonder and ideals of the great center for world peace spilled over on the North Carolina women, for Mrs. Houser writes: "Our trip to the U. N. building, our briefings and lunch in the United Nations dining room and our attendance to a session of the General Assembly was arranged in the office of Mrs. Bender."

"We were briefed by a young man from the United Arab country, also by Miss Mia Aibakken, whose parents are missionaries in Algeria and supported by Grace Methodist Church in Greensboro. We attended a committee meeting of the United Nations delegates—their topic was disarmament. We gathered much information and materials that will help us in our work of the W.S.C.S."

The women went on a conducted tour of the new Inter-Church Building at 425 Riverside Drive and also visited the new United Nations office of the Methodist Church just opposite the U. N. building.

On their way home, they spent the night in Washington, D. C., and visited many places of interest, including the Mosque.

These good Methodist women did not miss Sunday school and church—they had their Sunday school lesson on the bus, taught by two ministers' wives, Mrs. Paul Hamilton and Mrs. John Sills. Then in Richmond, Va., they stopped for the worship service of Centenary Methodist Church. A special place had been reserved for them.

When they arrived in Gastonia at the First Methodist Church, they had a prayer service of praise and thanksgiving, with Mrs. B. E. Callis, district president, as leader.

The vision and inspiration of such a pilgrimage is something for all Methodist women to consider.

## N. C. Conference

By MARY GARDNER



### New Work at Pembroke

Barbara Jean Smith, a U. S.-2, has recently been assigned by the Woman's Division of Christian Service as assistant to Miss Rebecca Modellmog, rural worker on the Pembroke Charge.

A native of Oklahoma, Barbara Jean is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie B. Smith. Her father is currently serving as pastor of Fife Memorial Methodist Church in Muskogee, Oklahoma, of the Oklahoma Methodist Indian Conference.

Barbara Jean received her higher education at John Brown University, Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

The young rural worker's chief work on the Pembroke Charge, her first appointment, will be concerned with the young people, the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and music. Her area will include the Ashpole, Pleasant Grove, and Fairview Methodist Churches.

Barbara Jean states as her purpose: "To enrich the program of the church."

### Concerning Monthly Program Materials

The program materials for use in Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild programs are designed to inform the members of the missions work maintained by the Woman's Division of Christian Service in 32 countries around the world. They are prepared three years in advance, and the writers are chosen for their knowledge of the work and their ability to interpret the program of work and the needs of each project with which the twelve monthly programs are concerned.

During each quadrennium something about every phase of work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service is included in the monthly program materials. The 1961-62 program and worship materials will be under one cover.

### Each WSCS Member a V.I.P.

The multiplicity of the Woman's Division of Christian Service's varied and widespread activities gives evidence that each member is a V. I. P. (Very Important Person).

Mrs. L. Nelson Barnett, a member of the Batesville, Arkansas Woman's Society, in a recent report of her trip to a number of churches in India and Pakistan, and published in *The Methodist Woman*, writes in part:

"Our Woman's Division is making an impact around the world. With amazing foresight Methodist women have built many schools in far-flung lands. Now in our present age, these lands have waked up to the fact that unless their people are educated they cannot take their rightful places in the family of nations. So since our schools are there, they literally fight (at the beginning of each term) to enroll their children, shoving and pushing for first places in the line waiting at the



por. These church schools are our best contact with the non-Christians of these lands. This is an opportunity to show Christ to the people.

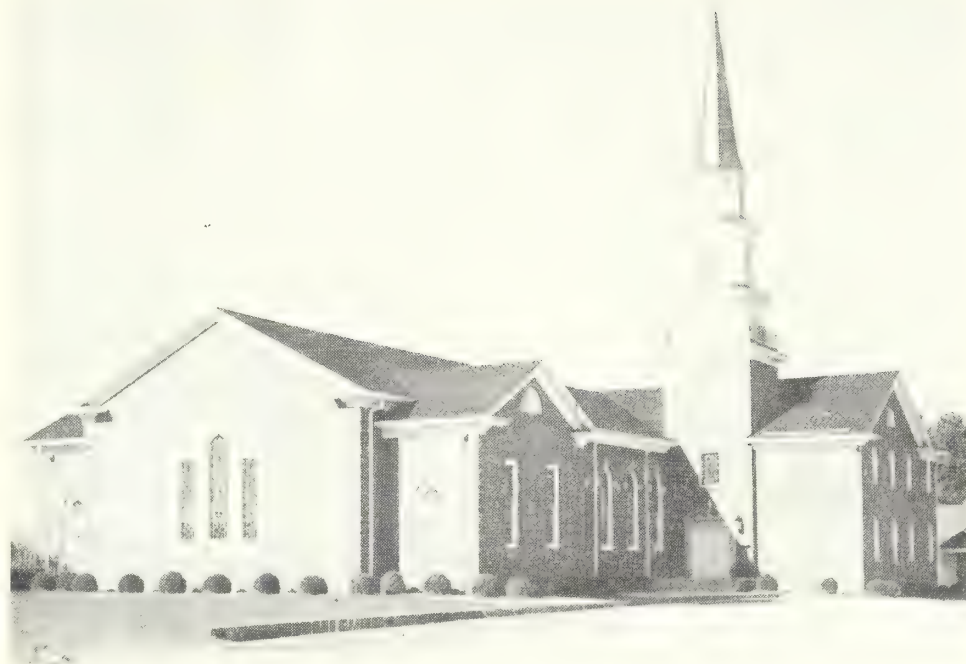
"In my travels I was constantly amazed and impressed by the schools, colleges, hospitals, clinics, refugee relief stations, and the world. We give so little and often grudgingly to the appropriations of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. We allow the need of a new stove in our church kitchen, or a new rug in the parsonage to take first place and use a lion's share of our money in our local society. Our horizon is narrow, but that is not true of the dedicated women whom we have elected to places of authority in the Woman's Division. It is not true of the staff members of the division who use the money turned over to them and make it go as far as possible to fill the needs of our world-wide work. The need of the world is so great that we must catch the vision.

"Miss Sara Kashi Ram, principal of our Johnson Girls' School in Jubalpur, India, told of a Hindu father who wanted to enter his little girl in that school. He was told there was no room. When he persisted Miss Ram volunteered to show him there was no space. They went from room to room. All the seats were filled. Finally, she said, 'there is a space in that corner.' Miss Ram answered, 'But there is no seat.' The father replied, 'I will furnish the seat and desk if you will take my little girl.'

"In Hong Kong, Methodists have built Wesley and Asbury Villages to fill the need for clean, wholesome homes for Christian refugees from China. The thing that impressed me there was the crowd of little children meeting at 5:30 p.m., to go to school. Christian people after a day's work come to this improvised school in a series of basement garages to teach children who have no other access to an education.

"I sat one day on the floor of the porch of the bungalow of Miss Letah Doyle, now tired, in Chaziabad, India. It was a Woman's Society meeting with a pot luck supper . . . Mrs. Drewer John, a missionary's wife, talked to the group on 'Your Home, a Household of God.' The women were very attentive; then they paid their edges. I asked what the average giving was. One woman said they tried to pay 75 rupees a year. I was amazed because I knew their annual income usually was only about fifty dollars. In some homes here both husband and wife worked they might receive one hundred dollars a year. But they give five rupees to their Woman's Society of Christian Service! I thought of my well-fed, well-dressed women in our home societies, and I was deeply ashamed.

"If we women of the Woman's Society of the Methodist Church of the United States would give gladly and freely to our work, and would strengthen our Woman's Division with our prayers, we could change the world. Our leaders have the vision. Their hands are tied by our selfish lack of support. Let us give this year—give of ourselves, our prayers, our time, and our money to implement our far-reaching program for Jesus and His way of life around the world."



*New Center Methodist Church, Welcome, N. C.*

The cornerstone will be laid for Center Methodist Church of Welcome in the Thomasville District on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 11:00 o'clock. Rev. John H. Carper, district superintendent, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Clarence E. Williams, will have charge of the service. Open house will be observed from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. All friends, former members and pastors are invited.

In the spring of 1892, a group of fifteen individuals formed a new church in a pine grove in the northern section of Davidson County. They called themselves by no name and were affiliated with no particular religious denomination. In 1893 a Methodist Circuit Rider of the Linwood Circuit known as "Preacher Pegram" passed through the community, heard of the group still meeting in the pine grove when weather permitted, and immediately convinced them of the advantages of joining the Methodist denomination.

Charlie Evans was elected as the first church school superintendent. The group then met in a school house and held services once a month and had a regular 3:00 p.m. Sunday school class. A frame one-room 30x40 sanctuary with six 10x12 windows was erected at a cost of \$300.00. By 1903 the Sunday school attendance was averaging around 30 per Sunday and the membership had grown to nearly 50. The new church was put on a circuit with two other churches, Bethesda and Ebenezer.

By the early 20's, the need became great for a new church. An interested group contributed \$25.00 each to purchase a lot closer to the center of town for \$600.00. In 1926 a brick structure capable of seating 200 and having eight classrooms was erected during the pastorate of Rev. J. W. Fitzgerald for approximately \$3,000. In 1934 while Rev. P. R. Rayle was pastor, the fellowship hall was constructed. The parsonage was constructed

in 1944 while Rev. A. C. Kennedy, Jr., was pastor.

In 1954 Center became a full-time station under the pastorate of Rev. F. J. year was withdrawn from the treasury and Stough. From this time on, \$1,000 each placed in a building fund. Action was begun none too soon for by 1957 the need for a larger church was critical. A financial campaign was launched in January, 1957. A building committee, consisting of Numa Craver, chairman; Baxter Bates, Clyde Essick, W. James Leonard, Groce Hayes, Ervin Kepley, Clifford Hill and Robert Ripple was elected.

Construction began in April, 1958; the first service was held on April 12, 1959, in the new church. The church has a seating capacity of 450, 18 classrooms, a pastor's study, library and rest rooms. The cost of building and furniture, not including free labor, was \$113,000.

Present membership is 409. The Rev. Clarence E. Williams is the present pastor.

## **Randolph-Macon Woman's College Campaign**

*Lynchburg, Va.* — A 10-year development program to raise \$12,034,530 has been announced by Randolph-Macon Woman's College, which is related to Virginia Annual Conference.

President William F. Quillian, Jr., said the program, largest in the school's history, includes funds for raising of faculty salaries, for scholarships, staff expansion, instructional equipment and other current needs; for expanding the endowment, and for plant renovation and expansion. The latter will be involved in a 1964-66 capital funds campaign whose major project will be a new dormitory.

The Virginia Conference already has voted to include the school in a major fund campaign, probably in 1961-62, along with three other schools and several Wesley Foundations.





# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## Beautiful Hands

By Dorothy Ballard

Lamia's hands were slim and graceful. The golden-brown skin was soft with sweet-smelling oil.

Lamia was proud of her pretty hands. She liked to show them off, with the silver bracelets tinkling on her wrists.

It was easy for Lamia to keep her hands pretty, for she belonged to a wealthy Arab family. In their city home they had servants to do the sweeping and scrubbing and washing. Lamia was thirteen years old, and never yet had she done any hard work. Like many Arab girls, she thought it was shameful to work with her hands.

But at the Christian school, where Lamia went every day to study, it was different. The Christians liked to work.

"Jesus was a carpenter," said her teacher. "Jesus was not ashamed to work with His hands. When we do our best working at things that are helpful, we can be proud of even the dirtiest job."

One day the road outside the school was filled with people, walking slowly and carrying all sorts of bundles.

"Who are they?" asked Lamia, looking at the great crowd of men, women and children. "Where are they going?"

"They are refugees—Arab people like ourselves," said Lamia's friend, Hiam. "They lost their homes in the war between Israel and the Arab countries."

"Don't they even have a place to sleep tonight?" said Lamia.

Hiam started to shake her head. Then her black eyes brightened. "They could sleep in the old school building."

"But the old school has been empty a long time, Hiam. It's full of dirt and dust and cobwebs."

"We can clean it up. Come on!"

Hiam was fifteen and the leader of almost everything the girls did. Lamia was happy that Hiam had asked her to help. But what would happen to her hands if she helped with the cleaning?

The teacher liked Hiam's idea of using the old school building for the refugees. "No more classes today," she said. "We'll all get to work."

The girls took mops and buckets and brooms up the hill to the old school. Then what a sweeping and scrubbing and mopping!

Hiam gave Lamia a pail of water and a cloth. "Here, you can do the bot-

tom of the windows, and I'll do the tops."

Lamia wrinkled up her dainty nose. Ugh! What if some of her city friends should see her working like a servant! She dipped a corner of the cloth in the pail and cleaned a little place on one window. Looking through, she saw the people sitting at the side of the road below. They were like withered flowers, drooping over their bundles.

"Oh, how glad they will be to have a place to stay and rest," Lamia said.

She sloshed her cloth in the water and started scrubbing as fast as she could.

By sundown Lamia's hands were crinkled and black with dirt. But she didn't care, for the old school building was clean and shining, and the refugees were streaming in the door. "Thank you for your kindness," said an old grandmother. "Praise God for a good place to rest," said a tired father. And the mothers smiled as they spread out their shawls to make a bed for their babies.

Lamia looked again at her hands, and to herself she said, "Now I know that hands that work for others are the most beautiful after all."

## WHAT MAKES A KITTEN?

By KATHY HODGES

Little balls of velvet fur,  
Tiny throats that buzz and purr;  
Teeny white, plush-soft paws,  
Funny noises that sound like saws.  
Blue-green eyes that peep and hide,  
Delicate ears, ticklish inside;  
Ivory teeth, to scratch and bite,  
Fluffy tails so downy and light.  
Bow-legs, too, weakly and thin,  
Mischievous minds, determined to win;  
Twitchy pink, comical noses,  
Little mouths with heavenly poses.  
Feet that walk without a sound,  
You hardly know that they're around.  
Cuddly love, warm affection;  
Thumping hearts, seeking protection.  
Wonderful fur, like Angora mittens—  
These little pleasures make up kittens.

## WELCOME, DECEMBER!

Do you realize, boys and girls, that the date of this *Advocate* and this Children's Page marks the beginning of another exciting and wonder-filled month of December? The weeks and months since last December have flown

by so fast, and it's almost Christmas time again.

It's been a grand year, hasn't it? And I have an idea it's partly because you were so thoughtful of others last Christmas that the Christmas spirit lasted on and on. Now here comes another chance to have a most wonderful Yuletide season, and the best year ahead.

Sure, it's a time for giving and receiving gifts, but how about remembering especially this year some of the children who are hungry and cold, and whose clothes are ragged and thin. There are some in your town, you know. We know of a school that put up a tree in the large hall, and the boys and girls trimmed it with many pairs of bright gloves and mittens instead of tinsel and balls. These were given to the Salvation Army to help in their task of keeping little hands warm. A Junior Sunday school class shared half of its Christmas spending money to buy a pair of shoes for a little boy who had none.

You get the idea, don't you? So - - - here's to a grand December, as we plan for others!

## BIBLE QUIZ

1. Under what tree was Absalom riding when his hair caught in the branches?
2. Under what tree was Elijah sleeping when an angel visited him?
3. Under what tree did Jesus see Nathanael before Phillip called him?
4. The wood from what tree was used to make the roof of Solomon's house?

## Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Mount Sinai
2. The River Jordan
3. Egypt

## Report Renewed Interest

Washington, D. C.—From Delaware to California the recent observance of World-Wide Communion Sunday has brought renewed local church interest in the church's program of service to military personnel.

Churches almost surrounded by servicemen have written for information or support to the Commission on Camp Activities, which receives 25 per cent of the special offering for the Fellowship of Suffering and Service, according to D. Stewart Patterson, general secretary.



## Sunday School Lesson

FOR DECEMBER 11

By RAYMOND A. SMITH

Head, Department of Religious Education,  
Greensboro College

### THE GREATEST PROMISE

Background Scripture: Isaiah 9;  
Galatians 4:4-7

Lesson Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7;  
Galatians 4:4-7

It is during the Advent and Christmas season that men think most of peace and yearn most ardently for it. Our selection from Isaiah puts this hope in unforgettably beautiful language. As the Abingdon Commentary puts it: "Here is one of the noblest and most beautiful, most moving passages in Holy Scripture. No criticism, however severe, has been able to diminish its lustre, or lessen its appeal." This is true, no doubt, because we have here one of the deathless hopes of the human race expressed in language at once simple and exalted.

The passage from Isaiah pictures an ideal King. With the prospect of such a ruler "the people that walked in darkness have seen a great light." The forces of evil will have been routed "as on the day of Midian." This expression refers to the famous battle in which Gideon won an overwhelming victory over the Midianites (see Judges 6 through 8). Even the implements of war will be destroyed—"burned as fuel for the fire."

The words used to describe this ideal King are significant. Let us look at them a bit more closely. "Wonderful Counselor" reflects the esteem that Oriental peoples have for practical wisdom, or what we should probably call "common sense." As to the next title, "Mighty God," it must be noted that some translators combine these two titles. For example, the American translation gives this rendering: "Wonderful Counselor is God Almighty." However we may translate this passage, it seems to mean that the Ideal King who is expected will govern with more than human insight. At least, no earthly ruler can hope to deserve such titles. This King will govern in "justice and righteousness." These virtues have always been and will always be, the only solid foundations of peace.

Turning now to the New Testament section (Galatians 4:4-7) we see how, in the mind of Paul, Christ fulfils the highest hopes of the Messianic Ideal—"When the fulness of time was come, God sent forth his son" (Galatians 4:4). This phrase "the fulness of time" expresses the fundamental belief of the Judiac-Christian faith that God works in history. One has only to examine some of the conceptions of God held by other religions to realize how unique this belief is in the history of re-

ligions. God's Messenger is "born of a woman," "subject to the law." The first statement reminds us of Jesus' humanity; the second, that he was one who was faithful to his own religion—but revolutionizing it by his own life and work.

Following Paul's identification of Jesus as the fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy we have, in verse four, a declaration of the purpose of the Messiah. It is a purpose of redemption. As the Interpreter's Bible puts it: "Up to the day of the Cross the New Testament's best picture of God was the father of the prodigal son . . . The Cross does not contradict that; it goes deeper. It demonstrates better than any verbal teaching how men may be brought back to the Father's heart. We listen to the Sermon on the Mount; we kneel at the Cross. We are edified by Christ's teaching; we are changed by the cross."

The redemption through the cross makes us adopted sons of God, according to Paul. We belong to God's creation as human beings; and we have this relationship without having to do anything about it. But when it comes to belonging to the family of God in spiritual terms, then we have to decide that we wish to be adopted. God doesn't take us by storm as an army takes a city. He is the waiting Father whose love is everlasting. We have to "come to ourselves" before we take the first step home. But notice this: we "come to" our real selves. As Phillip's translation has it: "It is because you are really His Sons that God has sent the Spirit of His Son into your hearts to cry 'Father, dear Father.'"

## Salem To Open New Sanctuary Dec. 4

The parsonage on the Garland Charge, Goldsboro District, will have the opening service in its new sanctuary on Sunday, Dec. 4. The new church was completed at the cost of \$25,000. Three years ago a new educational building was added. Salem Church is one of the oldest congregations in eastern Carolina. The new church, which is of modern design, was designed by H. N. Haines, architect.

Dinner will be served after the morning hour. At the evening hour, Rev. C. S. Boggs, pastor of First Church, Clinton, will begin a revival meeting.

Salem Methodist Church, on Garland has also undergone extensive remodeling. Included is a complete new kitchen. Open house and a fellowship hour will be held the second Sunday in December.

Rev. W. M. Ellis is in his fifth year on the Garland Charge.

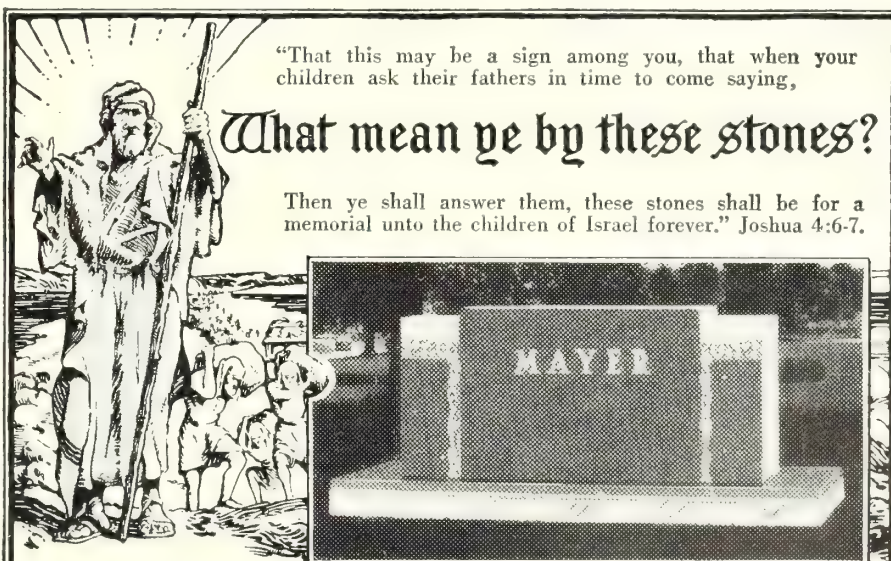
Millions of people are dissatisfied with the world, but only a few are trying to do anything about it.

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"That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come saying,

## What mean ye by these stones?

Then ye shall answer them, these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel forever." Joshua 4:6-7.

Just as Joshua commanded the twelve men of Israel to build with perfect stones a monument to commemorate the passing over Jordan—

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## Methodist Membership Nears Ten Million

Membership in the Methodist Church in the United States, Puerto Rico and Cuba has edged up to nearly ten million members (9,910,741), according to the latest figures released in Chicago November 15.

Warren M. Erwin (740 Rush Street, Chicago), editor of the church's 1960 *General Minutes of the Annual Conferences*, issued a statistical review, summarizing more detailed reports which will appear in the annual volume due off the press early in December. His tabulation shows a comparison between 1960 figures and statistics for 1956 because the Methodist Church thinks in terms of a quadrennium on many of its programs and goals.

Membership in the church four years ago was 9,444,820. Last year (1959) the membership was 9,815,460.

The 9,910,741 membership figure does not include the church's membership overseas—which totals nearly a million members—nor does it include 1,609,936 preparatory members on the rolls of Methodist churches in this country.

Membership figures are included for Cuba because it is affiliated with the church's Florida Area. Puerto Rico is supervised by the bishop of Philadelphia and is also included in the tabulation for the 50 states.

The church received 748,715 members during the year—360,883 of them on profession of faith—but losses by transfer, death and other causes cut the net gain down.

Included in the membership figure are denomination's 27,841 ministers.

Total membership of the church schools is reported at 7,122,859. Average attendance at Sunday school is 3,713,675.

Significant gains were reported in the number of chartered groups of Methodist Men. They increased from 9,420 in 1956 to 11,553 in 1960, with a membership of 415,929. Membership in the Woman's Society of Christian Service stands at 1,792,158 in 31,488 local units.

The denomination reports 39,008 organized churches arranged in 24,543 pastoral charges (including churches grouped together in circuits).

Value of churches, equipment, parsonages and other property was listed as \$3,277,335,576—a gain of 36.19 per cent over four years ago. Methodists spent \$180,500,089 for building and improvements and on debt payments.

One of the most spectacular gains in giving was under the category of colleges and universities and reflects the church's 1956-60 emphasis on Christian higher education. An amount of \$7,881,300 was reported in 1960 for colleges and universities—a gain of 144.82 per cent over the \$3,219,173 figure for 1956.

Grand total of all giving is reported as \$539,506,175—a 30.35 per cent gain over total contributions in 1956.

### Flow Is Reversed

Servicemen at Wheelus Field Air Base in Libya contributed \$518.60 to aid "refugee" Congo missionaries, according to word received by the Commission on Chaplains from Chaplain (Maj.) Spencer D. McQueen, Protestant chaplain at the base. He is a member of the California-Nevada Conference.

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WANTED: Director of Religious Education for Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church. H. M. McLamb, Minister, Greenville, N. C.

### New Training Program

New York—A radically different program of pre-field training and orientation for new missionaries of the Methodist Church and seven other denominations will be held on an experimental basis in January at Stony Point, N. Y.

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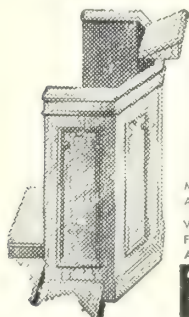


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## *Greatness*

A man is as great as the dreams he dreams,  
As great as the love he bears;  
As great as the values he redeems,  
And the happiness he shares.

A man is as great as the thoughts he thinks,  
As the worth he has attained;  
As the fountains at which his spirit drinks  
And the insight he has gained.

A man is as great as the truth he speaks,  
As great as the help he gives,  
As great as the destiny he seeks,  
As great as the life he lives.

—C. E. Flynn



# CAROLINA BRIEFS

☛ BISHOP NOLAN B. HARMON preached at First Methodist Church, Charlotte, Sunday morning, December 4, at the 11:00 o'clock hour.

☛ PART ONE of Handel's *Messiah* will be presented by the chancel choir of the Edenton Street Methodist Church, in Raleigh, on Sunday morning, December 11, at the 11:00 o'clock service.

☛ DR. D. E. CAMAK, retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference, has been selected as the "Citizen of the Year" by the Kiwanis Club of Greer, S. C., where Dr. and Mrs. Camak live.

☛ DR. E. H. BLACKARD was the speaker at the Methodist Men's Fellowship annual Ladies' Night at First Methodist Church, Gastonia, on December 1. Dr. Blackard is a former pastor of the church.

☛ DR. W. O. WELDON, of Charlotte, preached in evangelistic services at First Methodist Church, Forest City, the week of November 27-December 1. Services were held at 7:30 each evening. Rev. Charles G. Beaman, Jr., is pastor at Forest City.

☛ REV. HAROLD HIPPS, of Greensboro, was awarded a special citation "in recognition of exceptional service to his fellowmen through the medium of recreation" by the North Carolina Recreation Society in its annual conference in Charlotte last week.

☛ A FAMILY LIFE Conference was held at Kilgo Church, Charlotte, which began on Wednesday, Nov. 27, and closed Dec. 1. Mrs. E. H. Ould, known as an authority on family relations, spoke to parents of teen-agers; to senior and junior highs, and to adult couples.

☛ REV. W. A. ROCK, pastor of First Methodist Church, Draper, taught the mission study course, *One World—One Mission*, at the Pelham Methodist Church Monday evening, Nov. 28. Ladies of the WSCS of the Draper church attended the course also.

☛ THE HIGHLAND METHODIST CHURCH, Hickory, broke ground for its new church Sunday afternoon, November 27. Rev. C. W. Russell, of Calvary Church, High Point, a former pastor at Highland, brought the message at the morning service. Highland has been planning and working for its new church for some time. The Rev. R. J. Barnwell is pastor.

☛ CHAPLAIN (LIEUT. COL.) Sidney R. Crumton, of the United States Army Corps, Atlanta, Ga., was guest preacher at First Methodist Church, Cherryville, Sunday evening, November 20. He is a member of the South Carolina Conference, and received his training at Wafford College and Duke Divinity School. He has seen service in the United States, Europe, Japan, and Korea.

☛ REV. J. B. McLARTY, pastor of the Forest Hills Methodist Church, Concord, held a school of missions in his church November 27-29. A number of people participated and it was a very fine success.

☛ REV. AND MRS. ED OSTEEN announce the birth of a son, Edward Powell, Jr., on Saturday, November 5, 1960. They have a daughter, Elaine. Rev. Mr. Osteen is pastor of the Rocky Point Methodist Charge, Wilmington District.

☛ FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Charlotte, held a Family Night Dinner Wednesday evening, December 7. Bishop J. Waskam Pickett, retired, was the guest speaker. Bishop Pickett is well known as a missionary bishop to India.

☛ THE NEW METHODIST *Discipline*, revised every four years, is now available. It contains much information, as well as giving the laws and rules by which the church is to operate. See your pastor, or order it from the Methodist Publishing House, Richmond, Va. Price \$1.75.

☛ THE REV. MARSHALL PRIGDEN was the speaker at the chapel program of the North Carolina Wesleyan College, Tuesday, November 22. His subject was "Giving Thanks." The Rev. Mr. Prigden is pastor at Swelton Heights Baptist Church in Rocky Mount and he is also a student at Wesleyan College.

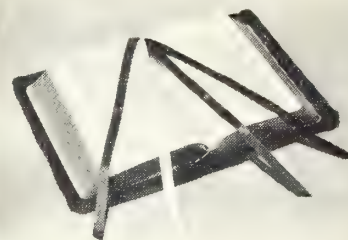
☛ MR. PHILIP J. WEAVER, superintendent of Greensboro City Schools, spoke at the morning service at West Market Street Methodist Church Sunday, November 27. Mr. Weaver has just returned from Russia as a member of the delegation of 22 prominent American educators representing the National Education Association.

☛ THE EDITOR preached on the Kenansville charge at Kenansville and Magnolia, on Sunday, Nov. 27. Rev. Tom House is in good favor with his people, and is well-pleased with the progress the charge is making. It was a delight to have the noon-day meal at the parsonage with Mr. and Mrs. House and their daughter, who is a student nurse at Rex Hospital in Raleigh, but was home for the week-end. This fine couple also has a daughter in Greensboro College and a son at Pfeiffer College.

☛ MR. ROCKEFELLOW VENTERS, principal of Long Creek High School, was elected president of the Rocky Point Methodist Men's Club at the November meeting, held November 26th at Jordan's Chapel Methodist Church. The club celebrated its first birthday as a chartered club in October, operating as a Charge-wide organization. The churches represented are Jordan's Chapel, Herring's Chapel and Rocky Point Methodist Churches. Mr. Hugh Overstreet of Jordan's was elected vice-president and Mr. J. W. Wright of Rocky Point, secretary-treasurer. Retiring president was Mr. George Sherman of Herring's Chapel.

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# EDITORIALS

## THEME FOR THE WEEK

*"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he hath visited and redeemed his people. And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us, in the house of his servant David."*—Luke 1:68, 69.

## "The Book For Everyone"

Sunday, December 11, the third Sunday in Advent, is designated as Universal Bible Sunday. For many years this day has been sponsored by the American Bible Society as Bible Sunday. It had its beginning when a Marine on Guadalcanal asked his family to join with him in reading certain verses from the Bible each day. It has now become world-wide and the theme this year is stated in the above title. The Bible has long been the "best seller" among all books. It has been published in 1,151 languages as of the end of 1959. It is a source of light that cannot be dimmed. The psalmist declared "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." It leaps across the barriers of the nations and disregards the frontiers of peoples; it is at home in every land and language. Its message is timeless. Although it was written in the long ago, its message is as timely today as when it first appeared. It deals with eternal values. Here may be found strength for the days in which we live. There is encouragement in time of sorrow; joy in time of pleasures; strength in time of weakness; challenge in time of fear; and direction in time of indecision. Here within reach of every individual are the sacred writings, referred to in various ways, as The Bible, the Book of Life, The Sacred Page, The word of God. The important thing is not what we call it, but how we use it. Its truths bear upon the problems, the experiences, and the beliefs of all persons in all circumstances. This encouragement is phrased in the immortal words of the Master when he said, "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me." For a sound intellectual life there is no book in all the world that can compare with it. No man can be truly educated who is ignorant of it. One American college president has declared, "The Bible is the most important document in the world's history. No man can be wholly uneducated who knows the Bible, nor can anyone be considered a truly educated man who is ignorant of it. A knowledge of the Bible without a college education is better than a college education without a knowledge of the

Bible." The late Professor Wm. Lyon Phelps has been quoted as saying: "To any youth eager to learn to write well, I would say three words: Read the Bible. This Book is the best written book in the English language. It is greater than any philosophy or novel, because it contains in its own pages the greatest short stories, the greatest essays, the greatest philosophy, and the greatest beauty of thought. It is greater than all the other books in the world combined. It has no rival." The period between Thanksgiving and Christmas has been designated as the time for world-wide Bible reading. This should be done with a definite purpose rather than in a slipshod or haphazard way. The first aim is to secure knowledge; the second is to develop moral character and spiritual life; the third aim is with a view to becoming qualified to render service. Paul urged Timothy to "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." If there has been neglect in Bible reading and study, this would be an excellent time to begin a habit that will contribute a great deal in the way of information, inspiration, and satisfaction to our daily living. We should remember that Jesus turned the tempter back by quoting Scripture, and so can we. When Joshua succeeded Moses as leader of the Israelites on their march toward the land of Promise, in the very beginning he emphasized the importance of knowing the scriptures. "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

## A Continuing Thanksgiving

Americans have no more beautiful or meaningful observance than the Thanksgiving custom, established many years ago. This day is designated by the President of the United States, and by governors in many states as a day when people are asked to cease from their regular tasks, assemble in their various churches, and engage in worship as an expression of gratitude for the many blessings that have crowned their lives and their homes during the past year. It is a time when people can look in retrospect as they muse upon the goodness of God. To count one's blessings one by one would be impossible. The psalmist suggested that we

should "In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." While the day itself has passed, we are still in the thanksgiving season. According to information that we have gleaned from church bulletins and newspapers many communities, in fact practically every community in the state, observed the day. Its spiritual impress should be reflected in the conduct we engage in during the days ahead. The real Thanksgiving is not confined to one day, but is a continuing spirit throughout the year.

## Do It Right Now!

Our ADVOCATE campaign has progressed nicely. We haven't said much about it, but our interested ministers and laymen have become concerned and are sending in nice lists of subscribers. We are grateful for this. Our appeal now is that everyone give special emphasis between now and Christmas. Don't wait, but do it right now. The ADVOCATE that go into the homes of the people will make better Christians and better churches. We are not asking a favor—we are endeavoring to render a service—to the preachers, the people, and the churches. One new church is sending 15 ADVOCATES to its people. It realizes the necessity of having an informed membership. Suppose each charge in these two conferences would just decide that next Sunday we are going to get 10 new subscriptions to the ADVOCATE. That would give us 11,500 new subscriptions. Added to the number we have, it would give us a good subscription list. And there is perhaps not a charge but what could reach that small goal. Right now is the time, brethren. Don't fail us. We are counting on you. Do it today! We are looking for YOUR list.

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## Charles B. Peeler Died At Duke Hospital Nov. 20

Charles B. Peeler, a distinguished Florida Methodist layman, died November 20 at Duke University Hospital, Durham, at the age of 86. He was buried in Jacksonville, Fla., November 23.

A native of Gainesville, Fla., and a longtime resident of Jacksonville, Mr. Peeler was an attorney by profession and a lay preacher by avocation.

He was instrumental in organizing several Methodist churches in Jacksonville and one of them, Peeler Memorial, bears his name. He also gave the Peeler Memorial office and youth building of Jacksonville's First Methodist Church, and established scholarships at Florida Southern College, Lakeland, and Jacksonville University.

He was a district lay leader and secretary of the Florida Conference Board of Lay Activities for 13 years, and a delegate to the historic uniting conference of the Methodist Church in Kansas City in 1939.



## Trinity, Thomasville, Plans \$350,000 Building

An architect's plans for a \$350,000 church have been approved by the building committee of the Trinity Methodist Church, Thomasville.

According to the pastor, the Rev. Avery Ferguson, the building will be constructed in two phases on the church's seven-acre tract at the corner of Welborn Street and Liberty Drive.

The first portion will include the educational facilities and a chapel. The second phase of the building will be the main sanctuary and pastor's study.

Mr. Ferguson said present plans call for construction to begin sometime in the spring. He estimated that the first phase of the building would be built at a cost of a little over \$100,000. The 182 members present on November 20 added \$1,100 to the building fund. The second phase will be constructed when sufficient funds are on hand and the congregation has outgrown the chapel of the proposed structure.

The building has been planned to accommodate 500 people. The church presently has 250 members.

According to the plans, a playground and recreation area will be at the rear of the building. A picnic area will be in the southeast corner of the property.

The \$12,600 site for the new building was purchased by the church January 9, 1959 and the mortgage on the property was burned last May. Also in May, the church paid off the mortgage on the parsonage, valued at \$24,600, including furnishings.

The new building was designed by a former resident of Thomasville, Adrian P. Stout, who now has an office in Greensboro. The Rev. Mr. Ferguson said the building was designed with the modern school building in mind, and that the two modern structures will complement one another.

The Rev. Mr. Ferguson said that the property now occupied by the church will be put up for sale soon.

## Observation-Laboratory At Belmont Park, Charlotte

Belmont Park Methodist Church, Charlotte, conducted an Observation-Laboratory School November 18-20 for workers and teachers of junior departments. Miss Louise Robinson, director of Children's Work for the Western North Carolina Conference, was the instructor. Eleven teachers and workers enrolled and received credit cards. There were 12 boys and girls enrolled. The course began Friday, November 18, at 7:30, and ran through Sunday, November 20 at 3:00 p.m. The school was under the direction of David L. Myers, director of Christian Education at Belmont Park Church.

## CORRECTION

We regret that error occurred in the date of the Rocky Mount District Conference. The correct date is January 22, 2:00 to 5:30 p.m. It is to be held at Weldon Methodist Church. We are glad to make this correction.



## An Abandoned Church Is Re-Activated

The above picture is an evidence of how a church which has been abandoned can be revived if there is someone who is vitally interested. We are indebted to the Rev. Garland R. Stafford, superintendent of the North Wilkesboro District, and the Rev. J. S. Hiatt, chaplain of the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital at Elkin, both of whom sent us the information.

Antioch Methodist Church is located on Highway 21, about three-fourths of a mile north of Roaring Gap. It had its beginning in 1848, and after more than a hundred years, it faltered a few years ago and was closed for a five-year period. However, Mr. F. J. (Buck) Rogers, who works with the Chatham Manufacturing Co., at Elkin, became concerned and went into the community and visited on Saturdays and Sundays for three weeks, and interested the people in reopening the church. On the opening day there were sixty people present, and the work has thrived. Much physical improvement on the grounds and the building has been made, including a paint job and the installation of a furnace, as well as leveling the lot and sowing grass. Mr. Rogers is referred to as one of the finest workers to be found, because he knows the Lord and knows how to get hold of people for the Lord. His family shares his enthusiasm and devotion. He is now working on reopening his third church, the first being Traphill, then Antioch, and now he is working on Walnut Branch in Alleghany County, north of Stratford. He loves people and they know it.

The Stone Mountain Saddle Club, with more than 25 members, became interested in the church, and made their way, jogging along down route 21 until they reached the church, guided their steed between parked automobiles, tied them to the tether prepared for them, sallied forth into the church, and heard Mr. Rogers sermonizing on Thanksgiving. These people can be thankful for many things, including the fact that somebody was interested enough to work when off his regular job to reopen the church in the community. This church

## Bible Lands Tour Combined With Oslo Conference in 1961

A Bible Lands tour especially for ministers and church people is being combined with a visit to the Methodist Ecumenical Conference in Oslo, Norway, next August. Dr. Paul Worley, professor in the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., is arranging this trip for interested churchmen in the summer of 1961.

The itinerary calls for a New York departure on July 17, 1961 and provides for a seminar-type program designed especially for the interests of Protestant churchmen and women of the Southeast and Southwest. Much of the time will be spent along the Jordan, Nile and Tiber Rivers amid the excavations of ancient cities and tombs in the Bible Lands. The return trip through Europe features attendance at the Methodist Ecumenical Conference in Oslo or an alternate tour of the Scandinavian countries with a visit to the conference. Included are visits to Rome, Naples, Pompeii, Cairo, Athens, Beirut, Baalbek, Damascus, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Haifa, Tel Aviv, Lucerne, Weisbaden, Bonn, Copenhagen, Oslo, Stockholm, London, Stratford-on-Avon before returning home in late August.

For many people with a limited vacation period, this is an opportunity to combine a trip to the ancient Bible Lands and the Near East with a new insight into the complexities of our times in the company of a congenial group of modern crusaders. Laymen who may be interested in such an experience or in encouraging their minister to invest his vacation time in such an educational venture, may write Dr. Worley at Emory University for further information.

and the others on which this good man has spent much time and effort stand as monuments to a faith that will not give up because there may be some obstacles.



## W. N. C. Conference Holds Planning Session

The planning session for the Western North Carolina Annual Conference, called by Bishop Nolan B. Harmon to meet in First Methodist Church, Charlotte, for December 1 and 2, began at 10:00 a.m. Thursday with the devotion being conducted by the bishop. The two days and one night were filled from beginning to end with an interesting session which reviewed the whole program of the church, not only for the present conference year, but for the quadrennium. The program of missions, church extension, lay activities, minimum salary, town and country work, ministerial training, woman's work, Christian vocations, hospitals and homes, pensions, deaconess work, Christian social concerns, education, including Christian higher education, and interconference student work, world service and finance, television, radio and film commission, evangelism, and publishing interests, all came in for their due consideration. Space forbids that we undertake a detailed report, but we are happy to give an evaluation of the total impact of this far-reaching planning conference upon all those present. Chairmen of the various boards, and those vitally connected presented the work of their boards and set forth the needs if an effective witness is to be realized through their work. Those from outside the conference included Dr. H. L. Johns, director of church extension, National Board of Missions, who spoke on that subject on Friday, challenging the conference to increase its activity in creating new congregations and strengthening the younger organizations. The Rev. Rolin Gibbs, who is connected with the Board of Missions of the conference, and who spends a great deal of his time in directing financial campaigns for building or expansion, told of one church that undertook to raise \$10,000, and succeeded in raising \$25,000. In a larger program in a much larger church, a goal of \$250,000 was set, and the final count gave them \$260,000. Mr. Gibbs said he was convinced that any church can do anything that ought to be done, if it will adopt and follow the principle of tithing. Mr. Herbert Wayne, speaking for the Commission on World Service and Finance, stated the conference had accepted a budget of some \$2,500,000, which is 20 percent increase; that payments on the year's apportionment show an increase over last year for the same period dollar-wise, but percentage-wise payments are a little behind this time last year. Dr. Fletcher Nelson, director of the Christian Higher Education program, stated of the \$3,000,000 pledge for this cause, more than \$1,000,000 has been paid. He urged that these payments be kept up to date in order to relieve the participating institutions from having to borrow money for building purposes. In presenting the program of evangelism Dr. E. H. Blackard stated that in his opinion there are three essentials if there is to be a successful evangelistic program: (1) We must believe in the power of the gospel to change men; (2) We must make a complete commitment of self to the task; (3) We must use the most modern methods of evangelism. Two of the highest moments in the conference were experi-

enced when Dr. Earl Hunt, president of Emory and Henry College, and a member of the Holston Conference, spoke to the group on the subject, "To Serve the Present Age." He emphasized the fact that "Light Disperses Darkness," "Light Reveals Shabby Crevices and Flaws," "Light Brings Hope and Cheer." Dr. Hunt declared that we who are Christians are the only really optimistic, hopeful people on the face of the earth. We do not read in our Bible that the earth is to be destroyed by the atom bomb, the hydrogen bomb, or the cobalt bomb; but we read that the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and his Christ. If we in the Christian church lose our capacity to have compassion, we shall forfeit our right to be called Christians. The conference followed the general theme of the church for the new quadrennium that "Jesus Christ Is Lord." Bishop Harmon seemed to summarize the spirit of the meeting when, just before adjournment, he stated that we have all become aware of the fact that there is a job to be done. The group gathered around the altar in the sanctuary where Bishop Harmon and Dr. Walter J. Miller, superintendent of the Charlotte District, administered the Holy Communion. The ministers and others present left quietly, feeling they were greatly enriched by the experience of sharing and planning together these two days. Ladies of First Church served the noon-day meals, and also served coffee and donuts during the fellowship period.



### 'Our Best Hope'

Support of the Methodist Church for the United Nations, which even preceded the UN's formation 15 years ago, continued October 23 in widespread observance of World Order Sunday.

Participation in the interdenominational observance included local church study of the UN in its efforts for world peace and continued local emphasis on refugee aid.

A Methodist members' opinion sampling conducted last year indicated more than 80 per cent favor the position the "UN deserves support as our best political hope for peace."

The church's activity for World Order Sunday is guided by the Division of Peace and World Order of the new Board of Christian Social Concerns.

### One Great Day of Witnessing

ONE GREAT DAY OF WITNESSING was held by members of West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro, last Sunday. Teams met for breakfast in the Fellowship Hall, received instructions, and visited during the morning. At 12:00 o'clock they met back at the church for lunch and exchanged experiences with other teams who visited in the afternoon. These returned at 6:00 o'clock for supper and a sharing session with other teams who visited during the evening hours. This is a part of the church's program of evangelism.

## Duke Endowment Funds Are Allocated

The Duke Endowment has voted \$3½ million in special appropriations for the endowment's educational beneficiaries in the Carolinas. Most of the money was not pinpointed, but Furman, Davidson and Johnson C. Smith University will receive grants.

The Endowment trustees, holding a regular meeting in Greenville, S. C., said the special appropriations were in addition to the regular Endowment grants allocated to the schools for 1960 and brings the total to more than \$7½ million.

Of the special funds, \$2,600,000 is earmarked for "educational purposes" and is to be appropriated "in accordance with the recommendations of the Endowment's Committee on Educational Institutions." This new committee is headed by Benjamin F. Few. Its purpose is to work with Endowment-supported educational institutions.

The trustees said that \$250,000 was allocated to Furman University, half of it immediately and half for a later appropriation in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee on Educational Institutions.

Davidson College also received \$250,000 under the same terms as the Furman grant.

Johnson C. Smith University at Charlotte, received \$125,000—\$65,000 of it to be received immediately and \$60,000 for later appropriation in accordance with the recommendations of the Few Committee.

The trustees said of Duke University, the fourth school named in the Endowment, "No special provisions have been made at this time since several important projects for the university are now being considered by Duke University president, J. Deryl Hart, and the Educational Committee chairman, Mr. Few. The extent of any special allocations to Duke—which would come out of the \$2.6 million Educational Purposes Fund—must, of necessity, be determined by their recommendations."

### "Christmas Conference" To Be Held December 27-30

Nashville, Tenn.—The Methodist General Board of Evangelism will sponsor a "Christmas Conference" for young Methodist ministers and their wives December 27-30 at Aldersgate Methodist Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

Theme of the meeting will be "Making Commitment Count."

Leaders will include Methodist Bishop and Mrs. T. Otto Nall, Minneapolis; the Rev. Dr. J. Manning Potts, Nashville, editor of *The Upper Room*; and the Rev. Emerson Colaw, pastor of First Methodist Church, Elmhurst, Ill.

An attendance of about 100 is expected, said the Rev. Leslie J. Ross, Nashville, director of the conference and director of the General Board of Evangelism's Department of Evangelistic Movements.

Similar conferences have been held the last seven years. They commemorate the historic Baltimore "Christmas Conference" of 1784, when the Methodist Church in America was formally organized by 63 young preachers.



## "Star of Bethlehem" At Morehead Planetarium

"Star of Bethlehem," the largest single Planetarium Christmas production in the world, is now being presented at the Morehead Planetarium in Chapel Hill. It will run through January 2, 1961.

This year's version is the traditional one acclaimed by clergymen and laymen. So unique and inspiring is the spectacle that patrons who repeatedly attend it year after year voiced objections when some changes were attempted in it in 1957. Thus, the original and traditional version was restored in 1958 and is again being offered.

That version resulted from the combined efforts and talents of the University of North Carolina and Duke University faculty members. They include Dr. Urban T. Holmes of UNC, members of the UNC Communications Center, and Robert L. Blake and Dr. William Stinespring of tarium staff, headed by Anthony F. Jen-Duke, plus the regular Morehead Plane-zano.

In this version, religion, science and history are combined to attempt to answer the eternal question the "Star" poses and for an awakening of the appreciation and meaning of Christmas.

The program is divided into two parts. The first portion is devoted to the appearance of the heavens almost twenty centuries ago and deals particularly with the astronomical events known to have occurred about the time of the birth of Jesus.

Thirteen public performances are scheduled each week. Evening shows begin at 8:30 o'clock and matinees are given Saturdays at 11 a.m., 3 and 4 p.m. The Sun-

The schedule will be interrupted only day matinees are at 2, 3 and 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, when the Planetarium is closed for the only two days in the year.

Programs for school children with reservations will be given daily at 11 a.m., 1 and 4 p.m. After the children are seated, the public will be admitted. At other times special programs will be given for large groups of religious, industrial or civic organizations upon application.

## High Point College To Hold Panel Discussions

High Point College, through the efforts of the Library Committee, inaugurated the first in a series of forums or panel discussions to stimulate interest in current problems faced by the college and community on Wednesday evening, November 30.

The first of these discussion groups took as its topic "Morality in the Arts," and met in the Student Center on the campus of High Point College. Composing this inaugural group were Dr. William Locke as moderator, Dr. Walt Hudgins and Dr. William Sowder as members of the faculty, Emma Lou Noell and Mike Carrington as students, and Mrs. Lew Lewis and Mr. Gilbert Gray as townspeople.

Faculty members working with the Library Committee on this project are Dr. Bryden, Mr. Porter, Mr. Burhans, and Dr. LeVey. Students serving on the committee are Brooks Garnett, Vance Davis, Dale Brown, and Pat Peele.

## New Hope, Goldsboro, Starts Building



New Hope Methodist Church of Goldsboro is only four years old, but it now has 90 members and 165 church school members. On November 13 ground was broken for the first unit of its building program, a \$65,000 educational building. The building is now under construction with Ben R. Boyette, Sr., as the contractor, and the plans were drawn by Billy Griffin, an architect of Goldsboro. The church has been meeting in the metal building furnished by the Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension, and hopes to be in its

new building by Easter of 1961. With a loan from the General Board of Philadelphia and assistance from the Duke Endowment the church hopes to complete its building without delay and be better prepared to serve the growing community in which it is located. There are 52 prospective members for the immediate future. The Rev. C. R. Hollowell is pastor of the new congregation. Although the church is new, it is evincing an optimistic attitude, proving its overall interest in Methodism. They are sending 15 new subscriptions to the North Carolina CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

## Good Tidings to All People

By RICHARD BRAUNSTEIN

A layman said to his minister, "It should not be difficult to prepare a Christmas message." It is not difficult up to a certain point. The saturation point is reached after the usual props are assembled and placed in their orderly sequence. They have stood the test of time and will never be outmoded.

We start well when we present the trimmed evergreen tree, the Yule Log, the hung stockings. With here and there a sprig of mistletoe and a cluster of holly. This writer bogs down when he is confronted by the genial gentleman with the white whiskers and the jolly "Ho-Ho." He is known as Santa Claus. He is not so well known as St. Nicholas the patron saint of children and sailors. Stripped of his motely he is discovered as the Bishop of Myra Italy, three centuries after the birth of Christ. It is consoling to learn that several books have been written about him recently. Let us tell our children the real story. And if it makes any difference he was a thin man, far removed from the burlesque usually pretended.

There are many traditions and customs that have clustered around the Christmas story. Like rivers that have taken on the coloration of the terrain through which they flow, this story, in many instances, lost the

simplicity and beauty of its first inception. They entertain but do not enlighten. The Christmas Story—the real story—is commentary on the words "Good tidings to all people." The tidings are of peace and brotherhood, of fellowship and the promise of a better world. "For to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." These are the tidings. This is Christmas.

The tidings are for an age of tensions, heart attacks, high blood pressure, and stomach ulcers. It is an age of nuclear energy, electronic living, and a battle for arms supremacy. It is a time of not so good television, not any better cinema and bawdy literature. It is a time of speed. We scan the headlines, skim the editorials, read Digests. The story is told of a congregation that sang for a closing hymn, "Take Time To Be Holy" and before the benediction had faded there was a hasty search for the nearest exits. This may be a fable but like one of Esop's it points a moral. We may well paraphrase "O Day of Rest and Gladness" and make it read "O Day of Jest and Madness." No, it is not easy to prepare a Christmas message. It can be done because the material is there. *But it is not easy.*

When we raise our voices and hearts and sing "O Little Town of Bethlehem,



How Still We See Thee Lie," the question comes, "Does Bethlehem lie still?" As still as when Angels sang, shepherds pondered, wise men traveled? Can it lie very still in a world gone mad? Can any town, city, lie still? We pray that "the hopes and fears of all the years" shall push down the walls of our sanctuaries and take the highways and byways. But with all the confidence we can muster, we again name our committees. We shall make plans for the carols and the pieces. We shall hope that the prices of oranges and candy will meet the demands of the budget. We shall drape our festoons and garlands. Perhaps someone will say, "Christmas comes but once a year." Perhaps some of us will be glad to hear this. In the meantime, "We Have a Story to Tell to the Nations." Let us not be disturbed by the mechanics of a program. The real thing is the gladness that touches the hearts of little children, the hope that makes elders' faces to shine. We are again focusing the Light. "The Light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it."

Christmas is more than an intermittent stream. It is a river in full flood, with healing in its waters. The Kingdom of God is coming, slowly, not by gunpowder but by persuasion, not by dynamite but by wooing. It is what is being done behind the front page of the daily press. What we see in our newspapers is not all news. The Gospel is the news. "Old news, new news, good news," as Alfred Tennyson characterized it. The slogan, "Put Christ back in Christmas" is a misnomer. When was He ever out of Christmas? If so, who and what took Him out?

At the moment this is written there are countless men and women making operative and reproductive in their lives, what we call the *incarnation*. The Word was made Flesh. Christ came. He comes. Our horizon would be barren without a church spire here and there. Without a building called a hospital or a structure called a library. Or a home for orphaned children, or a sanctuary for indigent people. Or whatever you might name that lifts us out of the mud into the stars. These are the glad tidings. This is Christmas.

How cogently and with what beauty of

rhetoric, for words too have their ministry, does the late Bishop Fraser McDowell phrase the incarnation: "Would it seem strange to you that a strong man would put himself into the very life of weak men to help them, should they take their very weakness upon himself, to save them from their weakness? Would it seem strange to you that a learned man should go with his truth and learning into the very lives of people ignorant and in bondage, should take the very limitations of their lives upon him, to set them free? Would it seem strange to you that a good man, a holy man, should take his goodness into the heart of evil, should take men's evil upon himself that he might destroy it and deliver them from it? Would it seem strange to you that a rich man should go with his wealth into the midst of poverty, should become poor that others should be rich, that one holding health in his hands should go into any kind of plague, even at the risk of his own life that he might heal the sick and banish disease?" (Yale Lectures 1917).

When we scan our shelves burdened with noble biography, when we read the statistics of the denominations, when we read of new churches planned by prayers and dollars, when we learn that many care and care enough to do something, our inspiration grows weary and we join the author of the *Book of Hebrews* who queries, "For what more shall I say?" as he recounts the names of the valiant and recites the deeds of the faithful. Whatever our theory of Apostolic Succession here is an Apostolic Procession in which all may join. We think of all and sundry around whom our love builds an arch of Triumph as they pass on their way to immortality. They are saying, "Do not mourn that we have died; rejoice that we have lived."

It is the proud boast of our cousins across the sea, "There shall always be an England." Our claim is "There shall always be Christmas." It is the nature of the "good tidings of great joy to all people" to be an eternal fixation. Among the many voices now clamorous, we hear Isaiah as he predicts, "The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of our God shall stand forever."

Isabel Doub Coltrane, made the role more easy for him and supported him like a true helpmate and brilliant teacher. They completed each other with rare agreement and congenial teaching. Their home was a place of happiness and peace based on culture rather than wealth.

If Dr. Coltrane had a fault it must have been his excessive zeal for Brevard College during the 16 years he laid himself out for the Cause. At times there were those who thought, as I remember the lean hard years, his zeal was not according to far-sighted knowledge, but none could feel his spirit and doubt his dedication. He carried a torch for Christian education and especially for the junior college. In going through old letter files covering those years I find many letters from my departed friend. Those letters might be personal, sending thanks for small donations and favors to Brevard or appreciation for larger gifts such as \$500.

from our Hendersonville church, and some were communications of pure friendship. He was a member of the Friends Meeting House and he was indeed a friend to all, especially to youth seeking the higher life. However, it seemed that as a "Quaker" he lacked serenity and rest. I think the Spirit moved him mightily and constantly, reserving his rest for that city whose battlements and turrets beckoned from the other world. For there remaineth a rest rest for those who lead in difficult days and fill their lives with service.

Here, I record my lament and speak in where a school was abandoned or died without the great loss of Methodist hegemony and influence and the advantage was not taken by the Baptist or some other church. We forgot that "Mark Hopkins (or Gene Coltrane) on the end of a log and a student on the other" constituted a college and that great endowments and grandiose bigness are not always essential. In a fast moving age in which many men have no memorial, I shall not pass by Brevard or Davenport or Rutherford without uncovering in respect to those who tried with sacrificial courage to hold the line for better, if not higher education. My lament is not jealousy over Baptist success—God forbid and power to them (the more Baptists we have, the harder it will be for the Noble Roman in the Vatican to take America in tow).

To you, Dr. Gene and Lady Isabel, I bring this my tribute of praise. May your tribe and type increase until knowledge shall prevail in the earth like the waters cover the sea. You stood twin pillars under the portico of a small college in earthquake times.

—L. B. HAYES

Franklin, N. C.

## Fairmont To Celebrate Its 100th Anniversary

Fairmont Methodist Church, of the Olin Circuit, Statesville District, will celebrate its 100th anniversary at the 11:00 o'clock service Sunday morning, December 11. Bishop Nolan B. Harmon will bring the message. In the afternoon Dr. J. E. Carroll, district superintendent, and Dr. J. S. Hiatt, chaplain of Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital at Elkin, will have charge of the service. All former pastors, members and friends, along with the public, are invited to be present. Lunch will be served at 12:30 by the host church, which is located 10 miles north of Statesville, just off Highway 21. Rev. R. A. Setzer is pastor.

## Correction in Report

In a report sent the *ADVOCATE* concerning the meeting of the Board of Evangelism of the North Carolina Conference held in Goldsboro recently, it was stated that Rev. Kern Ormond was elected dean of the Pastors' Conference to be held at Louisburg College next year. What the secretary meant to say was that the Board of Evangelism recommended that the Board of Managers of the Pastors' Conference consider Mr. Ormond for the position of assistant dean of the conference. It is understood, of course, that the Board of Managers elects the officers. The *ADVOCATE* printed the article as furnished, and is now glad to make this correction.

# Men Who Stood in the Gap

While most of our colleges are now making progress under the impetus of more money and plenty of students, it is proper and just to recall those of other days who held the line against great odds of both paucity of money and scarcity of students.

Among that gallant group of educators the name of Eugene Coltrane must be added to the list. Contemporary with his heroic labors at Brevard was the equally devoted service of W. A. Jenkins at Davenport—a school that deserved to live, E. P. Billups at Rutherford and Trowbridge at Weaverville. They labored and other men have entered into their labors, building on their foundations with greater success. Since Gene Coltrane has so recently been promoted to God's Graduate School which we call heaven, I am prompted to say that seldom, if ever, have I known a finer man or a more conscientious Christian. To be sure that elect lady, his wife,



# Look Again Into the Mirror!

By F. OLIN STOCKWELL  
*Missionary in Singapore, Malaya*

Some commentator on women's styles remarked that many middle-aged women would never wear slacks if they ever looked into a mirror that provided a view of their rear profile. That may be said, not only of slacks worn by women, but also of American attitudes on many things. We love to preen ourselves before our mirrors, making our front side as attractive as possible. Seldom do we look at the rear profile.

Yet this is what the rest of the world also sees. They see us from both sides, and cannot understand why we do not use a mirror that would show that our dress does not fit in the back, our slip is showing, our hose awry, and that the view from the rear is altogether dowdy. It is this dichotomy between front and back that is distressing. Our failure to be aware of it is tragic, for this blindness corrupts our attitudes and belies our integrity.

During past months of speaking, I have often been asked, "Should we recognize communist China? Should we change our policy?" I have replied that the primary problem is not that of policy, but of attitude. When we shout that the communists' hands are "bloody with crime," and that they must publicly repent, we ignore the fact that it was the United States that needlessly dropped the first atomic bomb and incinerated tens of thousands of innocent people, a deed for which officially we have expressed no real regret.

We insist that we can have no dealing with China until the Peking government abjures the use of force to settle the China coast problems, at the same time that we, acting unilaterally, patrol the China waters, carrying out our decisions by that very force that we ask Peking to forego. We became involved in the civil war in China, as no other nation did, and after the complete defeat of "our side" ten years ago, continue to help defend the two small coastal islands as points of aggression against the mainland. We entered the Korean war on the side of freedom and justice, declaring that we would not permit the communists in the north to "unite Korea by force." But when we reached the 38th Parallel in the flush of temporary victory, we drove on north toward the Yalu River, determined to unite Korea by force under our banner, a thing we had told the communists they could not do under theirs.

So we could go on. Our slip is showing, and we refuse to take a second look into the mirror. We assume that we are all right. We have no reason to repent. We act unilaterally when it suits our interest, and then join the UN in preventing other and smaller nations—Holland in Indonesia, and Belgium in the Congo — from doing likewise when it suits theirs. Toward stronger nations, as France in Algeria, and Russia and Eastern Europe, we can say little and do less. For they are doing in their "sphere of influence" what we are doing in ours.

We will not look into the mirror. We prefer to shout slogans, to simplify our

problems by calling names, and to load all of the blame on particular men, Khrushchev, and Mao Tze-tung. It is so much easier to denounce Castro as a communist than to ask why American business interests with millions invested in Cuba—sugar plantations, oil refineries, cattle ranches, and luxury hotels—contributed so little economic and educational benefit to the Cuban people themselves. Have we had there a nineteenth-century capitalism that grabbed its profits, remarking, "The public be damned?" I do not know, but revolutions, whether in China or in Cuba, are not the creation of any one man. They are the explosion of people who have suffered too long. The leader simply lights the match to an accumulation of natural gas that has been building up for years.

We cannot get very far in changing policy until we begin to change our attitudes. As long as in pride and self-satisfied affluence, we refuse to look into a mirror that shows us our faults, we will continue to assume that others must repent, but we certainly do not need to. We will continue to insist that we have the moral obligation to tell the rest of the world what is right and to refuse to cooperate on any terms except our own. We shall continue to soft-pedal the Christian obligation to forgive and to love, assuming these have no relevance to international situations. And we will continue to omit from our church service, as most of us do today, any prayer of penitence. We are too comfortable to repent. We refuse to look into a mirror that shows us our back side.

To change the metaphor a bit, we need to realize that we are traveling at great speed down a heavily trafficked highway. It is a rainy night and the road is slippery. Our high-powered sedan has only its dim lights on. We cannot see very far ahead. Our rear-view mirror is askew and we cannot see what is behind. But with jaws set and eyes fixed on the road, we push down the accelerator. We know the rules; we made them. We are on our side of the road, the right side. But if we have a head-on collision with some silly fool who thought he could drive on the left side, it will make little difference who was "right" and who was "left." We shall all be dead together.

## In Memoriam

DAVIS.—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Harlowe Church wish to pay tribute to one of our loyal and devoted members, Mrs. Emma Davis, who passed away August 24, 1960. She will be greatly missed in the Society, church, home and community. To know her was to love her and our society has lost one of its most esteemed members. The influence of her Christian life will be felt through the years. In humble submission be it resolved:

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, one to the CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, and a copy filed in our records.

—W.S.C.S.—Harlowe Methodist Church

## North Wilkesboro District Conference at West Jefferson

The North Wilkesboro District Conference convened Tuesday morning, Nov. 29, at 9:30 at the West Jefferson Methodist Church. Rev. Garland R. Stafford, now in his sixth year as district superintendent, called the conference to order and presided in his usual efficient manner throughout the day. After words of greeting and welcome, the conference got down to business by organizing, making necessary announcements, and recognitions. Every phase of the church program was represented. Rev. Fletcher Nelson spoke briefly on the Christian Higher Education program; Rev. Mr. Petersen represented High Point College, and Rev. R. L. Wilkinson represented the program of evangelism. The Elk Shoal Methodist Camp to be developed was represented by Rev. Roy E. Bell and Mr. G. W. Edwards, president of camp Board of Managers. A number of the pastors told briefly of what was happening in their churches which represented real progress. Rev. W. Q. Grigg spoke of the Golden Cross work and asked full support for it. Rev. Joe S. Hiatt represented the work of the Children's Home and, as usual, spiced it up a little with some humorous stories. Rev. A. G. Lackey spoke on church extension. At the worship hour, the Rev. Cato Dick, pastor of the Abingdon, Virginia, church, gave a most interesting and inspiring message dealing with his conversion, and how he came to enter the Methodist ministry. Mr. Dick was born in Norway. The committee on ministerial qualifications was represented by Rev. Joe Brendall, who also represented the committee on Hospital and Homes. Rev. Preston Hughes gave a brief report on Christian vocations, and Rev. George B. Culbieth gave the report on publishing interests. The editor of the North Carolina CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE was introduced and spoke for the conference organ. The Town and Country Work and the Methodist Rural Fellowship was represented by Rev. R. C. Summey and Rev. J. H. Christy. Mr. Fred Hobson of Yadkinville, district lay leader, spoke for the laymen and presented the associate lay leaders.

The ladies served a delicious noon-day meal, and it was announced that the proceeds of the meal would go toward the development of the new camping program. The spirit of the conference was fine, and the district superintendent announced that the number received on profession of faith at this time exceeded that of previous years. The work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild was well represented by Mrs. Julian Reeves and Mrs. A. B. Johnston. This was the first of the district conferences to be held for this conference year. The conference will meet next year at First Church, Elkin.

## "Roses Are Red . . ."

New York—Bishop Herbert Welch, elder statesman of Methodism, was honored here November 7th on his 98th birthday. The senior bishop of the church accepted a bouquet of 100 roses from Mrs. Ralph W. Sockman, wife of the minister of Christ Church. Ninety-eight of the roses were red. The two "to grow on" were yellow.





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Annual Conference.

The wise men came with gifts for the Christ-Child. That same Christ, in later years, cautioned his disciples to let the children come to him. Since then the church has carried as one of its major concerns the Christian nurture of its children and youth, as well as adults.

Many are the ways in which the church works to fulfill the command, "Let them

this camp was first opened for a full summer of camping in 1959.

Kerr Lake Methodist Camp, seven miles north of Henderson, consists of 140 acres of land on the Kerr Dam Reservoir. The present facilities consist of a trading post, four small camp areas, and swimming and boating facilities.

Camp Rockfish, located on 400 acres of land on Lake Upchurch, is 13 miles south-

west of Fayetteville, N. C. Master planning for this camp is in process.

The Christmas offering will help provide facilities for junior, junior high, senior and family resident camping. It will also provide meeting places for retreat groups, district, subdistrict and local church picnic groups and day camps.

The most immediate needs in camp facilities will be met through this offering.

At Camp Chestnut Ridge the offering will help retire the debt on the swimming pool and start a fund for the construction of a winterized central lodge for year 'round use and a 15-acre lake. The lodge will contain a dining room, kitchen, sleeping quarters, and meeting rooms. The lake will provide opportunity for boating, fishing, and water exploration, as well as add scenic beauty.

The Christmas offering will aid in the further development of program and facilities at Camp Don-Lee.

Further development of Kerr Lake Methodist camp will be possible through this offering. At this camp there is need for the acquisition of additional land, construction of a pavilion for picnic groups, cookout facilities, picnic tables, and a bath house.

This offering will aid development at Camp Rockfish. Here the steps in development call for the drilling of a well, installation of a pump and water lines, development of a cookout area, picnic area and swimming area on Lake Upchurch, construction of a pavilion and tables for picnic groups, a bath house, a dining hall and kitchen, and equipping the kitchen.

A set of color slides with script entitled *Camping in the North Carolina Conference* (Revised) is available for use by groups in the local church. This set of slides is designed to present the philosophy and program of our conference camps as well as to show the present facilities. It may be ordered by writing to the North Carolina Conference Board of Education, Box 667, College Station, Durham, N. C.

The Christmas offering on Sunday, Dec. 18, will be used to meet the growing opportunity for another means of Christian nurture. Every Methodist of the North Carolina Conference will want to participate in this significant movement by his contribution.

### Dr. Pedraza Heads Lydia Patterson Institute

A new president is at work as the head of a noted Methodist home missions institution for Spanish-speaking persons in the southwest, the Lydia Patterson Institute in El Paso, Texas.

The Rev. Dr. Roberto Pedraza is now directing the affairs of Lydia Patterson, which enrolls more than 750 persons in its junior high school, senior high school, ministerial training program and special English department. Born in Mexico and educated in the United States, Dr. Pedraza has had experience in politics and government as well as in the ministry. He came to the Lydia Patterson presidency from a post as director of education and promotion among Latin American churches in the Southern California - Arizona Methodist Conference.



# Out of the Heart Into the Heart

Nearly two thousand years ago a Man walked the dusty roads of the Holy Land, summoned men to follow him, and they did! He spoke words of such force and truth that men memorized them, spent their lives repeating them, and so convinced other men that they devoted their lives to passing on the message of love and forgiveness.

The moving force of His words inspired a man named Paul to travel throughout the Roman empire telling the story. Suffering from a chronic ailment, and having to earn his food and lodging, still he went to village after village with his message and nourished the interest he had aroused by letter, by return trip, by messenger.

A doctor named Luke heard this message. Wanting to know more about Jesus, he went to Jerusalem to talk to the people who had known him personally. He collected all the written accounts of Jesus' life and sayings he could find. He jotted down all the words, told and retold, memorized by those whose lives had been touched by Jesus. He lovingly weaved them all together into two books.

Not all men are capable of understanding the significance of the message and surrendering their whole lives to passing it on as Paul and Luke did, but men of extraordinary perception have been touched and challenged by it ever since.

Artists of the Renaissance such as Giotto, Angelico, Mantegna, Francesca, Raphael, Michelangelo, and Da Vinci must have pondered the significance of the Bible stories for they painted masterpieces before which men still stand wondering. Through the Middle Ages down to recent times, painters such as Van der Weyden, El Greco, John Singer Sargent, and Benjamin West have wrestled with the implications of the events surrounding the life of Jesus.

The challenges in the Bible have motivated men who understood the power of this truth—doctors, scientists, ministers, humble men who have lived sacrificial lives. The words of the Bible permeate our lives. The titles of more than 200 novels and plays written in the U. S. in the past ten years have been taken from the Bible. A study of the *New York Times* editorial page revealed 466 Biblical verses, phrases and references in 367 editorials in 262 days.

Among the men who valued the undergirding strength of this book were a group of delegates who met in New York City on May 8, 1816. Leaders of the spiritual life of their new nation, they met with the avowed purpose, "Resolved unanimously, That it is expedient to establish, without delay, a general Bible Institution for the circulation of the Holy Scriptures without note or comment." One who helped to write the constitution of this Society was the Rev. Lyman Beecher, illustrious orator and author.

From the mainstream of American history were drawn men to guide the infant steps of this organization, to be known as the American Bible Society. For its president, they chose the Hon. Elias Boudinot of Elizabethtown, New Jersey, member of

the Continental Congress, who had worked tirelessly to secure ratification of the Constitution of the United States of America.

The officers chosen represented eighteen states: New York, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, Rhode Island, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Louisiana, Georgia, Tennessee, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. The constitution of the American Bible Society was adopted and an address to the People of the United States was prepared which began thus:

"Every person of observation has remarked that the times are pregnant with great events. The political world has undergone changes stupendous, unexpected, and calculated to inspire thoughtful men with the most boding anticipations. That there are in reserve, occurrences of deep, of lasting, and of general interest, appears to be the common sentiment. Such a sentiment has not been excited without a cause, and does not exist without an object. The cause is to be sought in that Providence which adapts, with wonderful exactitude, means to ends; and the object is too plain to be mistaken by those who carry a sense of religion into their speculations upon the present and the future condition of our afflicted race. An excitement, as extraordinary as it is powerful, has roused the nations to the importance of spreading the knowledge of the one living and true God, as revealed in his Son, the Mediator between God and men, Christ Jesus."

Since its founding in 1816, the American Bible Society, itself, has issued more than 500,000,000 copies of the Bible. In 1959 alone, it issued 1,114,647 Bibles; 1,846,267 Testaments; 14,690,003 Gospels and other Portions. Some part of the Bible had been published in 1,151 languages as of the end of December 1959.

The American Bible Society cooperates with missionary translators from the earliest stages of their work and through years of experience has learned a great deal about the problems of putting an unwritten language into written form, developing an orthography and working out and perfecting a translation. Assistance is given through consultation between the missionary and one of the Society's field representatives, or by correspondence and the use of printed materials which the Society has published.

But it is not alone to the translation and publication into new languages that the Bible Society has bent its efforts. Its constant purpose has been to have the man with the Book meet the man without the Book; to encourage its use by men everywhere that they may "carry a sense of religion into their speculations upon the present and future condition of our afflicted race."

It was therefore with a sense of satisfaction that the Philadelphia office of the Bible Society in 1943 heard about a lonely Marine who was able to establish a comforting fellowship with his family by reading with them a chapter of the Bible each

day. His mother telephoned the Society's office to tell of her son's request from Guadalcanal and to ask for suggested readings. He had written, "I will feel, somehow, we are united, sort of joining invisible hands."

What a wonderful idea. Perhaps around the world each day a light of comfort, of love, of truth could be snapped on if a billion minds could share the same words, pondering them, searching out their truth. What a force for good! The Bible says, "No man can serve two masters."

The first step—a list of readings for all who would join in this fellowship. Who would distribute them? The pastors of the more than fifty denominations who support the Society with their prayers, their money, their advice.

For the past sixty years, the churches of America have put aside a Sunday—Universal Bible Sunday—to give special thought and attention to the Bible, the nucleus in the cell from which the church had grown. This has become the high point of the World-wide Bible Reading program. It begins on Thanksgiving Day, a day of remembrance of God's blessings, and ends on Christmas, the celebration of the birth of the Savior. World-wide Bible Reading, if kept, reminds people in the midst of their frenzied Christmas shopping that the holiday approaching is a religious holiday. It reveals again the wonder, the power, the faith of this wonderful Book.

Since 1943, the requests for the little reading list have grown and grown. Fourteen million copies in English will be distributed free in 1960. Last year another 7½ million families found the list of readings printed in their religious and secular publications. Some newspapers print the entire reading each day. The Associated Churches of Fort Wayne, Indiana, sponsored the printing of the reading each day. Four merchants in La Porte, Indiana, took space to have the daily reading printed throughout the World-wide Bible Reading program. Some radio stations have ministers or laymen read the selection each day. This was done at Station WFAS in Yonkers New York. Many have come forward to offer their help—a woman from a home for the aged distributed 16,000 bookmarks to libraries, motels, stores who would hand them out, and local prisons. Members of a group of clubs in Los Angeles distributed the bookmarks.

Contributions are welcomed, but the American Bible Society, as it has since the beginning of the program, distributes the bookmarks, posters, church bulletins, and sermon materials free to all who will participate in this program. The World-wide Bible Reading program is sponsored by a distinguished committee of laymen. The honorary chairman is the President of the United States who has said, in a letter to the Society, "You have written the Word upon the doorposts of the world."

The purpose of the Society still remains as it was stated in the concluding paragraph of the address to the People of the United States in 1816,

"We shall satisfy our conviction of duty—we shall have the praise of high endeavors for the highest ends—we shall minister to the blessedness of thousands, and tens of thousands, of whom we may never see



the faces, nor hear the names. We shall set forward a system of happiness which will go on with accelerated motion and augmented vigor, after we shall have finished our career; and confer upon our children, and our children's children, the delight of seeing the wilderness turned into a fruitful field, by the blessing of God upon that seed which their fathers sowed, and themselves watered. In fine, we shall do our part toward that expansion and intensity of light divine, which visit, in its progress, the palaces of the great, and the hamlets of the small, until the whole earth be full of the knowledge of Jehovah, as the waters cover the sea."

## McVey Defends Favorite American Hymns

Bill McVey, the Christian Herald singer, recently denied that "The Old Rugged Cross," America's favorite hymn, was useful only for evangelistic services and declared that any local survey of parishoners probably would support him.

He struck out at the president of the Hymn Society of America, who had said "The Old Rugged Cross" and other cherished hymns are too sentimental and subjective and have been abandoned by most major denominations. "These wonderful hymns have been abandoned officially by the denominations, but certainly not by their members," McVey said.

McVey, a nationally renowned baritone hymn singer, defended the more than 30,000 churchgoers who named "The Old Rugged Cross" as the hymn America loves best in a 50-state poll conducted by non-denominational *Christian Herald* magazine.

"The churchgoers of America have their favorite hymns and want to sing them in church and at home, but many hymnologists arbitrarily remove these hymns from hymnals for picayune reasons," McVey charged.

"It may be true that a hymn is sentimental or that its music technically isn't the best, but these are not proper grounds for hymnologists to declare themselves censors of what Christians may sing in church and at home.

"When a family gathers to express its faith and glory in song, it becomes a closer-knit family. Hymnologists have no right to rule out the heartwarming benefits of these beautiful hymns," McVey said.

"These critics miss the chief benefit of these tender Gospel hymns," McVey continued. "They unite Christian families with a glorious and reverent love of God. These hymns are sung in many churches from coast to coast and if more families would sing them at home as well as in church we would have a stronger Christian society."

Because of the enthusiastic response to the nationwide hymn poll, *Christian Herald* Editor Dr. Daniel A. Poling urged McVey to record the 12 hymns that received the most votes as part of McVey's hymn revival program.

"Hymns America Loves Best" was distributed to record stores across the country last week after *Christian Herald* received 16,000 letters and cards requesting the 12-inch hi-fidelity album. McVey's strong and sincere baritone voice is supported by the *Christian Herald* Choir and Orchestra on the RCA-pressed record.

## Dr. Maynard Visits Methodist College



Dr. Edwin H. Maynard, left, editor of *The Methodist Story*, is shown as he recently toured the new Methodist College campus at Fayetteville with the Reverend O. L. Hathaway, executive secretary of the North Carolina Conference Board of Missions. *The Methodist Story* is the official program journal published by the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation of the Methodist Church. Mr. Hathaway is a member of the North Carolina Conference Commission on Promotion and Cultivation and is also a member of the General Commission of the Methodist Church in this same area.

Dr. Maynard expressed enthusiastic approval of the contemporary architecture for this new campus. He was very favorably impressed with the fact that the buildings are located with enough distance between them to provide an atmosphere of openness and freedom. Buildings shown in the above picture from left to right, are: Science Building, Student Union Building, and the Classroom Building.

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## Science Scholarship Series Renewed By Pfeiffer

Pfeiffer College this week announced the renewal of its special science scholarship series for the 1961-62 academic year. They carry awards of up to \$900 per year for freshmen and up to \$1,100 for upper-classmen.

The scholarship program is financed by a national foundation interested in encouraging academically able young men and women to prepare themselves for careers in the health sciences such as medicine, dentistry, nursing, medical or pharmaceutical research; in teaching of science and mathematics on the high school or college level; and in certain fields of biology, chemistry, mathematics and physics.

Pfeiffer president Dr. J. Lem Stokes, II said the college would welcome applications from interested high school seniors as well as nominations from high school principals, science teachers and senior class sponsors. They should be directed to Dr. J. O. Manly, Chairman, Division of Natural Sciences, Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, N. C.

The Pfeiffer president noted that in recent years the college had greatly expanded its emphasis in the sciences, the division being housed in a \$700,000 building completed in 1957. Currently all members of the faculty teaching science hold

their Ph.D. degree with the exception of one.

Awards will be made on the basis of personal interviews and scores made on the Scholastic Aptitude Test administered by the College Entrance Examination Board. Complete information on the program may be secured by writing Dr. Manly.

## 'Christmas For Christ'

Efforts to keep "Christmas for Christ" and to combat the trend toward increasing commercialization of Christmas are engaging Methodists and other churchmen again this year.

The annual campaign of "Christmas for Christ" is sponsored by the National Temperance League in cooperation with the Division of Temperance and General Welfare of the Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns and other agencies.

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New president of the Council of Secretaries is Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, Chicago, general secretary of the Board of Lay Activities. He succeeds the Rev. Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, Chicago, general secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance. The Rev. Horace W. Williams, Nashville, executive secretary of the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education, was re-elected secretary of the Council of Secretaries.





# Woman's Activities



## Christian Literature a Need in Africa

By MARY GARDNER

Among the greater needs in African missions is the development of Christian literature, according to a report of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

One of four significant actions resulting from a recent mission study course, Into All the World Together, by members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Edenton Street Church, was the donation of love offerings to the Woman's Division earmarked for Christian literature and literacy program in Africa.

Four years ago several organizations collaborated to launch plans for suitable and more adequate Christian education in curricular materials for Africans. These were the World Council of Christian Education and Sunday School Association, and the African Committee of the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of Churches in the United States of America, together with the Christian Council in Africa.

Conferences and workshops on Christian education were held in several areas of Africa, south of the Sahara. Subsequently, one hundred and eighty-two writers began work preparing lesson materials, thus a number of text books are expected to be published by July, 1961. The texts will be translated from English into French, Portuguese, and seventy vernacular languages. Plans are also under way through the cooperation of the National Christian Councils, to bring leadership training in the use of the new Sunday school resources.

The opening of a Literacy and Writing Center at Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia, has been announced by the Woman's Division of Christian Service. The establishment of the Center came in response to requests from many parts of Africa, and on the invitation of the All-Africa Church Conference. Dr. and Mrs. Wesley Sadler, who have a long experience in Liberia, have been appointed as directors of the Center.

The Literacy and Literature Center serves for literacy and literature work south of the Sahara. Literacy teams go out from the Center into countries where churches and missions are on literacy campaigns.

### Goldsboro District Officers Meet

The Executive Committee of the Goldsboro District Woman's Society of Christian Service, in a recent meeting held at the Mount Olive Methodist Church, voted to allocate \$100 from the district's treasury to subsidize a delegate to the Sixth Assembly of the Woman's Division of Christian Service to be held in 1962. In another action by the committee, the district treasurer was authorized to pay from the district funds any expenses incurred by visit of Miss Louise Nichols in the district.

Miss Nichols, a field worker for the Woman's Division of Christian Service, has traveled throughout the N. C. Conference during the entire month of November, speaking before subdistrict meetings, Wesleyan Service Guild district meetings, youth, and a number of other groups.

Mrs. Lloyd Sutton, secretary of Spiritual Life, led the meditation, using as her topic, "The Coming Kingdom."

Officers reporting included the presiding officer, Mrs. Cecil Pate; Mrs. Ray Hoover, vice-president; Mrs. Herbert Hardy, recording secretary; Mrs. C. G. Speight, treasurer; Mrs. Shelton Boyd, secretary of promotion. Also, Mrs. W. D. Kornegay, missionary education and service; Mrs. L. H. Lane, Christian social relations; Mrs. Harold Davis, literature and publications; Mrs. Lloyd Sutton, spiritual life; Mrs. Hugh Turlington, supply work; Mrs. Thel B. Overton, youth work; and Miss Elizabeth Young, Wesleyan Service Guild.

## W. N. C. Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



### Mrs. H. J. Wise, Secretary of Supplies

Mrs. H. J. Wise of Gibsonville took over one of the biggest jobs in the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference when she began her duties as secretary of supply work last June, for the Western North Carolina Conference is the highest contributor to supply work in the 18 conferences in the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Already Mrs. Wise has made careful plans for the districts to divide the askings for supplies, not only in foreign and home



MRS. H. J. WISE

missions, but for special Christmas askings. Now she is busy in promotional work to collect coupons for the Bethlehem Centers in Charlotte and Winston-Salem.

She says that she had good training as an apprentice when she served four years as secretary of supply work for the Greensboro District. She has also been president and vice-president of her local society. After many years as a teacher in the junior and intermediate divisions of the church school, she has now been promoted to the adult division as teacher.

She began her training as a Christian student back in school days in Jacksonville, N. C., when Sarah Ambrose mastered the three r's and later more complex subjects. After her graduation from high school in her home town, she went to Woman's College of the University of North Carolina in Greensboro, and received her degree in science and education. She was prepared to be a science teacher in high school and a technician in a medical laboratory or an x-ray room.

She says her first job was in Virginia, where she met her husband. Since their marriage his job as a manufacturer's representative has carried them from New York to Georgia, in addition to several towns in North Carolina and Virginia. They feel that they have settled down for good near Gibsonville. They have one son, who is now 16 years of age.

Mrs. Wise leads a busy life. She loves reading, but the demands on her time sometimes make her leave her hobby at rest for a while. She is on the Commission of Social Concerns and on the nominating committee of her local church and is a substitute teacher in the public schools.

She is a busy lady and she is doing an exceptionally good job in her department.

### Advisory Committee of Allen High School Meets

Dr. Evelyn Berry of New York, executive secretary of educational work and residences in the Department of Work in Home Fields of the Woman's Division, was a special guest at the meeting of the Advisory Committee of Allen High School in Asheville in November.

### Scarritt Alumni Association Meets

Thirty-five young people from the Asheville area were special guests at a meeting of the Scarritt College Alumni Association of this section on November 19th at a luncheon held at Allen High School in Asheville.

Dr. D. D. Holt, president of Scarritt, spoke to the group, describing the policies and courses offered at the college. Each student was a specially chosen guest, for they had been selected in local churches as young people interested in choosing a full-time Christian vocation.

Dr. Holt distributed literature about the requirements for each of the vocations.

Mrs. Paul Hall, secretary of missionary personnel of the W.S.C.S. of the Asheville District, had issued the invitations for the group. The girls of the Allen High School presented a Thanksgiving devotional message in music after Dr. Holt's talk.

Deaconess Ola Lee Barnett of the Allen faculty is chairman of the Scarritt Alumni in the Asheville area. The program was a Founder's Day observance. Fifty-eight people attended the luncheon.



## Winners of "Story Contest" Announced

Two missionaries and the wife of a mission executive are the winners in a missionary story contest, sponsored by *World Outlook*, national Methodist magazine of missions, as a part of its Golden Anniversary year.

The contest was one of three conducted during 1960 by *World Outlook*, which this year marks its fiftieth anniversary. The winners are announced in the December issue of the magazine. The winners of a missionary hymn contest were announced in *World Outlook's* August issue, and those in an essay contest on the philosophy of missions will be announced in the near future.

The top three winners in the missionary story contest are:

First place: The Rev. John T. Seamands (award of \$250), Methodist missionary to India now on special assignment to the Methodist Board of Evangelism and living in Wilmore, Ky., for the story entitled "From Tomb to Palace;"

Second place: Hilda Lee (Mrs. F. Roderrick) (award of \$100), Methodist missionary to Argentina now studying at the Spanish language school in San Jose, Costa Rica, for the story entitled "The Clock in the Tower." She is a former executive of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Board of Missions.

Third place: Carol L. (Mrs. Roland W.) Scott (award of \$75), Ridgewood, N. J., wife of the Rev. Dr. Roland W. Scott, executive secretary for Southern Asia and Europe of the Division of World Missions, Board of Missions, for the story entitled, "The Circle Complete." She is a former missionary to India.

The winning stories were chosen from among about 150 contest entries submitted from around the world. The judges were the editors of *World Outlook*. They are Miss Dorothy McConnell, the Rev. Dr. Henry Sprinkle, and Arthur J. Moore, Jr.

## African Studies at Alaska Methodist University

The only overseas member of the first student body of the new Alaska Methodist University in Anchorage is the nephew of an internationally known political leader. The university, the newest member of Methodism's higher education family, began classes September 30 after ten years of planning and work.

Simon Odede of Kenya is the only one of 150 students to enroll from other than the 50 states. His uncle is Tom Mboya, leader of the African independence movement in Kenya and a speaker well-known to American audiences.

Dr. Fred McGinnis, president of the university, said Mr. Odede was enrolled in AMU through the auspices of Mrs. Ralph Bunche (wife of the United Nations staff executive), who wrote to the university in regard to placing African students being brought to the United States for education. Dr. McGinnis said Mr. Odede received a scholarship from AMU and is a popular speaker in Anchorage. The university has received inquiries from several other countries about the possibility of study.

## Television, Radio and Film Commission Holds Audio-Visual Workshop in Raleigh



BY DALLAS MALLISON

While the church—and especially that part known as the N. C. Annual Conference—has just begun to scratch the surface in its utilization or understanding of their importance, audio-visual aids are destined to become a major means of spreading the Christian gospel.

This central and pivotal conclusion became crystal clear as this writer attended the two-day audio-visual workshop in Raleigh November 21-22 at the Edenton Street Methodist Church, conducted by the N. C. Conference Television, Radio and Film Commission. The first of its kind since 1954, the event was successful in every major respect.

Every district was represented with nearly 30 ministers and laymen and laywomen in attendance. All four corners of the conference were represented. The chairman, the Rev. R. S. Brodie of Tarboro, presided.

The purpose of the workshop was to instruct in the actual use of filmstrip and other types of projectors and apparatus, on the one hand, and to explore the practical uses of audio-visual materials in the local church program, on the other hand. A study of resource materials and areas and an evaluation ended the workshop.

### Leaders and Highlights

The values and contributions of the N. C. Council of Churches' Radio and Television Workshop held at Chapel Hill last August were presented and demonstrated by two ministers who attended. These were the Rev. William K. Quick of Zebulon and the Rev. A. Kinsey King, Jr., of Chapel Hill.

Professional consultant to the meeting was Dr. Landis Bennett, director of audio-visual services at N. C. State College and a member of Fairmont Church in Raleigh. His contributions were much more than professional or technical. (The picture above, showing the group in one of its sessions, was made by Dr. Bennett.)

Reflecting much study and hours of preparation was the fine guide to audio-visual materials presented by the Rev. Lawrence Bridges of Southport. The minister also aided in the study of both projected and non-projected materials.

Also assisting in the presentation of non-projected materials were the chairman and

the Rev. W. G. Brogan of Durham. Dr. Bennett led the presentation on projected materials. The work of the Walton Memorial Library was described by its librarian, Mrs. W. R. Lawson, Jr., of Raleigh.

How audio-visual materials can be used and how such a system could be used durably in a special Christmas program in other times was described by the Rev. H. W. Pearce of Columbia.

An important subject discussed was the content and format of radio and TV programs staged by ministers and laymen. These vast facilities stand ready not only to spread the Christian gospel but to further every aspect of the local church program.

## Two Ministers' Sons Chosen For "Who's Who"

Sons of two ministers of the Western North Carolina Conference have been named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities." John W. Clay, son of Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Clay, missionaries to Brazil, who is a senior at Randolph-Macon College at Ashland, Va., and Thomas S. Myers, son of Rev. and Mrs. H. P. Myers, of Leaksville, also a senior, are among twelve seniors at Randolph-Macon who have received this honor. Students are chosen on the basis of excellence and sincerity in scholarship, leadership and participation in extra-curricular activities, citizenship and service to the college community and future promise in business and society.

## John A. Pilley Dies In Sarawak

John A. Pilley, 52 years of age, missionary-principal of the Methodist school in Sibu, Sarawak, Borneo, died in the hospital there on November 12. He had suffered a coronary thrombosis on September 13.

Born in China, of Methodist missionary parents, Mr. Pilley received his early education at the American School in Shanghai. He was a graduate of Washington and Lee University, and had an M.A. from Peabody College. He also studied at Syracuse University.





# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## THE GOLDEN CHRISTMAS TREE

By HELEN S. WOODRUFF

Oh, honey-chile, ain't you been tole  
How de Christmas tree got trimmed wid  
gole?  
Lan' sakes, den I must sholy tell  
Dat story to you, Honey. Well,

"One Christmas Eve long time ago  
Ole Santa Claus was pow'ful po',  
An' said he couldn't bring no toys  
To my three little gals and boys.

"So I jes 'lowed how I would sell  
My weddin' ring fer a dress fer Nell.  
An' den my Nell she up an' say  
She'd do widout to give to Ray.

"Den Ray he up and say he'd go  
Widout new shoes to give to Joe.  
Till pretty soon we all agree  
We'd use our love to trim dat tree.

"So up we set it near de bed,  
An' kneelin' 'round our prayers we said.  
Den laughin' gay, we made like we  
Was tyin' bun'les on dat tree.

"An' den when we had gone to sleep  
A little Spider 'gin to creep;  
'Cause in his heart he say wid glee,  
'I'll hang my love, too, on dat tree."

"So den a web he 'gin to spin,  
A-creepin' 'round an' out an' in,  
Till pretty soon dat tree was drape  
Wid webs all dark like mournful crepe.

"Den I riz up and scole him hard  
Fer ruinin' dat green Tree-o'-Gawd.  
He look at me an' droop his head:  
'My web was all I had,' he said.

"An den I see a wondrous light—  
De Christmas Angel, shinin' bright,  
Step in dat room an' touch dat tree,  
An' sech a sight you never see!

"Fer when she touch dem webs like coal  
Dey turn to shinin' threads o'gole!  
An' dat is what today you see  
A-hangin' on our Christmas tree.

"Fer ever'thing that's give wid love  
De Christ-Chile blesses from above.  
It's only love dat counts, my chile,  
Fer it's de onlyest gif' worfwhile."

## I LOVE CHRISTMAS

I love the Christmas holidays  
When children laugh with glee;  
I love the shining Bethlehem star  
Atop our Christmas tree.

I love the sound of chiming bells  
And the carols that we sing.  
I love each starry-eyed angel,  
With shining tinsel wings.

I love to make a manger scene,  
With Mary robed in blue,  
Watching o'er her baby dear,  
With Joseph strong and true.

But most of all I love to think  
God loved His people so  
He sent His Son to tell His love,  
That Christmas long ago.

—VIOLA V. BRASWELL

## A GRAND-DAD FOR CHRISTMAS

Young Tim's letter to Santa Claus presented the jolly old gentleman with quite a problem. His mother, who had suggested that he write the letter, was astonished when she heard what he was going to ask for. At breakfast that morning he had said, "Mom, I want a grand-dad for Christmas."

"A grand-dad?" she asked, startled.

"Yes, a grand-dad—like Jimmy and Tommy have. He helps 'em build bird-houses and takes 'em fishin'; an' tells 'em stories of old times. I want me a grand-dad."

His mother looked up from the table, and her eyes met those of her husband. He shook his head slowly, as if to say, "Here's a sure-enough problem." If either of their families had been living, there might have been a solution. But as it was - -!

Presently Tim's father made a suggestion. "Son," he said, "suppose you wait until tomorrow to send the letter. Keep on thinking, and see if it's still a grand-dad you want for Christmas more than anything else."

That afternoon his father got busy. There was an old men's home near the city, and leaving Tim, the youngest in the family, with the older children, he and his wife headed for that place. They explained their errand, and after much investigating and asking and answering of questions, they succeeded in their purpose.

That night Tim's letter, unchanged in its request, was mailed to Santa.

Christmas morning came, and Tim, with his brothers and sisters, came downstairs quite early. The Christmas tree was beautiful in its gay decorations, with many mysterious packages around it and hanging on its branches. Before the fire red stockings were hanging each bulging with goodies.

But for Tim all these piled into insignificance beside another gift. For

there between his father and mother stood an old man with white hair and kindly blue eyes. His voice, when he spoke, was warm and hearty.

"Grand-dad!" shouted Tim, as he rushed into his arms for a great hug, given and received.

And you can be sure that Christmas was the beginning of a glorious time for a little boy and his adopted grand-dad.

There is a legend in some countries that all animals and fowls can speak on Christmas Eve, and that they talked on the night of the Nativity.

The proud cock utters a sound of joy at the birth of Jesus when he proclaims the news to his friends around him. (It is said that it was a rooster that convinced Herod of the truth of the Wise Men's report that a great king had been born). The ox inquired "Where?" And the sheep answers, "Bethlehem." Together they go to the birthplace of Jesus, marching to the tune of a carol hummed by the bees.

The deer pay homage to Christ at midnight on Christmas Eve. The cattle are treated kindly, because it is believed that they breathed upon the Christ Child to keep Him warm. To keep the manger's fire going, a heroic robin fanned the embers with its wings, and the radiant glow turned its breast forever red. The nightingale was endowed with Mary's lovely voice because it sang a lullaby one night, when the infant Saviour was restless, that put the baby to sleep.

—From *Christmas*

By Ruby Lee Adams

## Christmas Quiz

1. Who told Mary that she was to be the mother of the Son of God? \_\_\_\_\_
2. With whom did she first share this great news? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Why did Mary and Joseph go to Bethlehem so near the time for the Child's birth? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What gift did the shepherds bring to the Christ Child? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What gifts did the Wise Men bring to Him? \_\_\_\_\_

## Answers to Last Week's Quiz

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|-----------|--------------|
| 1. Micah  | Micah 5:2    |
| 2. Mary   | Luke 2:15-19 |
| 3. Simeon | Luke 2:25-32 |



# Sunday School Lesson

FOR DECEMBER 18

By RAYMOND A. SMITH

Head, Department of Religious Education,  
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## THE GREATEST SERVANT

Background Scripture: Isaiah 61;

Matthew 11:27-30

Lesson Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-3, 10-11;

Matthew 11:27-30

Last Sunday our theme was "The Greatest Promise." For this Sunday it is "The Greatest Servant." For Christmas Sunday the subject will be "The Greatest Gift." Our purpose in this lesson is to consider one of life's greatest paradoxes: *joy through suffering*. When we read the incomparable phrases of Isaiah 61 we find ourselves in an atmosphere of hope. These verses seem to be saying, "Lift up your hearts, better times are ahead."

Jesus had finished his trials in the wilderness and had begun his preaching ministry. We see him visiting his home town and going "as was his custom" into the synagogue (see Luke 4:16-20). A courtesy extended to visitors whom they wished to honor, was to ask them to read from the Scriptures. This Jesus did, and selected for his reading Isaiah 61. However, he does not seem to have finished, for after reading only a couple of verses, he added the comment "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." This caused some comment, but it was only after Jesus' further explanation of the passage in which he referred to God's mighty works through his prophets Elijah and Elisha in *foreign lands* and among foreign people that the crowd turned against him. They were not prepared for being reminded that "the good tidings to the afflicted," "the binding up of the broken-hearted," "the opening of prison doors to those who were bound," and "the proclaiming of the year of the Lord's favor" were for *all* nations, and not for a select few. This first sermon, then, in the old home church, caused such an uproar that Jesus had to leave.

Notice the exultant nature of the verses following from verse 2. There is mention of garlands of ashes, praise instead of depressed spirits, gladness instead of sorrow. The coming of the victory of God in the world is compared to a wedding, or a garden blooming in springtime. The new day of God's reign is not to be feared, but welcomed with joy. Quimby, writing in the International Annual, calls it "a sort of hallelujah solo." It is a big rescue operation. The words "the day of *vengeance* of our God" can be rendered quite as accurately "The day of *rescue* of our God."

Turning now to the New Testament scripture (Matthew 11:27-30), we see how Jesus appears here in the role of a servant, the great helper and Savior of men. Try to imagine people living in a country over-run by a powerful enemy, sorely taxed by the forces of occupation. In addition to this, paying a heavy tax to the temple. Think also of the unrelieved toil and suffering it took to keep soul and body together amidst grinding poverty. Add also the frustration many must have felt at their failure to keep the multitude

of petty laws of the Scribes imposed upon them. Now read the invitation: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest for your souls."

We live in a different age from those to whom Jesus spoke. We live in a powerful nation, instead of an obscure province of the Roman Empire. We have machines to do much of the hard work, and we keep shortening the work-week. Our stores are filled with food, and our homes with mechanical gadgets. Unused mountains of grain mould in the storage bins. Medical science prolongs our lives and the government guarantees us financial security. But who will say there are not still the weary and over-burdened among us? Not weariness from toil, perhaps, but weariness of tension, weariness of the cold war, weariness of the race for status and pleasure. We are overburdened, too, with a sense of personal and national guilt—having so much while millions starve. So the ancient call comes to us also. We are invited to "take his yoke upon us and learn of him." If we do this we, too, shall come to see that the everlasting rewards of life are to be found in sacrificial service to the cause of God and to our needy brothers all about us. As Bishop Palmer has written in the Western Quarterly: "So men have found Christ to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life. To remember him is to love him, to love him is to worship him, to worship him is to serve him, to serve him is to serve one another in his spirit, and to serve is to reap the fruits of peace and of joy."

## Methodists Lead List At Woman's College

The fall religious preference tabulation at Woman's College shows Methodists leading the list with 770 students.

Baptists rank second with 659 students citing affiliation with that religious faith.

Some 30 religious denominations were named by the more than 2,600 students giving answers. Sixty-four students listed no religious preference, while five were listed as non-denominational and two as inter-denominational.

Other religious preferences were: Advent Christian 3; Catholic 92; Christian 42; Christian Scientist 8; Church of Brethren 1; Church of God 3; Church of Christ 9; Congregational Christian 34; Disciples of Christ 6; Episcopal 180; Evangelical and Reformed 5; Evangelical United Brethren 1; Quaker 10; Greek Orthodox 9; Holiness Pilgrim 2; Jewish 137; Lutheran 61; Missionary Alliance 1; Moravian 25; Mormon 1; Presbyterian 431; Presbyterian Associate Reformed 8; Protestant 22; Reformed 8; Unitarian 15; Salvation Army 2; Spiritual Assembly of Baha'i 1.

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## A Distinction With A Difference

If I were asked to name the most familiar verse in the Bible, I should probably say, "John 3:16." If I were asked then to name the second most familiar verse in the Bible, I should say, "Romans 8:28." Have you noticed the difference here between the reading of the King James and the Standard Revised Version? There is a difference and that difference is well worth noting.

The King James reads thus: "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." The Revised Standard Version reads thus: "We know that in everything God works for good with those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose."

Both versions present us with one of the happiest assurances to be found in all literature. The King James Version leaves this assurance dangling in the air so far as this verse is concerned. The Revised Standard Version puts God back of the assurance. Of course, the context does this in the King James, but in the Revised Standard we are told in the very heart of the verse that God so directs and controls all things as causes them to so work. I insist that here is an important difference, and one that all of us should note and appreciate.

—W. R. CULLOM

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## Methodist Churches Use Denominational Literature

Nashville, Tenn.—About three-fourths of the Methodist churches in the United States are 100 per cent users of Methodist literature in their church schools, according to reports from 33,090 of the approximately 39,000 churches.

Of the total churches reporting, 24,629 said they use only the Methodist materials in their church schools. A total of 8,461 said they are not 100 per cent users of Methodist literature, though many of these use some Methodist church school publications.

The announcement was made by the Rev. Dr. Henry M. Bullock, Nashville, at the biennial meeting of the executive secretaries of boards of education of Methodist annual conferences, which was held here November 7-11. He is editor of Methodist church school publications.

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Chicago—Nearly a thousand Methodist leaders, including most of the bishops and district superintendents, met here Nov. 18-20 to consider effective ways of setting in motion the church's nine-fold program for the next four years.

Each of the nine emphases was outlined by a bishop skilled in that phase of the church's concern. The program was then subjected to the give-and-take of group discussion. Finally, each of the 44 bishops in the United States met with leaders of

his area to plan ways of sharing the message in the churches back home.

Bishop Richard G. Raines of Indianapolis, Ind., chairman of the Bishops' Committee on the Quadrennial Emphases, helped the convocation to tie the nine program strands together with his challenging reminder that they all "begin and end in the conviction that Methodism needs to recover the radiant New Testament faith that *Jesus Christ Is Lord*."

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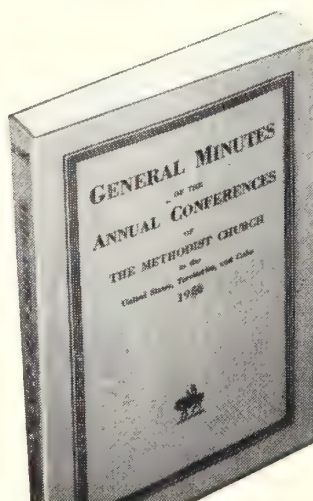
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## Christmas Acrostic

C HRIST-CHILD	For unto us a Child born, to us a Son is given . . .	Isa. 9:6
H UMILITY	And she gave birth to her first-born Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths . . .	Luke 2:7
R EDEEMER	You shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.	Matt. 1:21
I NCARNATION	And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth . . .	John 1:14
S CEPTRE	The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between His feet . . .	Gen. 49:10
T IDINGS	"Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy . . ."	Luke 2:10
M ADONNA	Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and His name shall be called Emmanuel.	Matt. 1:23
A DVOCATE	If any one does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous.	I John 2:1
S AVIOUR	For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.	Luke 2:11

—E. LESTER BALLARD



# CAROLINA BRIEFS

THE GREENSBORO COLLEGE Glee Club presented a program at the Queen Street Methodist Church, Kinston, Tuesday evening, December 6.

EDENTON STREET Church, Raleigh, will observe Holy Communion from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Communicants may come and go at will.

A COMMUNITY Christmas play under the direction of Miss Lillith Lidseen will be presented December 20 and 21 at the Hayesville High School Auditorium in Hayesville.

DR. HARRY DENMAN, secretary of the General Board of Evangelism, spoke to the members of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism at Central Church, Asheville, Saturday evening, December 10.

THE COKEBURY CHURCH at Stedman began the use of its new bulletins December 4. The bulletin is attractive with a picture of the beautiful church on the front, along with a directory of officers and services.

THE METHODIST MEN'S CLUB of First Church, Morehead City, observed Ladies' Night November 28, with some 95 persons enjoying the fellowship, entertainment and good food prepared for them by the Junior Department of the church school.

THE RENOVATION program at Trinity Church, Wilmington, is proceeding nicely. The sanctuary floor has just been covered with a beautiful new carpet, and the pews are being prepared for installation. Painting and decorating is also being done in class rooms and Fellowship Hall.

MRS. GRADY WHICKER has assumed her duties as educational assistant at First Methodist Church, High Point. Mrs. Whicker is a native of Jacksonville, N. C., and a graduate of High Point College. She is recognized as an unusual leader and director of young people's work.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Hertford, has approval of the Building Committee and the Official Board to proceed with drawing plans for a new church school building. The Commission on Education has been studying and planning this move for the past two years. It is hoped to begin as soon as arrangements can be made. Rev. J. A. Auman is pastor.

A CHRISTIAN Workers' School for the Wilmington area will be held at the Sunset Park Church, Wilmington, February 5-9. Courses include "Christian Evangelism," taught by Rev. C. Freeman Heath, executive director of evangelism for the conference; "The Use of the Bible in Teaching Youth," taught by Rev. R. L. Bane, pastor of Fifth Avenue Church; "Teaching Children," taught by Mrs. W. R. Stevens, wife of the pastor of Trinity Church; and "Junior Laboratory Courses," taught by Mrs. T. M. Maxwell of Rocky Mount. Classes will run from 7:30 to 9:30 each evening.

REV. W. R. STEVENS, pastor of Trinity Church, Wilmington, was chapel speaker at Pfeiffer College at Misenheimer on Tuesday, December 6.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Rockingham, will receive a special Christmas offering on December 18 and December 25 to be applied in reducing the debt on the educational building. Dr. J. V. Early, pastor, is leading in this move, which has the approval of the official board.

THE NEW BERN District Conference, under the direction of Dr. A. J. Hobbs, district superintendent, will convene December 16, at 9:30 at the Ayden Methodist Church, of which Rev. L. A. Aitken is pastor. Reports from every agency will be heard. Rev. T. M. Vick will preach the conference sermon on the theme "Jesus Christ Is Lord."

A METHODIST MEN'S CLUB with 23 members has been organized by the Pleasant Grove Church, Thomasville, Route 3. The charter is being held open until after the first of the year so that others may be included. Officers elected are: President, Joe W. McDowell; vice-president, Charlie Crotts; secretary, Clayton Burton; treasurer, Rodney Wells; reporter, Clyde Billings. Rev. Herbert T. Penry, Jr., is pastor.

EWHA UNIVERSITY in Korea has arranged to send three of its graduates of the class of 1960 to Pakistan as missionaries of the university's missionary society. The three volunteers, two Presbyterians and one Methodist, were commissioned by Bishop Chong Pil Kim, in the chapel of the Methodist Building on July 5, and will leave for Pakistan as soon as the necessary passports and visas are received.

MR. AND MRS. Jack Featherstone, 3005 Medlin Drive, Raleigh, announce the birth of a son, John Eugene, Jr., November 26, at Rex Hospital. Mrs. Featherstone is the former Lael Corzine, a graduate of Greensboro College, who served as director of religious education at Main Street, Reidsville, and Long Memorial, Roxboro. After December 15, they will make their home at 706 N. Rountree St., Wilson.

THE MEN OF Zion Methodist Church of the Jerusalem-Zion Charge, Norlina, met Tuesday night, November 29, at the church's educational building for a fellowship supper. The purpose was to organize the Methodist Men's Club. The men decided to meet the same night the Official Board meets, Monday after the fourth Sunday. The club would meet at 7:00 p.m., and the Board at 8:00. The club will not convene during the summer months or during the tobacco season. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. James White; vice-president, Mr. George Read; secretary-treasurer, Mr. William Hicks; program chairman, Mr. Boyd Mayfield. The next meeting of the club will be held January 23, 1961. The women of the church were asked to prepare a supper for each club meeting.

MEMBERS OF the Locust Methodist Church in Stanly County enjoyed a Christmas party Saturday evening, December 10. Seasonable games, a picnic supper, and exchange of gifts were included in the program.

DR. RALPH W. SOCKMAN, pastor of Christ Methodist Church, New York City, preached at Hope Mills Methodist Church Sunday evening, December 11, at 7:30. Dr. Sockman is well known as a preacher and author and any congregation is extremely fortunate to have him in the pulpit. Rev. Jack Crum is pastor of Hope Mills.

MORE THAN 75 members of local Intermediate Youth Fellowship groups of Methodist churches in Stanly County, with their advisors and minister attended the installation of officers and Christmas party at Union Chapel recently. T. Carl Mabry, advisor of the Union Chapel group, presided. The new president is Miss Anita Holt; vice-president, Garry Satterfield; recording secretary, Linda Sharpe; corresponding secretary, Bonnie Smith; treasurer, Frances Trivette; reporter, Caroline Martin; counselors, Mrs. J. C. Guffy and Mrs. W. W. Hager.

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# EDITORIALS

## Let's Stand Up And Be Counted

We should like to commend Rev. Howard Wilkinson, chaplain to Duke University, for the firm stand he took in opposing the establishment of ABC liquor stores in Iredell County when he spoke Sunday evening, December 4, at the National Guard Armory in Statesville. Of course, being the fine Christian minister that he is, we would not expect him to take any other course. There has never been any doubt as to where this writer stands on the subject. All sorts of arguments are offered by proponents of the alcohol industry, but when examined carefully none of them are logical. This is an evil, and the only position for a Christian to take is to be opposed to evil. It is a shame that the legislature will not let the people of North Carolina express themselves on the subject. The reason, of course, is that when the fine citizenship of this state has had an opportunity it has always voted against the liquor interests and in favor of sobriety. We talk about a great democracy, but we must admit that our legislature has taken away our democracy so far as this matter is concerned. We cannot evade our responsibility in this matter by being silent or by compromising. One of the old arguments is that since some people will drink anyway we should legalize it so they will not be criminals. Another is that we should reap the taxes for our schools. Still another is that if we place it before them they will not want it and that drinking will decrease. The statistics, however, prove the opposite. If we are to eliminate criminals this way, why not legalize murder, rape, thievery, and all the rest? Neither should we desire to educate our children with blood money, which represents the destruction of individuals and homes, and rob other children of the privilege of an education or character. In the third place, it is not the lowering of the consumption of alcohol that its proponents want, but increasing the consumption. And that's what is happening. We need more of our people to stand up and take a strong position on this subject, such as Mr. Wilkinson took in Statesville. The meeting was presided over by the Rev. Julian Lindsey, pastor of Broad Street Methodist Church, and was attended by more than 600 people who are interested in keeping their city and county free from the evils of legalized liquor, for which somebody will have to answer before God.

## THEME FOR THE WEEK

*"And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David; and he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."*

—Luke 1:31-33

## The Plight of The Migrant Worker

It is easy for those of us who are blessed with the necessities, and even the luxuries of life, to become somewhat indifferent to the conditions under which the migrant workers of America are compelled to work and live. Ed Murrow, on a television broadcast a few nights ago, showed some of these workers who trudge from one end of the United States to the other seeking to eke out an existence by picking vegetables or fruits in season. Most of them have large families, anywhere from five to fifteen children, most of whom are too young to work or add to the family income, but who must be cared for by very young brothers or sisters. Their living conditions are almost intolerable with no conveniences whatever. Their wages are small, and as soon as the crops are harvested the employers want them to move on. The children are sometimes able to attend a brief school in the community, but have very little prospect of going beyond the few lower grades. There is no record, it is said, where anyone of them ever attended college, and most of them are never destined to reach high school. Mothers and fathers must both work in the fields in order to provide the scantiest kind of living, and the children are left to shift for themselves. When one looks at these children, white and colored, one realizes they have desires and ambitions and potentialities as other children, but with practically no prospect of ever getting out of their present environment. It makes the heart ache to realize that here in America, the richest nation in the world, where much waste is in evidence, there are youngsters who are ill fed and clothed and whose moral environment is so low. The old stock reaction is to say, O well, they don't know anything else, and don't want anything else, and wouldn't appreciate anything else. But that need not be the case. These people need to be cared for by having a decent wage level, better living conditions, educational privi-

leges, social incentive, better housing facilities with modern conveniences. Life for them could be lifted to a higher level. It is the responsibility of the more fortunate to see that the less fortunate are provided for. "To whom much has been given, from him shall much be required." Employers of these people should receive sufficient for their produce to enable them to pay a respectable wage to those who cultivate and harvest it. Monopolies in buying and selling may have to be broken up, so that more of it goes to the worker instead of being used to enrich the speculator. This is a job for the legislatures and congress. But if this country is to continue to be the land of the free and the home of the brave we need to look well to the conditions of the less fortunate and underprivileged. What affects one person should be the concern of every person. "He that seeth his brother have need and shutteth up the bowels of his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" If this condition is not corrected it could prove to be an open field in which communism could thrive. Christian concern for our fellowmen requires that something be done. This should be everybody's business. What can we do? We can encourage laws that protect them, and wages that sustain them, and educational and social conditions that lift them to a higher cultural level. Let us remember that Jesus was interested in all classes, and here is an opportunity that should challenge us to be more Christlike. Our real concern will be evidenced by our reaction to these conditions.

## LETTERS

Apartado 2240  
San Jose, Costa Rica  
October 1960

Dear Friends:

"Come to Costa Rica for Contentment!" Our eyes fell on these words as we scanned a gaily-colored leaflet. This invitation, issued so confidently to tourists, had a special meaning for the Dail family who had thought until August 1 that we were headed toward India. Even though we were disappointed at not being able to enter the country where we had originally been invited by the church to work, we think that no other country on the globe could furnish the needed healing balm so effectively as this tropical land in Central America. But before you conclude that the Board of Missions sends all its "visa rejects" to bask in the sunshine of a friendly country while they recover their balance, we hasten to say that our reason for being here is to take an intensive course in Spanish to prepare us for work in Argentina, our new destination.

We had been told many times about the necessity for missionaries to be mobile, adjustable and full of faith, regardless of hindrances, Satanic or otherwise. Now we



have our first opportunity to prove that the children of Abraham, the father of the faithful, who "went out not knowing where he went." The glory of it all is that, like him, we too look at our surroundings and discover the promise of God's love and protection as ours. (Hilda hopes that Roderick won't carry this Biblical analogy so far that he, like Abraham, passes his wife off as his sister!)

Our present home, San Jose, the capital of Costa Rica, is a city of about 180,000 people. Its mild climate offers temperatures ranging from 55 to 80 degrees. And the people are as delightful as their climate. Here there are more school teachers than soldiers, for Costa Rica has no army, only a civil guard. The soil is so rich that the fences and telephone poles take root and sprout hardy branches. This same soil produces such a large variety of exotic fruits and vegetables that shopping on Fridays in the open market is more exciting than Christmas shopping at Macy's. The only advantage at Macy's is that we can understand the language.

Rickie and Janice are enrolled in the Methodist School at San Pedro, part of greater San Jose. Even though the classes are now in the second semester, they are tackling the sixth and tenth grades, respectively, and seem to be catching on remarkably fast, especially considering that part of the teaching is in Spanish.

We all get up at 5:30 each morning, for classes at Methodist School begin at 7:00 and at the Spanish Language School at 7:30. At 12:00 we all come home for our heavy meal, take a siesta, and study. Bedtime for us is early. This schedule sounds unbelievable to some of you who know what night owls we always were. Since we have no car, Roderick and Hilda walk the fifteen minutes each way to language school, while the children take a bus. As needed, taxis furnish very exciting rides, even rolling upon the sidewalks if they can't go fast enough on the streets. Like New York, only the "quick and the dead" are here.

The language school is sponsored by the United Presbyterian Church, but is open to all. There are some thirty sending bodies represented in the enrollment of 200, the largest ever. Southern Baptists have the highest number, with Methodists second. This term we have been guinea pigs for an experimental method patterned after U. S. Army techniques in language teaching. The first twelve days there were an intensive audio saturation of sounds, intonations and patterns of speech that form the basic Spanish language. No written material was given. We had tape-recorded lessons for use at home, along with pictures to suggest the meaning of what was being said. What we heard at home we drilled on the following day at school. Now we are using texts and tape in combination.

On Sundays we go to "Redentor Metodista," a Spanish-speaking congregation, and try to shun the appearance of ignorance during the service. Following the Spanish service, we stay in the same building where the "Union Church" holds English services. In future letters we shall tell you more about the work of Methodism here in Costa Rica.

But this will let you know that our

whole family counts it a privilege to absorb the language and culture of Latin America in preparation for work in Argentina. Roderick's appointment there is to Union Theological Seminary and the Conference Board of Education, with the work approximately divided in half between each. He will be teaching Christian education and working in a new educational program which includes Methodist, Disciples of Christ, and Waldensians. Hilda will work in the field of her first love—writing and promoting the things of the Kingdom.

Please remember us in your prayers, and do let us hear from you. A ten-cent stamp is enough to send an air mail letter—and it would do lots of good!

Warmly and cordially yours,  
—RODERICK AND HILDA DAIL  
JANICE AND RICKIE

P. S. Our warmest wishes to all of you for a happy Christmas season. We shall be thinking of you and looking for your greetings. Our next letter will tell you how it is to spend Christmas in summer weather without reindeer and snow.

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Mr. Editor:

Knowing that you appreciate the value of trees, I am directing these comments to you as I am entirely in accord with you on this subject. Generally speaking, trees play a very important part in the life of man. They supply a world-wide need in many ways, namely, material for building and construction, pulp for making of paper and paper products, fuel for winter's comfort, shade from summer's heat, protection from stormy winds, and many other uses. Their ornamental value for homes and streets is not to be overlooked. Apart from the many useful purposes trees afford who can fail to appreciate the panorama of colors the November woods present to the view? We pause in awe as we look on the red, brown, and golden yellow of the forest as we travel the highways. It presents a challenge to the brush of a Raphael or Michelangelo as it proclaims the glory of its Maker and declares that the hand that made them is divine. Surely at this thanksgiving season of the year we should record our appreciation of this form of nature as trees fill such an important place in the needs of man. Over and above all that could be said in praise of trees, let it be remembered that they furnished the setting for the greatest event that ever took place when man was redeemed from his lost condition through faith in Him who hung upon a tree.

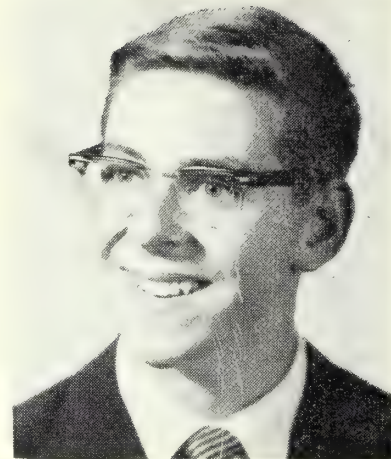
We call to mind a verse from the poet's version of *Trees*:

I think that I shall never see  
A poem lovely as a tree:  
A tree that looks at God all day,  
Then lifts its leafy arms to pray.

A tree that may in summer wear  
A nest of robins in her hair,  
Upon whose bosom snow has lain,  
Who lives intimately with rain,  
Poems were made by beings like me,  
But only God can make a tree.

—ROLAND COVINGTON

Racford, N. C.



MILLARD C. DUNN, JR.

## Millard C. Dunn, Jr., Publishes Book of Poems

Millard C. Dunn, Jr., son of Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Dunn, of Fayetteville, has just published a book of poems through the Exposition Press, publishers of fine books. The book, *Foothills*, contains a varied selection of poems on love, nature, and religion, which carry a warmth and irrepressible upsurge of joy and instantly-felt poignancy. The mature and thoughtful beauty of the poems are the achievement of a young man not yet twenty-one years old. He graduated from the New Hanover High School, Wilmington, and is now a student at Duke University, where he is pursuing his studies and feeding the muses as an extra-curricular activity. In 1958, Mr. Dunn was the recipient of both the National Merit Scholarship Corporation's coveted Certificate of Merit, and the Angier B. Duke Scholarship. He was also recommended by Governor Luther H. Hodges for the Young American Medal for Service in 1957. Those who may be interested in contacting Mr. Dunn about his book of poems may reach him at 1019 Hay Street, Fayetteville, N. C.

## Is The Church Run By a Clique?

Word has been received rather frequently that the church is run by a clique. Upon investigation we find the statement is true. Furthermore, it has been discovered that the clique is composed of faithful members who are present at every meeting, who accept appointments to committees, who give willingly of their time, energy, efforts, and who sincerely believe that the more one puts into the church, the more he will get out of it. There is no question that the enthusiastic response and efforts of these clique members are of inestimable value to the church.

We suggest, therefore, that you join the clique. It is not a difficult matter to do so, in fact, it is very easy. Begin by attending church regularly, make helpful constructive suggestions, accept responsibility to serve on committees. Show a deep concern for all the affairs of the church. Give proportionately to all good Christian causes. Before you realize it, you will be a member of the clique and you will be surprised how anxious they are to have you.

—Wallace "Methodist News"



## Vickery-Burnett's Chapel Gets New Members



The Vickery-Burnett's Chapel Charge has already achieved its membership goal for this conference year. On Sunday, November 27, thirty-one united with the church on profession of faith, and four by transfer.

Membership training classes were held for four Saturday afternoons in two-hour sessions each.

This charge has only three hundred members but our church school attend-

ance has been more than the church membership several times during this conference year.

Burnett's Chapel went into a new \$90,000 church the second Sunday in August and the Vickery Church has a new educational building ready for dedication.

These two churches are really on the move in all phases of church work and by Palm Sunday there will be another large class to be received into the church.

## Mack Stokes To Conduct Bible Lands Tour

Doctor Mack B. Stokes of the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, is conducting a tour of Bible Lands during the summer of 1961. All arrangements are made by American Express. The tour will originate in New York on July 10 and end in New York on August 11. The group will visit Cairo, Jerusalem, Mount of Olives,

Garden Tomb, Bethlehem, Galilee, Damascus, as well as Athens, Rome, Lucerne, Paris and London.

Those desiring to do so may make arrangements to go to Oslo for the Methodist Ecumenical Conference there.

For information, write:

Dr. Mack B. Stokes  
Candler School of Theology  
Emory University  
Atlanta 22, Georgia

## Duke Divinity Alumni To Honor Dr. G. T. Rowe

A committee representing the alumni of the Duke Divinity School met at the Barringer Hotel in Charlotte December 1 and perfected plans to raise a \$25,000 scholarship fund as a memorial to the late Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, one of the best loved and most highly respected men ever to teach in the divinity school. The meeting was called by Rev. A. C. Waggoner, president of the alumni association, who presided. There were fifteen men present, including Dr. Robert E. Cushman, dean of the divinity school. Dr. Cushman brought the group up to date on the matter of scholarships, and expressed the hope that this fund would reach the \$25,000 figure. Dr. W. A. Kale explained details of a plan to form a \$100 club in raising this fund, and the group voted to accept the plan as outlined, by which those who desire to become members of the club would pay to the fund by June 1962 the sum of \$100. Members of the committee proved their own concern by suggesting that they should be the first to make a pledge, and each man present made his commitment. The Rev. L. T. Barnett of Charlotte was selected to head the committee for the \$100 club. A committee will be appointed in each district to head this program. This is not a part of the Duke Loyalty Fund, but is separate as a part of the divinity school. The fund will be used to assist worthy young men in preparing themselves for the Christian ministry.

## "Day Apart" Is Observed By Raleigh District

The Pastors' Day Apart program for the Raleigh District was a rewarding experience to each pastor present. The Rev. Warren Petteway, pastor of First Methodist Church, Henderson, set the tone in his devotional for the task of evangelism. The district program of evangelism was presented by the Rev. John T. Maides, district secretary of evangelism, in the absence of District Superintendent Graham S. Eubank. The Rev. J. Kern Ormond, pastor of the Bailey Charge, presented most effectively the preparation for a week of evangelism. The Rev. C. Freeman Heath, Conference director of evangelism, followed with the presentation of the training of the visitors, methods, and materials to be used. The Rev. G. Robert McKenzie, pastor of the Wynnwood Church in Raleigh, shared his experiences at the District Superintendents' Conference in Chicago recently, and also spoke of the new packet of filmstrips on the commissions of the local church. Dr. Carl Sanders, district superintendent of the Richmond District of the Virginia Conference, led the group during the worship and consecration service. He stated we see people, but don't see them. We have to look beyond their clothes, their outward appearance, and see the real person. Dr. Sanders declared that not any of us would have selected Simon to become Peter, the leader of the apostles. We must see every soul in need of Christ, and bring Christ to them.



## Eleven District Conferences Held — Eleven to Go

District conference season is now getting in full swing. They began with the North Wilkesboro District at West Jefferson November 29, and continued with six being held Sunday afternoon, December 4. Four more were held the past week, and still others are to follow until the round of 22 have been completed. We regret that, because of conflicts, we could not attend the district conferences at Greensboro, Marion, Gastonia, Waynesville, and Asheville. We understand, however, that each of them was well attended and that the cause of the church paper was well cared for. It was the privilege of the editor to attend the North Wilkesboro, Charlotte, Salisbury, Winston-Salem, Statesville, and Albemarle meetings. On Sunday morning, December 4, we preached at the Center Church, Concord, drove to Charlotte and attended the conference at Hickory Grove, then back to Spencer to attend the Salisbury conference, and to Kannapolis to preach at 7:30 p.m. Having completed the day we arrived at Greensboro about midnight and made it to the office by 8:00 a.m. Monday to put the finishing touches on the ADVOCATE for the week.

At Charlotte Dr. Walter Miller was most gracious and considerate in permitting us to appear for a few minutes in the interest of the ADVOCATE at the beginning of the conference, so we could make it to Spencer in time for the Salisbury District gathering. Dr. James C. Stokes also was very considerate in presenting the cause of the church paper at his conference. Dr. Lee Tuttle, in his conference at Pisgah Church near Kernersville, was in the midst of his very interesting program when we arrived. He spotted us and called on us to speak a word for the paper. It was a delight to find the work of the church so well cared for in all these meetings, with every cause being looked after in an efficient manner. The ladies at Pisgah served a splendid luncheon at the close of the business session. Bishop J. Waskam Pickett, who spent some 50 years as a missionary in India, 25 of them as bishop in charge, thrilled the audiences at Pisgah and Albemarle with his messages concerning the mission cause. At Spencer Dr. M. B. Stokes, father of the district superintendent, who also spent 33 years in mission work in Korea, brought the closing message to an appreciative audience, reciting many instances of the transforming work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the people whom he served. Bishop Nolan B. Harmon spoke at the closing of the Statesville conference at Mooresville, emphasizing strongly the importance of the teaching ministry in the pulpit, as well as in the church school. Rev. J. E. Carroll, district superintendent, directed the program of the conference in an efficient manner. The conference ran from 4:30 p.m. till 9:00 p.m., with the ladies of Broad Street Church serving a delicious meal at 6:30.

The first district conference of the newly formed Albemarle District was held at Central Church, Albemarle, Tuesday, December 13, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Although the district is new, the superintendent is not new on the job, but has served well in that capacity for some years on the

Waynesville District. Hence the conference moved along with dispatch in transacting the business. Every cause was represented well and it was plainly apparent that the new district is making very fine progress under the leadership of Dr. W. Jackson Huneycutt.

We wish we could give a more detailed report, but with 11 conferences in one week it is hardly possible to give a full report at one time. There are 11 more to be held, and we shall try to give more coverage on each. It is heartening to find the work of the church in good hands and to note the progress that is being made in each district.

### Four Conferences on Spiritual Birth And Growth

*Nashville, Tenn.*—Four conferences on spiritual birth and growth will be sponsored by the General Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church between January 3 and February 9, 1961.

One of the conferences will be for laymen and three for ministers.

*The laymen's conference will be January 6-8 at Assembly Inn, Montreat, N. C.*

The ministers conferences will be January 3-6 at Lake Murray Lodge, Ardmore, Okla.; January 31 to February 3 at Assembly Inn, Montreat, N. C.; and February 7-9 at Flanders Hotel, Ocean City, N. J.

The conferences will include addresses, sharing periods and prayer groups, said the Rev. Dr. G. Ernest Thomas, Nashville. He is director of the conferences and head of the Department of Spiritual Life of the General Board of Evangelism.

Attendance is limited to 250 persons at the Ardmore conference and 200 at the others.

Speakers for the meetings will be as follows:

*Laymen's Conference at Montreat*—The Rev. Dr. Thomas A. Carruth, Atlanta, director of the Spiritual Life Research Center of the E. Stanley Jones Institute of Communicative Arts; the Rev. Leslie J. Ross and the Rev. Dr. G. Ernest Thomas, staff members of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism, Nashville; Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, Chicago, general secretary of the Methodist Board of Lay Activities; and the Rev. Dr. John H. Paul, Wilmore, Ky.

*Ardmore*—The Rev. Dr. Roy A. Burkhardt, minister emeritus, First Community Church, Columbus, Ohio; the Rev. Dr. Lynn H. Corson, pastor, Haddonfield (N. J.) Methodist Church; the Rev. John L. Sandlin and the Rev. Dr. G. Ernest Thomas, staff members of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism, Nashville; and the Rev. John W. Ward, Jr., pastor, Kirksville (Mo.) Methodist Church.

*Ministers' Conference at Montreat*—The Rev. Dr. Maldwyn Edwards, Cardiff, Wales; the Rev. Dr. Lynn J. Radcliffe, pastor, Hyde Park Methodist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio; the Rev. Dr. Frank B. Stanger, executive vice-president, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky.; Harold S. Rogers, Nashville, a staff member of

the Methodist General Board of Evangelism; and the Rev. Kenneth M. Johnson, pastor, Oak Summit Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.

*Ocean City*—The Rev. Dr. George A. Fallon, Lakewood, Ohio, president of the Methodist Council of Evangelism; the Rev. Dr. Frank B. Stanger, executive vice-president, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky.; the Rev. Howard W. Ellis and the Rev. Dr. G. Ernest Thomas, staff members of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism, Nashville; and the Rev. John W. Gilbert, pastor, Fox Chase Methodist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

## Carolina Briefs

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☞ **BISHOP J. WASKAM PICKETT**, former missionary to India, spoke to the Methodist Men and High Point District ministers at First Church, Asheboro, December 8.

☞ **REV. T. A. SWOFFORD**, pastor of First Methodist Church, Mount Holly, has been elected president of the Tri-City Ministerial Association. The association includes ministers from Belmont, Mount Holly, and Cramerton. Mr. Swofford succeeds Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, of Belmont.

☞ **MEMBERS OF St. Luke's Church**, Goldsboro, are being given an opportunity to make a "Birthday Gift for Christ" on the day his birthday is celebrated. The money will be used to build a sanctuary. St. Luke's is now worshiping in the first unit of its building. The church was organized about ten years ago, and now has around 600 members. Rev. George C. Megill is pastor.

☞ **THE REV. HENRY B. LEWIS** of Cary has been elected registrar for Approved Supply Work by the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications of the North Carolina Conference. Mr. Lewis has the records for this group and will handle all correspondence for approved supplies. Rev. J. V. Early of Rockingham is registrar for the men on trial, and those seeking full connection.

☞ **QUITE A LARGE** number of churches will be using the service on December 18 for special purposes. Some will have Christmas musical programs, others will give the people an opportunity to become a part of some particular missionary endeavor by making a contribution for such, others will receive a Christmas offering for a building fund or to retire a debt, and others will receive classes into the church on profession of faith. Whatever the purpose, everyone should make use of this great day, when the birth of Christ is celebrated, in such a way as to leave its spiritual imprint upon the lives of people everywhere. This is the one day when worship should be paramount.

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A new residence hall was dedicated Nov. 17 at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill. It will house 110 students and contains guest rooms, dining facilities, lounge and recreation area.



## Brandenburg Elected by National Association



New officers and executive committee members of the Association of College and University Ministers of the Methodist Church, are, left to right, the Rev. Thaxton Springfield, Gainesville, Fla., member-at-large of executive committee; the Rev. Bob Breihan, Austin, Texas, president; the Rev. John A. Russell, New Haven, Conn., member-at-large of executive committee; Miss

Faith Abbey, Madison, Wis., secretary; the Rev. Arthur Brandenburg, Durham, N. C., vice-president; and the Rev. David B. Sageser, Cincinnati, treasurer. The Rev. W. E. Rhodes, Denver, another member-at-large of the executive committee, was unable to be present for the photo. The officers and executive committee were elected at the Association's biennial meeting Nov. 29-Dec. 2 in Nashville, Tenn.

### Randolph Sub-District In Christmas Banquet

On Monday night, December 5, at 7:00 o'clock, 332 Methodist youth and their counselors of the Randolph Sub-district gathered at First Methodist Church in Asheboro for their annual Christmas banquet. The theme of this year's banquet was "Christmas Around the World." Guests from other countries participating in the program, "A Christmas Journey Around the World," were, Rev. and Mrs. Ole Borgen, from Norway; Miss Kirsten Sjøkvise, from Sweden; Miss Ingra Westerholm, from Finland; Miss Valerie Kreutzer, from Germany; Dr. Ernest Sundaram, from India; Miss Hie Ping Ting, from Borneo; Miss Louise Feng, from Malaya, and Mrs. Sally Chum Moffiatt, from Hawaii. Miss Barbara Owens, an MYF'er from the Giles Chapel Methodist Church, represented America at Christmas time as she sang a medley of American traditional Christmas songs. The program was narrated by Rev. Ron L. Hall, sub-district counselor, and was presided over by Jerry Tollison, sub-district president.

At the end of the evening representatives from each of the twenty-four active MYFs brought their gifts which they had earned for the Wolfsburg Methodist Church in Wolfsburg, Germany. The youth of Ran-

dolph County raised a total of \$489.00 in thirty days, which was forwarded to Reinhard Brose, the pastor of the Wolfsburg Refugee Congregation. The Rev. Paul Duckwall, Conference youth director, dedicated the gifts in prayer to the cause for which it was intended at the end of the evening. Other guests were Rev. Thomas Lee, director of junior high work for the Western North Carolina Conference; Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Taylor of the High Point District, and the district director of youth work of the High Point District, Rev. Worth Sweet, and his wife.

### A Handy Reference Now Available

"Page Finder" is an apparatus which enables one to find pages in books, hymnals, Bibles, etc., quickly, and retain the reference. They should be especially useful to ministers, teachers, students, choir members, and others who need to find reference quickly. The arrangement appears in four colors—red, white, blue, and black. They are made of durable, long-lasting plastic, bound by aluminum and plastic. These handy articles could be taken as a project by some church group which desires to raise funds for some particular purpose. Those interested should contact "Page Finder," P. O. Box 2855, Winston-Salem.

## Around-the-World Trip For Staff Member

Nashville, Tenn.—Miss Mary L. Titus, Nashville, plans a six-month around-the-world trip from about March 1 through August of 1961 to observe and render special service in both Methodist and interdenominational mission work in several countries.

She is a staff member of the Methodist Interboard Committee on Missionary Education and the Youth Department of the Methodist Board of Education.

Miss Titus' tentative itinerary includes countries in Africa, the Middle East and Asia.

She is going under the auspices of the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education and the World Council on Christian Education.

She will be on the staff of two youth work institutes sponsored by the World Council on Christian Education, one in India in May and another in Indonesia in July.

Miss Titus is chairman of the Committee on Youth Work of the Commission on Missionary Education of the National Council of Churches.

### In The Carpenter Shop

I wish I had been His apprentice,  
To see Him each morning at seven,  
As He tossed His gray tunic about Him,  
The Master of earth and of heaven.  
When He lifted the lid of His work-chest,  
And opened His carpenter's kit,  
And looked at His chisels and augers,  
And took the bright tools out of it;  
When He gazed at the rising sun tinting  
The dew on the opening flowers,  
And He smiled at the thought of His  
Father

Whose love floods this fair world of ours;  
Then fastened the apron about Him,  
And put on His workingman's cap,  
And grasped the smooth haft of his  
hammer

To give the bent woodwork a tap,  
Saying, "Lad, let us finish this ox yoke,  
The farmer must finish his crop."  
Oh, I wish I had been His apprentice  
And worked in the Nazareth shop.

But, still as of old we may serve Him,  
For did not the Carpenter say—  
"Inasmuch as ye aid my littlest one,  
Ye do it, my friend, for me."  
His poor we have always with us  
The lonely, the sick, and the driven;  
To these we may give of our succor,  
For of such is His Kingdom of Heaven.  
The drive of our world is terrific,  
There are many who fall by the way,  
We may find them in the street and in the  
alley.

Of our cluttered-up cities today.  
They feed on the crumbs from the table  
As did dogs in the Master's day;  
Yet we live in plenty and comfort,  
Nor drop them a crumb by the way.  
If the Carpenter's yearning for others  
Lived in our hearts, we'd hear Him say:  
"Give! Give! Do not hoard, my brother,—  
For this is the abundant way."

—AUTHOR UNKNOWN



# Interesting Methodist Matters

The Rev. Dr. Lawrence Hepple, 50, professor of sociology of religion in the National Methodist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., died Nov. 22.

A recent evangelistic mission in the Holston, Louisville and Tennessee Conferences resulted in nearly 3,700 commitments to Christ and the church.

Ground was broken recently by Bishop W. Angie Smith of Oklahoma City for a new girls' high school and for seven new buildings to Soochow University in Taiwan.

The Korean Methodist Church has supplied a pastor to serve the Korean Methodist Church in San Francisco. He is the Rev. Charles Son of Seoul, who arrived Nov. 10.

The Rev. and Mrs. Charles S. Kendall of First Church, Hollywood, Calif., left Nov. 15 for a 10-week trip around the world, which will include visits to many mission centers of the church.

Seven Methodist students are spending the 1960-61 academic year in colleges in five foreign countries under the new "Year of Study Abroad" program, sponsored by two national Methodist agencies.

A 10-year development program to raise \$12,034,530 has been announced by Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Va., by President William F. Quillian, Jr.

James M. Moss is the new administrator of Bethesda Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio. He has been administrator of Riverside Hospital, Toledo, Ohio, for four years. He assumes his new duties early in 1961.

The Rev. Dr. R. Lee Stuart, 77, died Nov. 4 in a Wichita, Kansas, hospital. President of Taylor University, Upland, Ind., for 14 years, Dr. Stuart later served for 10 years as pastor of Wichita's Wesley Church prior to his retirement in 1955.

Two Methodist schools—College of the Pacific, Stockton, Calif., and Syracuse (N. Y.) University—are among 43 colleges and universities sharing in grants for institutes for science and mathematics teachers, given by National Science Foundation, Washington, D. C.

Bishop Edwin E. Voigt of Springfield, Ill., leaves December 11 for a two-month trip to India and around the world. He will be official representative of the Council of Bishops at sessions of the Southern Asia Central Conference.

Mrs. C. A. Bender, official UN observer for Methodist women, left New York Nov. 12 on a two-month tour of UN and Methodist mission projects in Africa. She will also attend a UN conference in Ethiopia. She is a Woman's Division executive secretary for Christian Social Relations.

Two general secretaries who will retire January 1—the Rev. Dr. Thomas B. Lugg of the Council on World Service and Finance and the Rev. Dr. E. Harold Mohn of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, both of Chicago—were honored at the recent District Superintendents' Convocation and the Council of Secretaries meeting.

The chances of a son or daughter graduating from college is at least three times higher if a family is Methodist. As a denomination, Methodists have the highest percentage of students in state colleges and universities and operate the largest number of church-related colleges and universities.

Miss Daisy Dozier of Nashville, Tenn., editor of *Wesley Quarterly*, was honored Nov. 11 as the outstanding alumna of Thomasville (Ala.) High School. She was given a silver cup in recognition of her outstanding service as an editor and in appreciation of the distinction she has brought to her school and community.

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## Filipino Methodists Elect Two Bishops

Philippine Islands Methodist re-elected November 17th the bishop who has headed the Methodist church in the islands since 1948 and elected as their second bishop a man who in 1944 was the first Filipino Methodist ever elected to the episcopacy. Both will serve four-year terms.

Acting on the authorization for a second bishop given by the General Conference in Denver, the Philippines Central Conference divided into two episcopal areas, reports Miss Doris Hess of Hughesville, Pa., missionary and Methodist news correspondent. Bishop Jose L. Valencia was re-elected for the third time to administer one area, and the Rev. Dr. Dionisio Deista Alejandro was chosen as the episcopal head of the new area. Both elections were unanimous, Bishop Valencia's coming on the first ballot and Bishop Alejandro's on the third.

The Central Conference comprises three full annual conferences (Philippines, North Philippines and Northwest Philippines) and the Mindanao Provisional Annual Conference, which is on its way to becoming a full conference. It is likely that during the next four years the Philippines Annual Conference will be divided to form a new conference.

Meeting in Central Methodist Church in Manila, the Central Conference delegates heard Bishop Valencia say in the Episcopal Address that Methodist membership had increased by 19,349, or 19 per cent, in the last four years. That is an average annual increase of almost 5 per cent, compared to American Methodism's annual increase of about 1 per cent. Full membership in the Philippines now stands at 117,323; in 1956 at was 98,883.

## Christmas Opera Presented At Pfeiffer College

"Amehl and the Eight Visitors," outstanding American Christmas opera, was presented by an 86-voice choir at Pfeiffer College on Wednesday, December 14. The opera was under the musical direction of William Thomas of the collegiate Department of Music.

This moving and stirring presentation by Gian-Carlo Menotti, outstanding American composer, was produced with the cooperation of the chancel choir of the First Methodist Church, Charlotte. Director of staging was John Richards McCrane, director of the Charlotte Opera Association and head of the Converse College Voice Department.

The opera was introduced to the American public in December 1951 on NBC Television and recognized as one of the outstanding dramatic-musical scores of its type written in recent years. Menotti is the composer of many modern operas, including "The Telephone" and "The Taming of the Shrew."

## Dr. Walt Holcomb In Florida Revivals

Last spring when Dr. Walt Holcomb, Atlanta, finished his Florida "One-Sunday, Week-End Revivals," there were three or four engagements carried over to this fall. He returned to Miami December 11, to preach at North Miami Beach Methodist Church, Rev. J. C. Rowan, pastor. Dr. Holcomb's winter address is 2346 Indiana Avenue, Homestead Air Force Base, Fla.

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A layman, Dr. Dennis V. Snapp of Paris, Ky., who has been executive secretary of the Board of Education in the Kentucky Conference for 42 years, was honored recently in Nashville at a national meeting of his colleagues from other conferences.

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## High Point Pastor Has Book of Poems Published

"The Seasons of Life" is a book of sixty-seven poems written by H. Glen Lanier, which has just been published. The author is the pastor of Montlieu Avenue Methodist Church in High Point.

The poems contained in "The Seasons of Life" are in four categories: Nature; Life and The World; Home, Family and Social Relations; and Religious Themes. These have been written by the author during the past fifteen years, and have been published as representative of his work. Mr. Lanier has written over six hundred poems and hymns. Many of his poems have been published in magazines and religious journals, some in anthologies of college and university poetry and in newspapers. Two of his hymns have taken honors in the Hymn Society of America contests, with his youth hymn, "O Master, Who In Days of Youth," as first-place winner in 1954, a hymn that was published and used nationally in the observance of National Youth Week of that year.

Mr. Lanier has been a minister serving in the Western North Carolina Conference for sixteen years, in pastorates at Greer-Mt. Carmel, Lexington; West Bend, Asheville; First Church, Thomasville, under whose pastorate the new First Church edifice was erected; associate at First Church, Charlotte, and now pastor of Montlieu Avenue Church, High Point.

The book of poems just published, priced at \$2.00, is available only from the author at 1208 Montlieu Avenue, High Point, N. C., should anyone desire a copy.

## Holy Day — Not Holiday

When Jesus came from heaven to earth  
Angelic hosts proclaimed his birth  
With songs of praise to God most high  
As shepherds watched their flocks nearby.

Today, we celebrate the birth  
Of Him, God's gift to all the earth,  
Who giveth life and love to all  
Who on His matchless Name doth call.

Had Christ not lived the sinless life  
And overcome a world of strife,  
Fulfilling all the prophesy  
The Messiah promised was to be;

Had He not paid the supreme price  
By giving SELF in sacrifice  
Upon the cross of Calvary  
That from all sin men might be free;

Had God not raised Him from the dead  
And proved Christ IS the Living Bread,  
The Manna sent from heaven above  
On which we feed, and live, and love;

There'd be no celebration of  
The birthday of our Lord of Love;  
No Christmas tree; no song to sing;  
No gifts of love for us to bring.

So, let us make the welkin ring  
With songs of praise to Christ our King!  
Glory be to God most high,  
Creator of the earth and sky!

—LENA HAMMER THACKER

December 3, 1960



Miss Louise Nichols, field worker for the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, was guest speaker at the fall rally of the Fayetteville District M.Y.F., which met at the Raeford Methodist Church, Saturday afternoon, November 26. Miss Nichols spoke on the subject, "Making Missions Alive." Standing with her, left to right, are David Jones, Rock-

ingham, district chairman of the program area, "Christian Outreach;" Joey Warfel, Fayetteville, Conference chairman, "Christian Outreach," and vice-president of the District M.Y.F.; and the Rev. Bill Lowdermilk, Fayetteville, district director of youth work. Margaret Bridges of Fayetteville is president of the district and presided over the business session. (Methodist College photo—McAdams).

## Successful Conference-Wide Every Member Canvass Conducted Last Year

By DALLAS MALLISON

The financial structure of the North Carolina Annual Conference stands in first place among the 100 Annual Conferences of American Methodism.

This appraisal comes from Dr. F. Olen Hunt, director of the Department of Gifts and Wills of Methodist Foundation, Inc. He made it from his office in Raleigh in releasing a detailed statistical report of the results of the North Carolina Conference-wide Every Member Canvass last year sponsored by the Conference Board of Lay Activities under the guidance of the Conference lay leader, J. Nelson Gibson, Jr., of Gibson.

The survey shows, Dr. Hunt said, some phenomenal results achieved by the Board of Lay Activities in its first endeavor in this field. The Board is planning to sponsor the canvass again this year, set to get underway soon after the ten district lay rallies in February.

The report, based upon figures secured by Gibson from individual churches in the Conference, reveals that 143 or 31 per cent of the 463 local charges participated in the Every Member Canvass, Dr. Hunt announced. These churches reported an increase in their budget givings of \$414,457 last year, he said.

"These figures indicate that if every church in the Conference had staged an

Every Member Canvass last year and the same percentage of increase had prevailed, the total net increase in all church budgets last year would have been \$1,336,881," Dr. Hunt declared.

### District Figures

The nine districts in the North Carolina Conference ranged from 18 to 48 per cent in the number of local charges participating in the canvass, Dr. Hunt said. Budget increases per charge reporting ranged from seven to sixteen per cent among the districts with an overall conference net gain of 14 per cent last year over the year before, he revealed.

The director declared that the Every Member Canvass is proving a great help in aiding the churches in meeting the growing needs in all fields of the church program, especially in Christian education and church extension.

"The Department of Gifts and Wills of the Methodist Foundation, Inc., is seeking this year in every possible way to cooperate with the work of the Board of Lay Activities in promoting the Every Member Canvass in each and every church in the North Carolina Conference," Dr. Hunt said in a letter accompanying the report. "We believe that the necessary growth in giving to assure the progress of our Conference can only be realized by all of us working together."



## New Audio-Visual Aids Now Available

The Television, Radio, and Film Commission of the North Carolina Conference is now able to furnish a listing of three new series of visual aids that may be had for use by those who desire them. Mrs. W. R. Lawson, Jr., audio-visual librarian, of 2328 Derby Drive, Raleigh, N. C., will be glad to furnish these materials to any who contact her. New listings available are as follows:

### Series No. 1

"Getting to Know God Better"—Series of 4 filmstrips, with 33 $\frac{1}{3}$  rpm recording for each—color

"Getting to Know God Through His World"

"Getting to Know God Through the Bible"

"Getting to Know God Through Prayer and Worship"

"Getting to Know God Through Jesus"

For use with juniors, parents and teachers.

### Series No. 2

"Older Teens and Popularity Problems"—series of 4 filmstrips, with 33 $\frac{1}{3}$  rpm recording with each

"The Crowd"

"Smoking and Drinking"

"My Loyalty Test"

"Influencing Others for Good"

For use with youth, teachers and parents.

### Series No. 3

"Christian Teen-agers Spiritual Like Kit"—series of 4 filmstrips—color—33 $\frac{1}{3}$  rpm recording with each

"Teenagers and the Bible"

"Teenagers and Prayer"

"Teenagers and Witnessing"

"Teenagers and Christian Responsibility"

For use with older juniors, youth, teachers and parents.

## Miss Sue Weddell Author World Day of Prayer Program

New York—A dynamic, white-haired woman who has devoted a major part of her life to Christian foreign missions is the author of a worship service that will involve millions of people around the world next February.

The global observance is World Day of Prayer, to be observed for the 75th year in 22,000 U. S. communities and scores of countries overseas on February 17, 1961.

The author of the Day's worship service is Miss Sue Weddell, now living in Ocean Grove, New Jersey.

The extent of next year's 75th observance in all countries was indicated by Mrs. Paul Moser, New York, who is chairman of the anniversary plans.

"When the first Friday in Lent arrives," she said, "millions of men, women and children will sing the same hymns, read the same Scripture passages, and pray the same prayers in a global spiritual fellowship."

Sponsor of the annual observance in the United States is United Church Women, a general department of the National Council of Churches. Participating in overseas sponsorship is the Council's Division of Foreign Missions.

## Judicial Council Confirms Bishop Harmon's Ruling

The Judicial Council, which is the Supreme Court of Methodism, and of which the Rev. W. L. Clegg, of Burlington, is a member, met October 27-29 in Cincinnati, Ohio. It handed down a total of seven major decisions on which it had been asked to act. One of those was sent up by the Western North Carolina Conference, a ruling made by Bishop Nolan B. Harmon. The Council, after careful study, confirmed Bishop Harmon's decision. We give below the account of Decision No. 180 and the conclusion of the Judicial Council:

### Decision No. 180

The Western North Carolina Conference in its session on June 11, 1960, directed its Board of Pensions "to ask the bishop to rule on the authority of the conference to grant an annuity on an adjusted basis to conference members serving institutions that have a pension plan." The ruling of Bishop Nolan B. Harmon was sent to the Judicial Council for review as provided in the *Discipline*. In his ruling Bishop Harmon, using Paragraph 1618, Section 9, as the controlling provision of the *Discipline*, determined that the Western North Carolina Conference was acting within its rights in designating certain institutions, having their own pension plan, as approved for annuity responsibility "on an adjusted basis."

The basic question involved in this case was the legality of the action of the Annual Conference in supplementing the pension program of institutions which it had approved for annuity responsibility to the extent that conference members related to these institutions may be eligible to receive annuities equivalent to the approved annuity rate of the Annual Conference.

The Judicial Council found that the provisions of the *Discipline* clearly give to the Annual Conference power to administer its own pension program subject to the provisions of the *Discipline*. In its analysis of the case, the Council stated:

"There is nothing in the *Discipline* which denies the Annual Conference the right to adjust apportionments to institutions approved for annuity responsibility or to establish schedules of annuity payment to supplement the pension plan of such institutions with annuity grants from the Annual Conference."

From the Council's interpretation of disciplinary provisions it reached the conclusion that an Annual Conference may approve institutions for annuity responsibility on an adjusted basis and compute its annuity payments on the basis of its appraisal of the adequacy or inadequacy of the pension rate of the institution involved. Accordingly, the ruling of Bishop Nolan B. Harmon was affirmed.

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Dr. Yil Hyung Chyung, minister of foreign affairs of the Republic of Korea, and Mrs. Chyung were guests of honor at a reception recently at the Interchurch Center in New York, sponsored by the Division of World Missions of the Board of Missions. He is an active Methodist layman. Mrs. Chyung is a graduate of Methodism's Ewha University.

## N. C. Church Council To Hear Dr. Sockman

Speakers for the 24th annual meeting of the North Carolina Council of Churches and the Department of United Church Women, representing fifteen major denominations of the state, have been announced by the Rev. Morton R. Kurtz of Durham, executive secretary of the Council.

The meetings will be held at the White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, January 30-February 1, 1961. The sixth annual Pastors' Conference will convene January 31 as part of the annual Council meeting.

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, prominent Methodist minister, author, lecturer, and radio personality, of New York City, will speak to the group on Tuesday evening, January 31. Mrs. W. Murdoch MacLeod, a former resident of North Carolina and now general director of the National Department of United Church Women, will make two addresses. Other speakers include Dr. Guion Johnson of the University of North Carolina; Mrs. Monica B. Owen, associate director of Migrant Ministry of the National Council of Churches; Dr. Carlyle Marney, pastor of the Myers Park Baptist Church, Charlotte; Dr. Bernard Boyd, head of the Department of Religion at the University of North Carolina; Canon Theodore Waddell of the Washington National Cathedral, Washington, D. C.; and Dr. Benjamin Mays, president of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, president of Louisburg College, heads the North Carolina Council of Churches, and Mrs. Harold J. Dudley of Raleigh is president of the United Church Women.

The Council of Churches and the Department of United Church Women work in the field of social action, Christian education, ecumenical relations, migrant ministry, overseas relief, rural church, and pastoral ministry.

## New Ocean View Church Receives Several Gifts

The Ocean View Methodist Church at Yaupon Village, near Southport, held a service December 4 in which several presentations were made to the church by individuals. Ocean View is a comparatively new church, organized about three years ago, and has just recently gone into its new building. Rev. L. D. Hayman, who organized the church, is still pastor. The church is growing. Listings of the memorials for the chancel and pulpit include: Lectern and pulpit, gift of Mrs. Ira Hines, of Carolina Beach; altar table, gift of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Murph, Salisbury; pulpit chairs, gift of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Brown, Yaupon Beach; pulpit Bible, gift of friends, anonymous; lectern Bible and hymn board, gift of pastor and wife; Cross and candlesticks, gift of Dr. and Mrs. L. D. Hayman, Jr., of Jacksonville, N. C., honoring Dr. Hayman's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. L. D. Hayman. Persons making the gifts were present and were given opportunity to present them. In accepting these mention was also made of other gifts which have been made at different times.



## Bishop to Carry Yuletide Greetings to Service Men

Bishop John Wesley Lord, of the Washington, D. C., Area of the Methodist Church, will carry Yuletide greetings to U. S. service men and women overseas as the ecclesiastical emissary of more than 144,000 hometown Protestant and Orthodox churches.

Accompanied by the Rev. Dr. Fred S. Buschmeyer, Bishop Lord will represent the National Council of Churches and its 33 constituent denominations (which have 144,000 local churches) on a Christmas Season trip through defense posts in the Caribbean area and Panama.

Dr. Buschmeyer is an assistant general secretary of the National Council and in charge of its Washington, D. C., office.

This is the eighth year that the National Council has sent a representative of the churches to visit with lonely G. I.'s and their service colleagues, with prayers and well wishes from their churches and ministers back home. In previous years, Council representatives have visited G. I.'s in Alaska, Greenland, Japan and Korea, Europe and North Africa. This year's spiritual journey will cover the ten-day period, beginning December 17.

The itinerary, announced recently, will take Bishop Lord and Dr. Buschmeyer to Bermuda, Antigua (BWI), Puerto Rico and Panama City, Canal Zone. They will observe Christmas with defense personnel in Panama. They will return to Washington, D. C., (their starting point) on Dec. 27.

Prior to their departure, they were formally commissioned for the journey at the triennial Assembly of the National Council in San Francisco, Calif., Dec. 4-9.

Both Bishop Lord and Dr. Buschmeyer will carry out preaching missions during this Christmas season and will speak at special services to the soldiers, sailors, airmen and chaplains stationed at U. S. defense bases in these areas. These two spiritual emissaries will spend Christmas Day leading special services in Panama City.

## Protestants Give \$170,000,000 To Overseas Missions

Protestants in the U. S. and Canada gave almost 170 million dollars to support their overseas missions in 146 countries and territories in 1959. Released last week in a comprehensive report on North American foreign missions, this and other impressive statistics are presented by Dr. Frank Price.

Director of the Missionary Research Library, related to the National Council of Churches, he was assisted in making this two-year survey by Miss Clara E. Orr.

Increased giving for foreign missions was noted both in the U. S. and Canada for a total of \$169,884,082.98. The U. S. portion of \$163,680,468.04 represents an average of \$2.75 per church member, the report shows. This is somewhat higher than previous averages recently put at \$2.26 per capita because a larger group is included in this survey which makes relatively larger contributions. Twelve agencies, which receive more than \$3 mil-

## Laymen's Training Revival In Goldsboro District

The Goldsboro District recently made an experiment in evangelism which is somewhat different from the usual approach. It was called the Christian Laymen's Training Revival. Services were held in St. Luke Methodist Church of which Rev. George C. Megill is pastor, each evening beginning November 28 and running through Friday, December 2. A different minister brought a message each evening and each dealt with a different subject. Rev. Leon Couch, Conference director of evangelism, who is also serving as district director, presided and directed the program. Mr. Couch said, "We hope to give a new impetus to evangelism by trying to get the fire built up under visitation evangelism by another approach." Rev. R. R. Blankenhorn served as song leader, and Rev. Mark W. Lawrence, district superintendent, was present to lend any assistance needed. Mr. Robert C. Rose, district lay leader, and Mr. Ralph Jinnette, associate lay leader, also contributed to the program. The program began Monday evening with a message: "Planning a Yearly Program of Evangelism," by Rev. Gordon Allen of the Elm Street and Falling Creek Churches, followed by a message on "Conducting an Effective Prayer Group," by Rev. Robert M. Poulk, of the Salem Church; Tuesday evening, a message on "The Visitation Program and Training Laymen," by Rev. A. F. McClung of the Daniels Memorial Church, followed by a message on "Personal Evangelism," by Rev. Jean Hood, of the Brogden Methodist Church; Wednesday evening a message on "Developing Family Life Evangelism," by Rev. J. G. Lupton, of the Seven Springs Church, followed by a message on "Involving Youth in Evangelism," by Rev. George C. Megill, of the St. Luke Church; Thursday evening a message on "Extending an Invitation to Christ in the Home," by Rev. Richard Craig, of the Brownings-Smith Churches, followed by a message on "Evangelism in the Church School," by Rev. Dwight Fouts of the Mount Olive Church, followed by a message on "Evangelizing the Rural Church," by Rev. L. V. Wesley of Bethel-Rones Churches; Friday evening a message on "Giving an Altar Call," by Rev. George Tyson, of Pine Forest Church, followed by a message on "Enlisting Older Adults for Evangelism," by Rev. J. E. Bryant, of Beston-Bethel Churches, followed by a message on "Motivating the Local Church for Evangelism" by Rev. E. L. Earnhardt, of Jefferson Methodist Church.

Special music was furnished each night by one of the cooperating churches. The plan was to train laymen to do evangelistic work in their churches under the direction of the pastor, and the program had its climax in "One Great Day of Witnessing" on December 4.

lion, account for one-half the total Protestant contributions.

Among the top contributors to foreign missions are the Seventh Day Adventists, who average \$28.00 per member, and the Evangelical Free Church with \$14.40 each.

## More Lay Evangelism Suggested By Committee

Nashville, Tenn.—More lay evangelism in each Methodist annual conference was urged by the Methodist National Lay Committee on Evangelism in its annual meeting at Columbus, Ohio.

The committee met November 25-27 at the Deshler Hilton Hotel and Broad Street Methodist Church, Columbus.

Each annual conference board of evangelism was requested by the national committee to set up within the board's structure a conference lay committee on evangelism.

"All around us are people who are hungering and thirsting for someone to talk to them about Jesus Christ," Richard W. Campbell, Altoona, Pa., a vice-chairman of the committee, told his fellow laymen at the national meeting. "It isn't difficult to talk to them about Christ if you really want to. Tell it to them in a simple, sincere positive way—with enthusiasm."

All of the 12 speakers on the program were laymen, except Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Columbus, who greeted the group of about 50 in the home of Ohio Methodism.

The committee was set up in 1959 to serve as a "base of interest and counsel in the total work of evangelism." It is affiliated with the Methodist General Board of Evangelism.

## A Beer Can at Christmas Time

By PAUL SCOTT

I saw it while walking to the mail box—an empty beer can. A similar can may be consistently found in our yard twice a month. Someone must know a Christian lives here, and I'm glad.

What is the reason behind this recurring experience? Is it a joke? Is it supposed to pressure my righteous indignation to the degree of "fit to be tied?" Would you think it strange to suggest that this empty can says for its former owner: "I still care." Why sin and leave the evidence around for others to observe? No one blackmails another if he expects to be caught. This booze drinker is a living contradiction. He indicates by his action that he hates religion, that this deep longing to be at peace with himself is frustrating. Basically, he desires what he ridicules and mocks.

That empty can is an appraisal of its purchaser—the cover shines, but it is hollow where it really counts. The promises of sin have always been great, but the pleasures of sin are only "for a season."

It is strange that our church should find it necessary to emphasize temperance and total abstinence of alcoholic beverages for its constituents this Yuletide season. Is it the normal procedure of a child of God to "drink?" This liquified devil has no place in any Methodist home.

Yes, it was just an empty beer can paradoxically speaking for its owner. Many bleary, blood-shot eyes speak their silent prayer: "I still care. Help me!" The internationally known Physician and Missionary said: "I am come that they might have life . . . abundantly." Let us be reflectors of His glory by pointing the earth-bound pilgrim to the City of God.





# Woman's Activities



## Red Scissors Coupon Campaign

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

Methodist women are asked to save their coupons and send them to the Bethlehem Centers in Charlotte and Winston-Salem as soon as possible.

Coupons may be clipped from certain products used in every home—the names of these products may be secured from the secretary of supply work in each local society. A special premium offer has been made to the Bethlehem Centers by the sponsoring organizations, that if they reach a specified quantity of coupons by July 1, 1961, a bonus will be paid to the Centers.

These Red Scissors Coupons are redeemed for cash and the money is used to purchase needed equipment for the Centers. Last year Bethlehem Center in Charlotte received \$169.57 and the Center in Winston-Salem, \$167.80.

Mrs. H. J. Wise, conference secretary of supply work, says that last year neither Center received enough coupons to reach the generous bonus offer. But she reminds us that *every* Methodist woman could change this amount during the next six months.

The Albemarle, Asheville, Charlotte, Gastonia, Marion, North Wilkesboro and Salisbury Districts should send their coupons to Bethlehem Center, 2705 Baltimore Ave., Charlotte 3, N. C. The Greensboro, High Point, Statesville, Thomasville, Waynesville and Winston-Salem Districts send their coupons to Bethlehem Center, 408 Hickory Street, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Red Scissors Coupons may be found on 13 brands: Octagon products, Borden's canned milk, Pride of Illinois canned vegetables, Joan of Arc canned vegetables, Filbert's Margarine, Gold Seal cat and dog food, Calumet baking powder, Austex canned meats, Penny cat and dog food, Luzianne Coffee, Skinner macaroni products, and Skinner cereals.

### *Public Relations Includes Cooking*

A North Carolina homemaker, Mrs. Hal Wells of Leicester, won top honors this month in the art of cake-baking in the National Grange Bake-off held in Winston-Salem at the Grange's annual convention in that city.

Mrs. Wise is chairman of public relations for the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Asheville District.

Her entry in the contest was a date-filled, chocolate-rich fudge cake with a very delicious chocolate frosting.

Prior to the national convention, one entry from each region was chosen in regional baking contests. She was the winner in region No. 3, which included North Carolina, South Carolina, Indiana, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia, before she was declared winner in the national meet.

Her valuable prizes included an electric range, refrigerator and other wonderful equipment for her home.

In addition to her district office, Mrs. Wells serves as president of her local society.

### *Salisbury District W.S.C.S. Makes Gift*

The Woman's Society of the Salisbury District made a gift of \$25 to Pfeiffer College in honor of Mrs. Franklin Shinn at its meeting held in Kannapolis this month.

The women asked that the gift be used to help beautify the Missions Center at Pfeiffer College.

The women of the district are cooperating in the outstanding work being done by the young people of the district. The youth groups have pledged \$2,800 for their Methodist Youth Fund this year. Mrs. Ray Simpson, Jr., district secretary of youth work, outlined the plans for a district-wide youth camp to be located in the Morrow Mountain section, with several departments of the church cooperating in the project.

Dr. James C. Stokes, district superintendent of the Salisbury District, discussed plans to help coordinate the entire program of the church.

Mrs. William J. Clayton, district president, was in charge of the meeting.

## N. C. Conference

By MARY GARDNER



### New Dormitory In Korea Dedicated

Mrs. Euline Smith Weems, in a recent letter from Korea where she is serving as a missionary, tells of the current unrest there and describes a new building constructed with funds from the Woman's Division of Christian Service and a local church in Georgia.

A native of Hamlet, N. C., and an ordained minister, Mrs. Weems writes: "There has been unrest since the demonstrations in April, and the Methodist Church has been involved. When there seemed no other solution, the bishop, secretaries of departments in the church, and the General Board members resigned. Then General Conference was called to convene the latter part of August to accept these various resignations. We are grateful that the bishop's resignation was not accepted and wish the others could have continued throughout this quadrennium. The work of the church has been reorganized and seems to be going forward at this time. We still have problems in some of

the schools but are grateful for the progress that has been made in settling them.

"Those days I am privileged to go to the country I find another atmosphere. The Chulwon District dormitory, which was built with funds from the Woman's Division of Christian Service and Pattillo Methodist Church, Decatur, Georgia, has been completed and is a joy. Bishop Kim dedicated the building. The pastors on the district have used it twice for monthly meetings. It is to be used for men and women, with the dining rooms separating the two dormitories. There are accommodations for my chauffeur and myself when we go to the district for several days. This means that we can be more comfortable without inconveniencing local families. With a place to leave things I need when spending the night away from home, we have less baggage on our trips to and from Seoul.

Our first meeting was held last week for preachers' wives and officers in the local missionary societies. Mrs. Chong Pil Kim, our bishop's wife, and Miss Hyo Duk Lee, executive secretary for the Woman's Missionary Society in Korea, were our speakers. When it was over the women were saying, 'If only we could meet a little longer.' Mrs. Kim made some practical suggestions about housekeeping, which were appreciated. I wish you could have seen the women sweeping yards and halls and getting ready for the day. I have never seen more willing hands at work. They are thankful for everything that has been done for them. At the time of the dedication an older local woman was so happy about furnishings she went home and danced.

The pastors use the building, too. Our plan is to have our monthly business meeting during the afternoon and any who have to go can catch a late afternoon bus home. At the last meeting we had a book review after supper, some discussions, and prayers. Some of the pastors are hoping to go there for a day apart."

### *Women Challenged to Greater Service*

Joint subdistrict meetings of the New Bern District were held recently at the Queen Street Methodist Church, Kinston, and the Centenary Methodist Church, New Bern.

Guest speaker, Miss Louise Nichols, field worker for the Woman's Division of Christian Service, told the groups that as many persons make pilgrimages and return with relics to treasure, she hoped they would consider themselves on a pilgrimage that day. She named as several beneficial relics which the women could take home: a desire to learn more about the work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, a desire to do more effective work, some helpful literature, an eagerness to share, a joyous attitude toward their respective woman's societies and churches, and a warm feeling derived from fellowship with other Christians. Miss Nichols' talk was interspersed with stories of her experiences in various areas of woman's work. A question and answer period followed the address.

The five subdistricts and their leaders include Greenville, Mrs. J. H. Whitaker; Kinston, Mrs. W. G. Mallard; Jacksonville, Mrs. R. C. Mullen; Morehead City, Mrs.



J. Fred Smith; New Bern, Mrs. L. F. Williams.

#### *Goldsboro Subdistricts Meetings*

Members of the Goldsboro, Smithfield, and Snow Hill subdistricts, meeting at St. Luke's Methodist Church, Goldsboro, heard Miss Louise Nichols make comparisons of articles which she has picked up in her travels with things which may be gained from other people in other places. "We should broaden our thinking, and increase our knowledge of the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service," she declared. Miss Nichols was introduced by Mrs. Cecil Pate, Goldsboro District president.

The Rev. George Megill, pastor of the host church, told the group: "Not only should we serve our immediate world or family and neighbors, but we should, by our study and contributions further the work done in all the world. The commandment to 'go into all the world' is our law."

Leaders of the three participating subdistricts are Goldsboro, Mrs. Garland Alphin; Smithfield, Mrs. Blen Hinnant; and Snow Hill, Mrs. Lemuel Dawson.

#### *Miss Nichols' Engagement Announced*

Miss E. Louise Nichols, field worker for the Woman's Division of Christian Service, has announced her engagement to Mr. Lewis H. Morrison, of Cincinnati, Ohio. The wedding ceremony will be solemnized on December 31 in the North Broadway Methodist Church in Columbus, Ohio, where Miss Nichols formerly served as deaconess. Bishop Hazen G. Werner will officiate, with Dr. Lance Webb, pastor of the North Broadway Church, assisting.

Miss Nichols' itinerary in the North Carolina Conference last month was her last assignment with the Woman's Division before her marriage.

After January 1, 1961, Mr. and Mrs. Morrison will reside at 2949 Felz Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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#### **"JUST ONE LITTLE SPOT"**

A hospital doctor examined a patient:  
Did he hurt here or there—in his stomach  
or back?

And the answer was "no," then he pressed  
him and punched him,

In order to find some indicative track;  
So the patient confessed: "Any pain I  
have not,

But I'm here for one thing, and one thing  
alone—

To say I've no feeling in just one little  
spot;

And I'm wanting the truth, if the truth can  
be known."

Just one little spot on his skin—that was  
all;

But with that his unhappiness grew, and  
it grew;

He must find a physician who could make  
him complete—

That one little spot must be made just like  
new.

A significant quest! For a way must be  
found—

By society, or church, or just any one  
wrong—

By which the bad spot can be made truly  
sound—

Then the wholly redeemed is filled with  
new song.

—ERNEST C. DURHAM

## LEST WE FORGET

By LOUISE STAHL

### **XII. Randall and McKnight**

On February 15, 1785, Bishop Asbury, on his way southward after having been consecrated superintendent or bishop at the Christmas Conference a few weeks previously, wrote in his Journal, "I gave up my horse and borrowed one of Mr. Randall." This was the first mention of John Randall, a deaf and dumb man known as "Dumb John," but by no means the last.

He lived in the present Stanly County, N. C., a few miles north of Norwood. Jesse Lee preached in his home while traveling the Salisbury Circuit, and thus wrote of him: "The man of the house was always deaf and dumb, yet can pronounce the name of his wife and the name of his brother very distinctly; but I could not learn that he ever uttered any other word. He is esteemed a pious man, and by signs will give a good experience of grace, both of his conviction and conversion, and of his progress in the service of the Lord, of the pleasing hope he has of heaven when he leaves this world."

The Randall community became a regular preaching place and Asbury stopped there on numerous occasions. Services were first conducted in the home and then in a brush arbor. A church was erected before 1800 and Randall Church is now the oldest in the country. It is a little west of the Yadkin at Tillery Lake. The property of three and one-half acres was deeded by John Snugg in 1813.

One of the relatives of John Randall, Josias, went to Georgia and as early as 1806 was presiding elder of the Ogeechee District and later a prominent figure in public life.

On Christmas Day in 1805 Bishop Asbury wrote: "George Dougherty informs me that the wife of John Randle, upon Pee Dee (known by the name of dumb John) died in a great peace and joy, after a thirty years' profession of religion among the Baptists and Methodists: safe anchorage; clear gains!"

Another interesting figure in early North Carolina Methodism was George McKnight who lived on the Yadkin near the present Clemmons in Forsyth County, fifteen miles from the site of the Cokesbury School. His home was one of the earliest preaching places and was visited by Asbury on half a dozen occasions. Conferences were held there in 1789, 1790, and 1791.

The 1789 Conference was attended by the preachers from the Holston country of East Tennessee who crossed the mountains by way of the Flower Gap. "We had weighty matters for consideration before us," wrote Asbury. The most important such matter was the launching of the *Arminian Magazine*, which the newly-appointed Book Steward, John Dickins, edited and published at Philadelphia. The preface to the first volume was signed by Asbury and Thomas Coke at "North Carolina, April 10, 1789." Only two volumes were published and copies of both are in the World Methodist Building at Lake

Junaluska. It lapsed after 1790 and was revived in 1818 as the *Methodist Magazine*.

In 1790 Asbury was accompanied to McKnight's Chapel by Richard Whatcoat, who had been ordained by John Wesley and sent to America with Dr. Thomas Coke in 1784; he was elected bishop in 1800 but survived only six years. The two men were late and found that the Conference had been waiting for them nearly two weeks. "We rejoiced together, and my brethren received me as one brought from the jaws of death," wrote Asbury. The Conference in 1791 was attended by both Asbury and Coke and was held "in great peace. Many of the preachers related their experiences, and it was a blessed season of grace. Several of our brethren expressed something like the perfect love of God, but they had doubts about their having retained it." Asbury's last visit, so far as is known, was on October 11, 1799, but no Conference was held on that occasion.

In the cemetery of Sharon Church near Lewisville is a tombstone with this inscription: "The memory of George McKnight Senu (Senior), born July 8, 1765. Departed this life March 22, 1847. He lived 81 years 8 mont and 14 days. In youth he joined the Methad (Methodists) then maryed got softkt (sophisticated) joined the Morafens (Moravians) then moved to Stoks had preached in his oan house."

### **Open House Held at Milford Hills Methodist Parsonage**

On Sunday afternoon, November 27, from 2:00 to 5:00 o'clock, the members and friends of Milford Hills Church, Salisbury, were given an opportunity to see their new parsonage, which was just recently completed.

The house, which is on Milford Drive Extension, back of the church, was built by Mr. Q. H. Wood, local contractor and



faithful member of Milford Hills Methodist Church, without profit to himself.

The building committee who worked closely with Mr. Wood was: Walter Jones, chairman; C. H. Kirkpatrick, and John J. Ridenhour, Jr.

The furnishing committee was: Mrs. John Lawson, chairman; Mrs. C. C. Floyd, Mrs. Ralph Penley, Mrs. Earl Cheves, and Mrs. Charles Hannah.

This adequate and lovely parsonage has four bedrooms, a living room, dining room, kitchen, family room, two baths, and a full basement.





# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## A Tale of Two Pennies

Two little pennies lay side by side in the darkness. They wondered and wondered what was going to happen to them. One had been taken out of the pocket of David's coat, and the other out of Nancy's purse. A few hours ago they had seen the sun shining brightly, and all the lovely flowers that were blooming on this beautiful Sunday morning, as David and Nancy had carried them to Sunday school.

As they rested quietly in the little piggy-bank where all the children at Sunday school had put their pennies, David's penny said to Nancy's penny, "Do you know, I believe those people have forgotten us!"

"Oh, no," said Nancy's penny. "I heard the teacher say that we were going to buy Bibles and Gospels for the people who don't have any. So I'm sure we will not be forgotten."

"Are there some people who don't go to Sunday school and read the Bible?" asked David's penny.

"Yes," replied Nancy's penny, "and the teacher said there are a great many people who do not even have Sunday schools and churches. Just think, there are some girls and boys like Nancy and David right here in the United States, and in Japan and Africa and China and Germany, and a lot of other countries, who don't have Bibles to read. I hope we can help to send some to those children."

One day the two pennies, along with a number of others, were taken to a store that sells Bibles. When the storekeeper saw the pennies, he said, "Good! Now we will be able to send another Gospel to some little child who does not have one."

And the two pennies were very proud that their wish was about to come true.

Author Unknown

## HOW FAR TO CHRISTMAS?

How far is it to Christmas?

It's not so far away;

For all I know already

You have and hold the day.

It has no time nor season,

It is not set apart,

But send its blessed happiness

To every little heart.

—SELECTED

## Will Jesus Be There?

In a large city a Christmas party was held for the children of a dispensary.

Among the little ones were shabby, even ragged children. At the party there were to be plenty of gifts and eats, and a clown for extra entertainment.

To amuse and allay the excited children, the kind lady who sponsored the party asked, "Who do you suppose is coming to the party?" She expected, of course, to hear the wide-eyed, happy children call out, "Santa Claus."

To her surprise, one little fellow answered, "Jesus!"

Are we including Jesus in our plans for a happy Christmas? Remember, it's His birthday we're celebrating.

## The Four Plants

A wise old teacher was once taking a stroll through a forest with a shiftless young boy by his side. The teacher suddenly stopped and pointed to four plants close by. The first was a tiny sprout, just coming up out of the earth. The second had rooted itself quite firmly in the fertile soil. The third was a small shrub. The fourth had grown into a well-developed tree.

The teacher said to the lad, "Pull up this first plant." He pulled it up easily with his fingers.

"Now pull up the second plant."

The boy obeyed, and with slight effort the plant came up, roots and all.

"And now the third."

The boy pulled with one hand, then the other, but it would not come. Then he took both hands, and the plant yielded to all his strength.

"And now," said the master, "try the fourth."

The youth grasped the trunk with all his might, but hardly a leaf shook. "I cannot move it," he exclaimed.

"Just so, my son," said the teacher, "with our wrong habits. When they are young and small, we can pull them up and out of our lives, but when they are full-grown, they cannot be uprooted."

—Selected

## Thought for Today

The greatest value of the postage stamp is its ability to stick to one thing until it gets there.

## CHUCKLES

Teacher: "Tommy, what are you doing?"

Tommy: "Nothin'! With you and Mama and God and Santa Claus all

watchin' me all the time, what can I do?"

"Mother, what does 'apt' mean?" inquired Dot, returning home from school.

"Why, my dear, it means 'smart . . . quick to learn.' But why?"

"That's funny," replied Dot in a puzzled tone. "My teacher told me today I was apt to flunk."

Teacher: "Who was the first man who went around the world?"

Danny: "The man in the moon."

## Bible Rhymes

1. From this man's ancient prophesy  
The Wise Men learned where the Child  
should be. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The shepherds and sages adore and de-  
part;  
She quietly ponders these things in her  
heart. \_\_\_\_\_
3. He clasped the Christ Child to his heart,  
Saying, "Lord, let thy servant now de-  
part." \_\_\_\_\_

## Answers to Last Week's Quiz

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| 1. An Oak Tree    | II Samuel 18:9 |
| 2. A Juniper Tree | 1 Kings 19:1-5 |
| 3. A Fig Tree     | John 1:45-48   |
| 4. A Cedar Tree   | I Kings 7:1-3  |

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## Church School Classes Necessary for Fellowship

Nashville, Tenn.—As church congregations become larger, adult church school classes will be more necessary in order to have Christian fellowship in the church, leaders of the Methodist Church's Christian education program were told in a meeting here.

The speaker was the Rev. Dr. Douglas E. Jackson, a professor at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. He addressed the biennial meeting of the executive secretaries of boards of education of Methodist annual conferences, recently.

"In many congregations," Dr. Jackson told the approximately 100 leaders, "membership is so large that Christian fellowship is almost impossible. The church school class is now in many of these churches the unit of brotherly sharing."

The executive secretary with the longest record of service was honored at the conference. A layman, he is Dr. Dennis V. Snapp, Paris, Ky. Dr. Snapp has been executive secretary of the board of education of the Kentucky Conference 42 years. He hasn't missed the annual conference-wide youth meeting of that conference in 50 years.



## Sunday School Lesson

FOR DECEMBER 25

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH

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Background Scripture: Luke 2

Lesson Scripture: Luke 2:8-20

In this last lesson of the year it may be well to remember that our general subject for this quarter is "Passages of Spiritual Power." How well our Scripture for today fits into that group! Let the reader allow his imagination to play over the centuries during which these well-known words have been read. He will picture them being read at Christmas-tide in hundreds of languages and dialects in every quarter of the globe. He can hear them read in homes (even in caves) where Christians had gathered to worship. He can imagine a small rural church, or an immense cathedral, echoing with the story of the nativity of our Lord. He can hear the voices of childhood, of youth and of old age sounding out these verses which have become the heritage of the human race. "Passages of Spiritual Power?" Yes, they are among the great ones.

The words of the second chapter of Luke signalize the fact that in the birth of Christ we have, indeed, a gift to the whole world. Cranford (International Lesson Annual) has suggested that the story of Jesus' birth has a truly international flavor. First, we might mention the fact that Luke, the author, was a Greek. The ruling nation was, of course, Rome; and the governor of Syria is likewise mentioned. In Matthew's account (see chapter 2) "wise men from the East" are spoken of, and also Herod, an Idumean. Finally, we are told that the holy family fled into Egypt. The allusions to all these nations in the stories of Jesus' birth suggest, therefore, that it was a birth which had world-wide significance. And so it has proved to be. At any hour of the day or night in some part of the world the story is being retold and the praises of Jesus sung. According to figures released last year there are now nearly three-quarters of a billion people who are members of some branch of the Christian Church.

If we come to the Christmas story with nothing more than a coldly critical attitude we shall miss the wonder and the glory of it. We are here in the realm of poetry, as the early hymns recorded in the first two chapters of Luke will testify. Now to speak of poetry is not the same as to speak only of fancy. Poetry is an attempt to put into words that which matter-of-fact prose can never explain. But this doesn't mean that what it speaks of isn't real. In our great poems and hymns we are often dealing with the sublimest Reality of all.

We notice, first, that the announcement came to the shepherds. This may be taken to mean that the great fact of the Incarnation was intended for the humble ones of the earth first of all. One recalls the words of the hymn: "Where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in." When men become obsessed with pride in their own knowledge and power; in short, when they arrogate to themselves the qualities of divinity, it becomes difficult for them to recognize God's amazing

power to use the simple things of life as a channel of his plans and purposes.

How appropriate, in this connection, is the word of St. Paul in I Corinthians, 1: 22-25: "For the Jews demand signs and the Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men."

The angels were also involved in this story of the first Christmas. This can be interpreted as representing the super-human nature of this event. The song which they sang is a sort of summary of the Gospel: "Peace on earth, good will toward men." The RSV has it this way: "On earth peace among men with whom he is well pleased." The American Translation gives this rendering: "Glory to God in heaven and on earth! Peace to the men he favors." Phillips gives us this version: "Glory to God in highest Heaven! Peace upon earth to men whom he loves." However we may translate this message, we may say it proclaims the central fact of the Incarnation and indeed, of the Gospel itself—that is, the fact that there is an inseparable connection between the Incarnation and reconciliation. In the words of one ancient writer: "God became man so that man might become more like God." This is why the Christmas story centers about the greatest Gift.

### Dr. Robert Fisher Oxnam New President of Drew

Madison, N. J.—Dr. Robert Fisher Oxnam was elected president of Drew University, the only Methodist-related university in the New York Area, at a meeting of the Board of Trustees November 22. The announcement was made by Donald R. Baldwin, president of the Board.

He will be the eighth president of Drew, which was founded in 1867 as a monument to 100 years of Methodism in America. The university, located on a 130-acre campus in Madison, N. J., includes a College of Liberal Arts, a Theological School, and a Graduate School. The university offers degrees through the Ph.D.

Dr. Oxnam has been president of Pratt Institute in Brooklyn since 1957. At Drew, he will succeed Fred G. Holloway who was elected a bishop of the Methodist Church, and assigned to the newly-created West Virginia Area. Dr. Holloway had been president of Drew for thirteen years.

The 45-year-old educator was born in Boston. Before his appointment at Pratt, he held administrative and teaching posts at Boston University, Syracuse University and the University of Southern California. He was vice-president for the Administrative Affairs and associate professor of Government at Boston, 1953-57. At Syracuse, he was assistant dean of liberal arts, assistant professor of political science and the assistant to Chancellor William P. Tolley, 1925 graduate of the Theological School, who served as dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Drew, 1929-31.

Dr. Oxnam is the son of Bishop B. Bromley Oxnam, world Methodist leader, recently retired from the Washington, D. C. Area.

## New Christmas Poem

Dr. Herbert B. Porter, beloved and prominent member of the North Carolina Annual Conference, died April 7, 1960. The following poem which Brother Porter had written was sent recently to the editor by Mrs. Porter. We are glad to print this up-to-now unpublished poem by our dear friend and Christian brother, "Hub" Porter.

### I SEE A STAR TONIGHT

By H. B. PORTER

I see a Star tonight!  
It is the Star of Bethlehem—  
And other stars grow faint and dim  
Within the Light that points to Him,  
Who came the world to light.

I see a Star tonight!  
Beyond the realms of mortal scope,  
It shines on ev'ry earthly slope,  
And brings to all immortal Hope—  
This Star I see tonight.

I see a Star tonight!  
Along the world's dark, gruesome way,  
Where sin its might and pow'r display,  
There'll dawn in peace a brighter day,  
For right will conquer might.

I hear a cry tonight!  
It is a Baby's cry I hear  
From yonder manger cold and drear,  
Where Mother laid the little Dear—  
No other room in sight.

I hear a song tonight!  
Angelic voices fill the air  
With seraph songs which do declare  
That man should nevermore despair,  
For Christ is born tonight!

O Holy Child, divine!  
To earth descends Thy heav'nly throng  
With shouts and praises, loud and long,  
For Thou hast come to right the wrong,  
And make us wholly Thine.

I hear a call tonight!  
A call to come and worship Him,  
The Savior, born in Bethlehem,  
And leave my burdens, each of them,  
And find His burden light.

To Him I come tonight!  
No other Star of Hope I know  
Can save me from despair and woe,  
And fill me with Thy Spirit's glow,  
Forever shining bright.

I bow tonight my knee!  
O blessed Son, Thou Prince of Peace,  
Speed fast the day when wars shall cease;  
May joy, good will, and love increase  
Till all mankind is free.

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## Young People to Visit United Nations in '61

By ROBERT M. HARDEE

Conference-wide plans are now under way for another caravan of Methodist young people to visit the United Nations in New York again this year. This is the finest trip a young person of sixteen years can make. This year the busses will leave on Tuesday, April 11, and return on Saturday, April 15.

We are starting a bus from Statesville again this year. Our bus will leave Statesville at 6:00 o'clock on the morning of April 11. We will stop in Salisbury and pick up the delegates from the Salisbury and Albemarle Districts and then be on the way to Washington, D. C., where we will spend the first night. The next morning the groups gather at the State Department for briefing and addresses by high ranking members of the State Department. Lunch in a cafeteria not too far from the Smithsonian Institute, where the group will make a brief stop. We arrive in New York that night. The next morning we gather at the United Nations for a guided tour. There is free time in the afternoon and the second night is spent in New York. Early the next morning we head again for Washington, D. C. We spend the third night in Washington and then back on Saturday night. It all just costs \$46.00. This does not include your eats. It does include your transportation to New York, your hotel bill, and your return trip home. It is the most you will ever get for this little cost.

The Rev. Aubert Smith is directing this movement. The three districts, Statesville, Rev. Robert M. Hardee of Troutman; Salisbury, Rev. Walter Thompson of China Grove, and Albemarle, Rev. O. L. Hancock of Wingate. Get your itinerary from

## Family Life Conference Scheduled October 1962

Nashville, Tenn.—The fourth National Methodist Family Life Conference will be held October 19-21, 1962, at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago.

This was announced by Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Columbus, Ohio, chairman of the General Committee on Family Life of the Methodist Church.

About 3,000 parents and church workers especially concerned with serving the needs of families are expected to attend this meeting.

The conference, held once each quadrennium, is being sponsored by the General Committee on Family Life.

## Secularism Gets a Strangle Hold On People

Secularism is getting a strangle hold on the church, three bishops warned in addresses at the annual meeting of the national Methodist Council of Evangelism held in Bloomington, Ill., recently.

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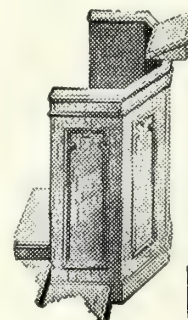
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Millard C. Dunn, Jr., was born on Christmas Eve in 1939. At present a student at Duke Univ., where, as a sophomore, he was made the poetry editor of *The Archive* and is also a licensed preacher of the Methodist Church. In addition to the Certificate of Merit and the Angier B. Duke Scholarship, he has won the Wilmington "Voice of Democracy" contest and *The Archive's* poetry prize for 1959. His avocation is music; he has organized and conducted bands. His hobbies are boating, water skiing, fencing and golf. His home is in Fayetteville, North Carolina.



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# CAROLINA BRIEFS •

☪ THE MEMBERSHIP of First Church, Hickory, held its annual Family Night Friday, December 16. Each family brought a covered dish.

☪ THE METHODIST MEN of Westminster Church, Kinston, sponsored a pan cake supper recently and realized \$150.00 profit from the project.

☪ THE METHODIST MEN'S Club of Trinity Church, Kannapolis, observed Ladies' Night Monday evening, December 12, with supper and a program.

☪ FRIENDSHIP CHURCH, Salisbury District, has completed and paid for a new parsonage, and the pastor and family, Rev. Earl Cook, have moved in.

☪ MR. MALCOLM B. SEAWELL, former attorney general of Raleigh, was speaker at Laymen's Day services at First Methodist Church, Gastonia, Sunday, December 11, at the 11 o'clock service.

☪ TRINITY CHURCH, Raleigh, has elected a Building Committee to proceed in securing plans for a new educational building. The committee consists of Hal Thompson, chairman; R. J. Bryan, W. F. Ramseur, Nat Stephenson, and A. T. Goodwin, Jr.

☪ FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Forest City, Rev. Charles G. Beaman, pastor, has authorized its committee to proceed with air-conditioning the sanctuary. The WSCS had already donated \$250 to the project, and the Men's Bible Class gave \$1,000 December 4.

☪ WESLEY MEMORIAL CHURCH, in High Point, held a church conference immediately after the morning service December 18, to confirm or reject the plan for an auction sale of the church property recently vacated when the church moved into its new building. The property for sale is located on Main Street.

☪ A CHRISTMAS pageant depicting the Biblical story of the birth of Christ, and entitled "Joy to the World," was presented at the Gillburg Methodist Church near Henderson Sunday evening, December 18. Mrs. S. G. Satterwhite directed the pageant.

☪ RANDOLPH COUNTY MYF subdistrict held its Christmas banquet at First Methodist Church, Asheboro, Monday, December 5. Some three hundred youth and their adult counselors attended. Money from the Talent Program was turned in and is to go to help build a Methodist church in Wolfsburg, Germany. It amounted to \$489.00.

☪ OUR READERS will be glad to know that Mrs. Betty Dean, who was connected with the circulation department of the ADVOCATE, and who suffered an accident July 31, which kept her in the hospital for many weeks, is now at home and improving. She is soon to have another corrective operation and hopes to be able to be active before too long. Our best wishes go to her as we extend the season's greetings.

☪ A CANDLELIGHT SERVICE and Christmas pageant, "Unto Us A Child Is Born," was presented by the choir of Dilworth Church, Charlotte, Sunday evening, December 11, at 7:30.

☪ SCOTLAND NECK Methodist Church is engaged in a campaign to reduce its mortgage debt. On December 9, 45 pledges were made in the amount of \$7,766. The campaign continues. Rev. W. W. Sherman is pastor.

☪ REV. HENRY SAMUEL CARTER, pastor of the Crouse charge, recently underwent an operation at the hospital in Gastonia. He is reported to be doing fine, and is able to have visitors. He hopes to return home soon.

☪ PASTORS, CHURCH SCHOOL superintendents, and chairmen of commissions on education met in a Christian Workers' School in First Church, Rockingham, Sunday afternoon, December 11, at 3:00 o'clock.

☪ REV. FLETCHER E. HOWARD, pastor of Oakview Church, High Point, has been elected president of the High Point Ministerial Alliance for 1961. This is an interdenominational and interracial group of about 120 ministers of the area.

☪ CHAPLAIN RICHARD BRAUNSTEIN, interim pastor, Middleburg Charge, contributed his tenth Christmas article to the ADVOCATE which appeared in the December 8th issue. Since coming from the New York Conference of which he is a member, he has been a frequent contributor.

☪ CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH, Monroe, is suggesting to its membership that Christmas gifts could be made by sending the North Carolina CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE to friends. Jarvis Memorial Church, Greenville, is suggesting the same idea to its members. Fine!

☪ MINISTERS and their wives of the Charlotte District observed their annual covered dish dinner in Ownbey Hall at Myers Park Church at 5:00 p.m. Friday, December 16. Rev. Douglas Corriher is president of the ministers' group and Mrs. Wilson Weldon is chairman of the wives' group.

☪ DR. ROBERT L. OWNBEY, minister emeritus of Myers Park Methodist Church, Charlotte, and highly respected member of the Western North Carolina Conference, celebrated his 88th birthday Sunday, December 11, at the Methodist Home in Charlotte, where he and Mrs. Ownbey live.

☪ DR. W. JACKSON HUNEYCUTT, district superintendent, led the groundbreaking exercises at Bethany Church, Albemarle District, Sunday, December 18, following the morning service. Others taking part were Dewey Sides, chairman of the Building Committee; Richard Stoker, chairman of the Official Board; Mrs. T. N. Aughtry, lay leader; and the pastor, Rev. David Cowart.

## National Association Colleges To Meet January 9-10

Nashville, Tenn.—The annual meeting of the National Association of Schools and Colleges of the Methodist Church will be held January 9-10, 1961, at the Hotel Cosmopolitan, Denver, Colo.

Principal speakers will be Dr. Willis M. Tate, president of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, and president of the association; Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va., president of the Methodist Board of Education; Methodist Bishop Fred G. Holloway, Charleston, W. Va.; Dr. Thomas W. Cole, president of Wiley College, Marshall, Texas; Dr. J. Richard Palmer, president of Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa; Dr. Jack S. Wilkes, president of Oklahoma City University; and Dr. Harold C. Case, president of Boston University.

## Broad Street, Statesville To Erect New Building

The congregation of the Broad Street Methodist Church, Statesville, voted in a congregational meeting Sunday afternoon, December 11, to proceed with plans for the erection of additional educational facilities to cost \$175,000. Dr. J. Elwood Carroll, district superintendent, presided at the church conference. He said as soon as arrangements to finance the project are completed the district committee will consider both the structural and financial plans. The plan calls for the erection of a children's building and a fellowship hall, which will have a total of 15,170 square feet. The building project will be the first major structural change at the church in 33 years. Those favoring the move pointed out that the church has grown considerably over the past years and that the proposed plans are crucial to the future of the congregation. Broad Street has a membership of 1,300. Rev. Julian A. Lindsey is now in his eighth year as pastor.

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# EDITORIALS

## THEME FOR THE WEEK

*"Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."* Luke 2:10, 11

### Let's Observe Christmas In A Christian Way

The Christian world is teeming with excitement in anticipation of the approach of Christmas. So far-reaching has become this celebration and so influential its observance that even the non-Christian world is profoundly affected by it. No single event in human history has aroused so much interest, or exercised such tremendous influence upon mankind as has the birth of Jesus Christ. Its observance has become a symbol of love and friendship to the youngest child and the oldest sage. And yet mankind in his selfish ambition for material and secular and temporal things has allowed himself to lose much of the meaning of this holy season. The real spirit of Christmas has become overshadowed by the spirit of commercialism and sensual desire. In many instances it has become a season of money-making for the merchant and sinful indulgence for the individual. Some stoop so low as to associate Christmas with alcoholism and low compromise in morals. Even some churches, without intending to do so, contribute to a misconception of its real meaning by calling off worship services or reducing them to a mere gesture.

It seems to us that since Christmas Day comes on Sunday this year, it affords an opportunity to have on that day some of the greatest worship services of the entire year. It is the birthday of the Redeemer that men celebrate. It marks the coming of God in human flesh to reveal himself to men and to be the Saviour of men. The coming of Christ was not by accident or chance, but was a direct fulfillment of divine prophecy. "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulders: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, the everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."—Isaiah 9:6. "Behold a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel; which being interpreted is, God with us."—Matt. 1:23. Of course we realize that ministers are faced with the problem of dealing with the pagan misconceptions concerning Christmas that have been cultivated by many through the

years. For many it has become a day of indifference and indulgence instead of a day of enrichment. There are certain invaluable lessons born into the world with Christ, and in our excitement we are in danger of losing its significance. We think first of the Incarnation—he came to reveal God. The truth of religion must be embodied in a personality. "No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, he hath declared him." The coming of Christ gave men their first real vision of the heavenly Father. He revealed him as tender, and loving, and interested, "Like as a father pitieth his children." The message of the Incarnation is a message of love. He also came to fulfill a Prophecy and a Promise. In our troubled and disturbed world men need as never before to catch the spirit and learn the message of Christ. Love has not been slain on the battlefield, although it may sometimes seem that way. This is still the birthday of the eternal Christ-Child, and peace and brotherhood can dawn again. No wonder the angels sang "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." While men accept his incarnation and believe his prophecy and promise, they lose the significance of his coming unless they accept him as Saviour. He came that men may have life, and have it more abundantly. "In him was life, and the life was the light of men." The answer to our questions about Christmas lies in the fact that in Christ God has revealed himself to mankind, has fulfilled a prophecy and promise, and has provided a Saviour. At Christmas time we should sing with conviction the little-known stanza from Edmund Sears' carol: "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear:"

"Yet with the woes of sin and strife  
The world has suffered long;  
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled  
Two thousand years of wrong;  
And man, at war with man, hears not  
The love song which they bring;  
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,  
And hear the angels sing."

Let us resolve to observe this Christmas in a sane and serious manner. It should be a time of great joy, and that joy will come, not from indulgence in fool-hardy conduct, but from deep gratitude for the unspeakable Gift of God.

### A Pleasant and Profitable Week-End

It's a long way from Greensboro to Beaufort and back, but the editor had an invitation and a desire, so on Saturday afternoon, December 10, we made

our way down Highway 70 to the county seat of Carteret where, on Sunday morning we preached at the Ann Street Methodist Church to a fine congregation. After service it was a delight to have the noonday meal in the home of Rev. and Mrs. John Cline, where Mrs. Cline served a delightful seafood dinner, which is a specialty of this writer. Brother Cline is in high favor with his people at Ann Street. Incidentally, they are also doing a good job for the North Carolina CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. They recognize a good thing when they see it. And, by the way, if one has failed to spend the night at "Bud Dixon's Motel" and enjoy a splendid Sunday morning breakfast, with the best coffee ever brewed, a real treat is in store for the visitor to Morehead City. On the way back to New Bern Sunday afternoon, where we preached at Centenary Church Sunday evening for Rev. J. W. Lineberger, we took time out to stop by Croatan, 10 miles east of New Bern, and take a little exercise on Tom Haywood's Kicking Machine. This was set up around 1937 and now has members in every state in the Union, and some foreign countries. The only requirement for membership in the "Self-Kicking Club of America" is for one to be able to say at some time in life "I felt like kicking myself." This machine is provided with four shoes placed in a revolving position, and all one needs to do is to stand in front of it and turn the crank. The thoroughness of the job depends on the conscience of the operator of this machine. One has the satisfaction of feeling that an honest confession is good for the soul. Having preached to others about their sins, we acknowledged our own by engaging in a "do-it-yourself" operation in this unique manner. It was a pleasure to preach in Centenary Church in New Bern Sunday night, after which we spent the night in the home of our friends, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Lineberger. We arrived home Monday around noon with memories of a pleasant and, we trust, profitable week-end with the Clines and Linebergers and their congregations.

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### Contract Let For New Headquarters Building

Chicago—A contract for the erection of a new two million-dollar building to house several national agencies of the Methodist Church has been awarded Chell and Anderson, Inc., Chicago, it was announced here December 9, by the Rev. Dr. Charles L. Calkins, general secretary of the church's Board of Pensions.

The new building, which will rise at the southwest corner of Ridge Avenue and Davis Street in suburban Evanston, is to be completed by December 9, 1961.



# Better Music in Church and Church School Conference in High Point

Friday and Saturday, January 13 and 14, 1961, are important days in our plans for better music in public worship and in Christian education. The place is Wesley Memorial Church in the High Point District. Our director and registrar is Howard Coble, Minister of Music at Wesley Memorial. We hope to have representation from every charge in the High Point, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, and Thomasville Districts. It is also hoped that persons from other districts of the Conference will be present.

## Ministers Included

Ministers are invited to participate in all sessions, but are urged to be present for the Friday afternoon and evening sessions. In addition to the pastors, ministers of music, choir directors, the organist or pianist from every church and any other person who leads the singing or has any responsibility whatever for music should participate in these sessions. From 4:30 to 6:00 on Friday, the time will be devoted to *The Methodist Hymnal* and Music in the Methodist Church.

## Schedule, Friday Afternoon and Evening

3:30-4:30 Registration and browsing in Cokesbury music display

4:30-6:30 *The Methodist Hymnal* and Music in the Methodist Church. Leader: Earle Copes.

Panel discussion: "Music in the Worship Service." Panel: Clay Madison, Dorice Waters, Earle Copes. Moderator: Walter Ball.

6:00-6:30 Registration and browsing.

6:30 Banquet, Howard Coble, presiding. Talk on "NaFOMM and Music Ministry," Earle Copes.

8:00-10:00 Choral repertoire and choral techniques: Ken Fansler and Henry Foust.

## Saturday Morning, January 14

8:30-9:30 Late registration.

9:30-10:20 Service Playing: Pipe and Electric Organ—Walter Ball and Ruth Burnett.

10:25-11:10 Junior Choir (with a demonstration choir)—Larry Lowder.

11:15-12:15 Closing worship service—Earl Copes.

## Hotels and Motels in High Point Area

*Sheraton Hotel*—314 N. Main St., High Point. Telephone 88-2-2511. Single, \$4.50 and up; double, \$7.00 and up.

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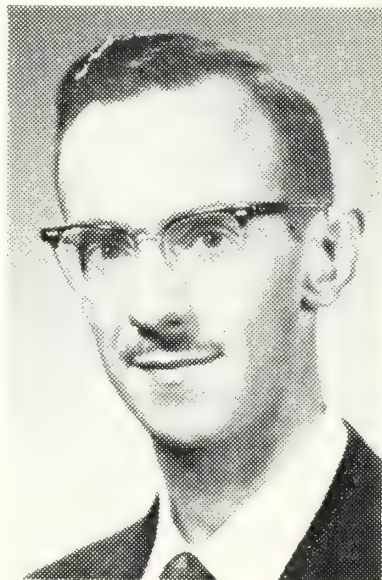
## Advance Reservation and Registration

Each church should provide the necessary expense involved for adequate representation. Make your overnight reservations direct to motels and hotels at places listed above. Send \$2.50 direct to Howard Coble, Wesley Memorial, in advance to cover reg-

istration and cost of the banquet. *Reservations for banquet must reach Howard by Wednesday, January 11.* For emphasis, let me say again that advance registration is imperative for the banquet and that Wednesday, January 11, is the deadline. The women who prepare the food must know the number to expect. Let's make these two days highly significant for music in the church and church school.

V. Earle Copes, Music Editor  
Board of Education, Nashville

V. Earle Copes, concert organist and composer, has a rich, broad background of training and experience in the field of church music. He is a graduate of Davidson College (North Carolina) and Union Theological Seminary (New York), where he received both the Bachelor of Divinity and the Master of Sacred Music degrees. He has also studied with the eminent musicologist, Dr. Paul Pisk, at the University of Texas. Considered an outstanding organ virtuoso, he has made extensive tours also



V. EARL COPES

as conductor of the Hendrix College and Cornell College choirs. Mr. Copes has served on committees on church music for the National Council of Churches and Music Teachers' National Association. For three years, he was minister of music at Highland Park Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, one of the largest congregations in Methodism. As a composer and arranger, he has made contributions to the catalogues of several leading publishers. Mr. Copes is at present music editor, Board of Education in Nashville, Tennessee, and edits the monthly magazine, *Music Ministry*.

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon Endorses  
Fellowship of Methodist Musicians

Everyone who is interested in better church music will follow with tremendous interest the organization of Methodist musicians into what they call NaFOMM (Na-

tional Fellowship of Methodist Musicians). Mr. Howard Coble has represented this organization ably in conference and national meetings and has presented this cause to the Cabinet of the Western North Carolina Conference. All were deeply interested. I have not myself been initiated into this organization, but I do have confidence in the men who compose it and feel that all of us can support to the best of our ability this special group whose deep care is the improvement and perfecting of our Methodist Church music.

—NOLAN B. HARMON  
Bishop

Glenn Gothard, Consultant Church School  
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January 9-13

Every Methodist minister either plans, builds, or helps to pay for new educational building once or twice during his ministry. At this particular time when so many new buildings are being constructed, contact with an experienced consultant will be most helpful.

Glenn Gothard is employed full-time by our General Board of Education to give guidance in this particular area. He has been in our conference before, but is coming again in January. It is our privilege to have Glenn Gothard, with his excellent training and rich experience, without cost.

## Schedule of District Meetings January 9-13

These meetings are scheduled in districts not visited by Gothard on previous visits to our conference. Check below the date and place of the district meeting most convenient to attend. While this presentation is primarily for ministers, the chairmen or members of building committees or other interested persons are invited. Architects engaged in church school building projects are invited. The schedule has been cleared with district superintendents who also carry considerable responsibility for any new building projects.

Salisbury District: Midway, Kannapolis, Monday, January 9, 10:30 a.m.

Albemarle District: Central, Monroe, Tuesday, January 10, 10:30 a.m.

North Wilkesboro District: First, North Wilkesboro, Wednesday, January 11, 10:30 a.m.

Marion District: First, Morganton, Thursday, January 12, 10:30 a.m.

Statesville District: Methodist Center, Friday, January 13, 10:30 a.m.

—CARL H. KING  
Executive Secretary

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## Appointment

The Reverend John H. Green has been appointed by Bishop Nolan B. Harmon as retired supply minister of the Riverview Methodist Church in the Asheville District, to serve until the meeting of the Annual Conference in June, 1961. This mid-year appointment was made necessary due to the fact that the Reverend Thomas M. Mason, approved supply minister of the Riverview Church, was compelled to give up this work at the present time under his doctor's orders.

—ROBERT G. TUTTLE  
District Superintendent





St. Mark's Methodist Church, Pleasant Garden, Marion District, was organized on Sunday evening, November 27, with 36 members.

Reverend B. S. Lyndon, pastor of Marion, Clinchfield, has been working with the interested group for about a year and becomes the first pastor of St. Mark's.

After a basket supper, held in the basement of the house where the congregation

has been meeting, the worship service was in charge of Reverend B. S. Lyndon. The sermon was preached by Reverend A. Glen Lackey, secretary of Church Extension of the Conference Board of Missions. After the sermon and the formal organization of the church by Dr. Fletcher Nelson, superintendent of the Marion District, Brother Lyndon received six members on profession of faith and 30 by transfer of

church certificate.

At the first Quarterly Conference the following officials were elected:

Bill Boaz, superintendent of the church school; Mrs. James Gill, secretary of the church school; trustees: James Gill, James Norton, Con Best; Robert Morris, treasurer of the church; stewards: John B. Young, Floyd Brooks, J. C. Williams, J. E. Smith, Earl Hollifield, and R. E. Pipes.

## Charlotte District Conference Reports Gains

The 1960 session of the Charlotte District Conference was held on Sunday, December 4th at Hickory Grove Church. Dr. Walter J. Miller, superintendent, presiding, led the conference in his usual excellent manner.

According to the reports, substantial progress was noticed in all phases of the work of the church.

From the statistical reports, the following is particularly noteworthy:

For the first six months of the year almost 1200 additions to the church were reported.

The district, with nearly 30,000 members, has paid 45% on its \$90,000 commitment for World Service, the largest in the Conference; slightly more than 40% on finances raised and paid.

Church school attendance showed an increase of about 600.

An increase of about \$22,000 in pastors' salaries over last year.

Five thousand nine hundred eighty-one pupils were enrolled in church school.

Much building and construction of new churches, educational buildings, and parsonages is to be noted in the district. Included in this building program in the district are the following: new sanctuaries at Grace, Kilgo and Blair Road, new first units at Christ and Tuckasee Road; educational buildings at Hickory Grove and Dilworth, and new parsonage for New-Salem Field church.

Under construction and in the process of planning and building—a new location and new church for Huntersville, First Church, Mount Holly and Spencer Memorial, Charlotte.

Calvary and Pleasant Grove have purchased lots for new parsonages and will begin construction this year. Myers Park—new office and educational building. Morris Field has purchased property to relocate

church, and has purchased a new parsonage.

Also from the reports, it was noticed that practically every church reported having an Every Member Canvass and stated that the commissions were active and met regularly. Thirty-three local preachers had their licenses renewed and Dr. James S. Price, a local doctor, was granted a local preacher's license. John Earl Davis, Luther M. Taylor, Leonard F. Tharpe were recommended for Deacon's Orders; Mrs. G. G. Adams for Elder's Orders; and John Earl Davis, Jr., and Robert Wayne Little for Admission on Trial.

The following district parsonage trustees were elected: Edwin L. Jones, Jr., Mrs. Edwin Hobbs, Jr., Stan Brookshire, Louis Asbury, Sam Atkinson, S. Herbert Hitch, Dr. Barry Miller, Guy L. Byerly, R. E. Thigpen, Mrs. W. G. McCall, Mrs. J. L. Zaccagni.

The Conference unanimously adopted a district-wide camping program, and recommended that the district purchase suitable property for use as a district campsite, the cost not to exceed \$20,000.

It was announced that there would be held on January 22nd at Ovens Auditorium a Charlotte District Methodist Sunday evening service, at which time Bishop Harmon would preach on the quadrennial theme, "Jesus Christ Is Lord."

All of the causes of the church were lifted up by various speakers, and the conference voted to meet next year at Calvary Church, Charlotte.

JOHN R. HAMILTON, *Secretary*

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It can't be done without accidents—driving 1960's car on highways designed to carry 1930's traffic.

## Inter-Jurisdictional Group Elects Dr. D. Trigg James

Chicago—In an off-the-record meeting here November 29, the Methodist Church's new 36-member Commission on Inter-Jurisdictional Relations elected a part-time administrative secretary and heard statements from representatives of four general agencies.

The commission was created by the 1960 General Conference and entrusted with "the continuing program of the Methodist Church to abolish the Central Jurisdiction, promote interracial brotherhood through Christian love, and achieve a more inclusive church." Its full duties are outlined in Paragraph 2013 of the 1960 *Discipline*.

The Rev. Dr. D. Trigg James of Atlanta, who had been elected secretary of the commission at its organization meeting last summer, was unanimously elected to the newly-created post of part-time administrative secretary. He will continue his work as an executive secretary of the church's Southeastern Jurisdictional Council.

His duties in the new post will include handling administrative details and liaison with other general agencies of the denomination.

## MY PRAYER

1. God make me Perfect as Christ is Perfect.
2. God make me Honest as Christ is Honest.
3. God Make me Pure as Christ is Pure.
4. God make me Unselfish as Christ is Unselfish.
5. God make me Love as Christ is Love.
6. God make me Fearless as Christ is Fearless.
7. God make me Whole as Christ is Whole. Amen.

—PAUL RICH MANESS



# How Far Is It to Bethlehem Town?

Some thoughts—at Christmastime—  
as the author reflects upon his summer's visit to the Holy Land

*"How far is it to Bethlehem town?  
Just over the Jerusalem hills adown,  
Past lovely Rachel's white-domed tomb—  
Sweet shrine of motherhood's young doom."  
(from a poem by MADELINE MILLER)*

When I was a boy, I well remember reciting this poem as a part of a Christmas program. Little did I think, then, that some day I would travel to that Bethlehem town, and see for myself the sacred shrines of Christianity. But the tour of the Holy Land was a fitting climax to my summer travels with the Christian World Seminar. It brought into focus the holy scriptures, the historical Jesus, and made the understanding of the scriptures so much clearer.

How far is it to Bethlehem town? Our study group traveled by touring car from Jerusalem to Bethlehem, a distance of about eight miles (12 in this case, because of the present Jewish-Arabic disputes). Over barren hillsides, where we saw an occasional olive tree, the narrow road made its winding way into Bethlehem, the place where the Christmas star first shone. The rugged Palestinian countryside between Jerusalem and Bethlem has changed little in twenty centuries, although the city itself now has a population of around ten thousand.

About one mile east of Bethlehem we stopped at the "Fields of the Shepherds" where the angel of the Lord came upon the shepherds as they sat watching their flocks by night, and brought the tidings of Jesus Christ's birth. A church has been built here, through contributions from Roman Catholics in Canada. And then, we saw Bethlehem, a half-mile away, an ancient city astride one of the ridges, giving the appearance of a "city set upon a hill."

At the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, we saw the star which marks the site of Christ's birth, and which each Christmas season is visited by more than 20,000 Christians who make an annual pilgrimage to this holy site. At first glance, this spot looks like a basement or sublevel of the church. In reality, it is a natural cave in the stone with the church built over it. In the days of Mary and Joseph, it was common practice to build living quarters over a natural cavern which could serve as a stable for livestock. Such was the inn where there was no room, and here we saw the stable that was underneath. This was where Phillips Brooks stood when he was moved with emotions that later inspired him to write "The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight."

A few days later we went to Gallilee, the scene of Jesus' boyhood and early ministry. There, as we spent an interesting day in Nazareth, his childhood home, and later as we drove past Cana and Magdala (about 15 miles) to the Sea of Galilee, the story of Jesus' life continued to unfold before our very eyes. As we stood on the hillside overlooking the Sea, our guide pointed out the various spots: "Here is Capernum, where Jesus called His disciples; here, he preach-

ed the Sermon on the Mount; just to the left, the five thousand were fed; and in the distant left, is the Plain of Gennesaret, where 'as many as touched Him were made well.' (Mark 6:56)."

I sat down to read again the Gospels, and felt His Presence near. This is your feeling, as you see for yourself the land where Jesus lived—as you walk where Jesus walked!

The Christmas poem came back to me again:

*"How far is it to Bethlehem town?"*

And I knew that the answer was not in miles, or kilometers—that it can never be measured in distance. The gospel writers have made it possible for all of us to know Bethlehem. The poem ends:

*"It isn't far to Bethlehem town!  
It's anywhere that Christ comes down  
And finds in people's friendly face  
A welcome and abiding place.  
The road to Bethlehem runs right through  
The homes of folks like me and you."*

—REV. JAMES A. AUMAN

Hertford, N. C.

## Notice to Ministers of The W.N.C. Conference

Ministers of the W.N.C. Conference who are enrolled in Hospital Care Group No. 398/05 are reminded that your dependent children are covered by your family policy until their nineteenth birthday or until their marriage if it comes before that date. In order to be sure that any unmarried dependent can continue his Blue Cross coverage after reaching age 19, you are reminded to do the following thing: Write to Hospital Care Association, Inc., P. O. Box 2291, Durham, N. C., preferably sixty (60) days prior to your child's 19th birthday, giving the Home Office your certificate number, your Group's number, the name of your child, and his date of birth. Hospital Care will be glad to arrange for your child to be continuously covered on a separate, individual Blue Cross certificate which will be paid directly to the Home Office. If you fail to notify them before your child's 19th birthday and then wish to renew coverage for him, he will have certain waiting periods. We will appreciate your fullest cooperation in this matter.

—G. G. ADAMS, JR.

Group Treasurer No. 398/05

## No Advocate Next Week

As has been the custom, the North Carolina CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE will miss the issue following Christmas, which will be December 29. Our next issue will be January 5, 1961. Our employees are given a little more time to enjoy the Christmas season. The editor and entire staff of the ADVOCATE and Piedmont Press hopes and prays that the Christmas season will be pleasant, profitable, and purposeful for every one of our readers.

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It is a waste of time trying to kill two birds with one stone. Stones are more plentiful than birds.

## In Memoriam

**HOLLAND.**—Mrs. John W. Holland, who before her marriage was Miss Mame Dunn, a life-long resident of Mount Holly, N. C., passed away Thursday, September 29, at 2 p.m., in a Charlotte nursing home following an illness of nine weeks.

Daughter of the late James Franklin Dunn and Lydia Gray Dunn, charter members of the First Methodist Church of Mount Holly, Mrs. Holland began her services as organist in her church at the age of eleven years. She also served as a teacher of young people in the church school, and for more than thirty years was organist and choir director in the church, several of these years having directed the orchestral music for a large men's Bible class, of which her husband, John W. Holland, who died November 8, 1940, was president. For many years she was librarian at the Mount Holly Public Library, and under her guidance numerous children of the community learned to love books and reading. For some ten years she was correspondent for the *Gastonia Gazette* and the *Charlotte Observer*.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. J. P. Smith, a former director of Christian Education in churches of the W.N.C. Conference, and a granddaughter, Caroline McCoy Smith.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 1, at 11:00 a.m., in the chapel of Mount Holly Funeral Home, by the Rev. T. H. Swofford, pastor of First Methodist Church, Mount Holly. Interment was in the family plot at Mount Holly Cemetery.

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## RENEWED AT CHRISTMAS

Faith should be renewed at Christmas  
As we celebrate the birth  
Of the Christ who came from heaven  
To this dark, benighted earth  
For the purpose, great and wondrous,  
Of redeeming fallen man,  
Who was helpless, lost and dying  
Out of God's good will and plan.

Hope should be renewed at Christmas  
As we worship, pray and sing,  
Looking upward to the Savior  
Who is "Prince of Peace" and King;  
Who'll be coming for His children,  
Maybe ere the day is done,  
Or as evening shadows gather,  
Or at morning's rising sun.

Love should be renewed at Christmas  
For our Father on His throne,  
Who so loved this world of sinners  
As He heard them cry and moan,  
That He sent His Son beloved  
From His heaven grand and fair,  
Who should die for our salvation  
And to save us from despair.

Peace should be renewed at Christmas  
With good will for all mankind,  
And a generous heart and spirit  
From the depth of soul and mind;  
With good wishes for our loved ones,  
For our neighbors and our friends,  
And with sunny smiles and greetings  
As true love and friendship blends.

—REV. WALTER E. ISENHOUR

Taylorsville, N. C.



## Highlights of Statesville District Conference

The Statesville District Conference was held Thursday, December 8, in the beautiful newly-constructed Mooresville Broad Street Methodist Church with the host pastor, the Rev. Robert J. Goldston, presenting an inspiring devotional message on "Concern: Selfish or Spiritual?"

The program, arranged by the district superintendent, the Rev. Dr. J. Elwood Carroll, provided opportunities for the various directors of the lines of service to speak to their reports which were contained in an attractive brochure, bearing the theme, "Jesus Christ Is Lord—the Light of the World." An Advent design was featured on the cover.

Among those interpreting salient facts of their written reports were J. S. Bellamy (Adult Work); Miss Romona Morton (Youth Work); Paul D. Lowder (Christian Vocations); Charles E. Bruce (Evangelism); G. E. White and R. M. Hardee (Social Concerns); J. C. Gilland (Bible Society); O. Dewey Smith (Publishing Interests); Donald W. Haynes (Town and Country); C. Marvin Boggs (Missions); and Mrs. W. E. Marlowe, Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The statistical reports include the following findings: World Service, accepted, \$62,883; paid to date, \$30,051; a total acceptance of advance mission specials in the amount of \$45,249; paid, \$19,153; received on profession of faith, 136; received otherwise, 297; total accessions, 433.

Two candidates were granted licenses as local preachers: Robert Wayne Lowrance, Catawba, and Rickie Wayne Mills, Maiden: First. A third, Samuel O. Maguire, also from Catawba, was granted local preacher's license, pending completion of his written examination.

The Rev. Olin Bernis Isenhour, student at Duke Divinity School, and the Rev. Parker Holmes Hager were recommended for full connection in the Western North Carolina Annual Conference (the latter for re-admission).

Representatives of conference organizations in attendance and making presentations to the conference were: the Rev. Dr. Emmett K. McLarty (Brevard College); the Rev. Dr. J. Lem Stokes (Pfeiffer College); the Rev. Dr. Fletcher Nelson (Higher Education); the Rev. S. J. Starnes, editor of the North Carolina CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE; the Rev. Dr. Horace R. McSwain, executive secretary of the Conference Board of Missions; the Rev. Dr. Carl H. King, executive secretary of the Conference Board of Education; and Mr. Jack Hoyle (Children's Home).

The highlight of the program was the emphasis upon education which featured an address, "The Duty of Church Members as Teachers," by the resident bishop, Nolan B. Harmon.

Two resolutions from the District Committee on Christian Social Concerns were presented by the directors, the Rev. G. E. White and the Rev. R. M. Hardee, and were passed. One of these concerned the coming January election on ABC stores in the city of Statesville. The resolution urged that the Methodists of the city of Statesville reveal the half-truths told by the proponents of the ABC stores and that they register

and vote against the proposal to legalize outlet stores in the city of Statesville. The other asked that a letter be sent to the Rev. Lloyd Foreman of New Orleans, pastor of the St. Marks Church and the Church of the Redeemer Churches in that city, conveying to him our respect for his courage, admiration for his Christ-like conduct, and an assurance that he is included in the prayers of his brethren in the Statesville District.

The Conference will meet next year at the Newton Abernathy Memorial Church.

C. MARVIN BOGGS, *Secretary*

## Florida Christian Ashram January 2-7, 1961

Dr. E. Stanley Jones, world famous missionary, evangelist, will lead a Christian Ashram in Florida at Silver Springs on the Florida Christian Camp Grounds January 2-7, 1961.

Other leaders in the Ashram movement are Miss Estelle Carver, distinguished teacher and scholar from Massachusetts, and Rev. Gaylon Howe, pastor, First Methodist Church, Ocala, Florida. The director for the Ashram is Mr. John Hoxie Day, a layman from St. Petersburg, Florida.

The Ashram movement is a living fellowship in which the whole gospel for the whole man for the whole world is preached, taught, shared, and experienced.

Registration may be made with Mrs. George Stocking, 7601 18th Avenue N., St. Petersburg, Florida. Registration limited to 150.

## High Point College Choir On Annual Tour

The High Point College choir began its fall semester annual tour on Wednesday, December 14, and presented performances at several North Carolina cities. In past years the choir has toured many states along the eastern seaboard, but due to upcoming engagements next semester, this tour was confined to the state. The choir returned to the campus Monday, December 19.

Prior to the beginning this in-state tour, the choir presented its touring program for the faculty and student body at the college on Wednesday, December 14, at the weekly assembly hour.

As in past years, the choir is under the direction of Mr. Jay Fryhover, faculty member of the Department of Fine Arts.

## Series "Theology Today" On NBC Radio January 1

Major questions or areas of concern and discussion in contemporary religious thought will be explored for the layman in a 15-week series of "Faith in Action" broadcasts on the NBC Radio Network starting Sunday, January 1 (8:15-8:30 a.m., EST).

The series, "Theology Today," will be produced by NBC Public Affairs in cooperation with the National Council of Churches. A spokesman for the National Council said the series "should prove to be a mine of information to all who profess a religious faith."

## New Mt. Vernon-Shady Grove Have Interesting Meetings

The Methodist Men's Club of the Shady Grove Methodist Church, Thomasville District, had their Christmas meeting on Monday night, December 12, with their wives as guests. They were served a country ham supper by a group of ladies from the Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church, having 66 present for the meeting. After a delightful social time led by the president, Mr. Percy Craven, the guest speaker, Mr. John Wesley Clay of Winston-Salem spoke from many of the interesting events in his long life, telling about the very crude days of his younger life, bringing us up to the modern way of life today. Mr. Clay is well known in this area as a regular contributor and writer in the Winston-Salem newspaper and a Sunday school teacher in the Centenary Methodist Church for the past 18 years.

This Charge sponsors a service every two weeks at the Maple Grove Rest Home in Winston-Salem, under the direction of the pastor, and the December service had the Cub Scouts of the Shady Grove Church as special guests. They sang some special songs for the people there and also shared Christmas fruits with them. This Charge shared with the Rest Home patients for Thanksgiving fruits and candy to make their days brighter.

This Charge has a joint official board meeting twice each year and for the December meeting they met at the New Mt. Vernon Church. After the meeting every member of the official boards of the two churches was invited over to the parsonage for Christmas refreshments and a social get-together. They were happy to have the district superintendent and wife, Rev. and Mrs. John H. Carper, drop by for a little social visit. Many interesting items of business were discussed and among them was the progress made thus far. The Shady Grove Church has just received a gift from the Duke Endowment Fund to help pay off the church indebtedness, which it is hoped may be accomplished by the end of this conference year. Also, the New Mt. Vernon Church is hoping to enter into a building program within the next few months to enlarge the present building to care for the increased attendance. It was agreed by everyone present that God is blessing this Charge from every standpoint, and we look forward to the future with great hope under God's direction, and under the leadership of our pastor, the Rev. C. C. Phillips.

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## LET CHRIST WITHIN US BE

O, let my heart a manger be,  
And let the Christ be born in me!

O, let me feel His presence near,  
And heaven's music let me hear!

O, let His light around me shine,  
Attracting men to Christ divine!

Let Wise Men search and in me find  
The Christ so peaceful, good, and kind.

Let every man sincerely pray  
That Christ be born in him today.

—ERNEST C. DURHAM



## Marion District Conference Held at Oak Grove

The Marion District Conference met in annual session on Monday, December 4, 1960, at the Oak Grove Methodist Church in Rutherford County. The host pastor was the Rev. M. Gladstone Ervin.

Dr. Nelson, district superintendent, called the conference into session at 2:30 p.m., and organized the work of the Marion District into five comprehensive boards: Membership and Evangelism—the Rev. L. B. Laye, chairman; Missions, Church Location and Building—the Rev. Charles G. Beaman, Jr., chairman; Education—the Rev. H. E. Bolick, chairman; Lay Activities, Stewardship and Finance—Mr. Earnest Ross of Marion, chairman; Social Concerns, Hospitals and Homes—the Rev. Grady Burgin, chairman.

These five boards, composed of their respective chairmen, other officers, and members-at-large, together with the district trustees, president of the Woman's Society, and the district committee on Ministerial Qualifications, all operating under the leadership of the district superintendent, constitute the Marion District Interboard Council, which will have full responsibility for overseeing the work of the Marion District.

The district superintendent announced to the conference the formation of another new church in the Marion District — St. Mark's Methodist Church, located in the Pleasant Gardens community of McDowell County. This new congregation was organized recently with about forty charter members under the capable leadership of the Rev. B. S. Lyndon, pastor of the Clinchfield Methodist Church of Marion.

One of the rich highlights of the afternoon business session took place when Dr. Charles W. McCall, Dr. Robert S. McCall, Dr. Glenn W. McCall, Dr. Clyde N. McCall, and Mrs. Margaret McCall Warlick—all children of Dr. C. S. McCall, made a formal presentation of a 56-acre tract of land as a gift to the Marion District to be a memorial to their father, Dr. C. S. McCall; their mother, the late Lena Cox McCall; and their stepmother, Sadie S. McCall. The tract of land, on which is located a natural waterfall and an artificial lake, was given for the purpose of developing and maintaining a camp for young people and/or an assembly ground for the use of the Methodist Church in the Marion District.

This generous gift was gratefully received by the District Conference in unanimous vote, and expression of gratitude made by a standing ovation. There was appointed a District Camp Committee charged with the immediate responsibility of caring for, improving, and developing these grounds—and with the long-range responsibility of making plans for a complete and adequate camp layout in the near future.

Very encouraging reports were made to the Conference by the various officers responsible for some phase of the church's work. Marked progress was indicated in every area. A goodly number of the retired ministers now residing in the district were present and recognized. In addition, two visitors representing connectional interests were present and brought reports: Sterling Whiteley, dean of students at Pfeiffer Col-

lege, and Paul H. Duckwall, from the Conference Board of Education in Statesville.

The District Conference granted a license to preach to William Gettys Biggerstaff, who spoke briefly to the Conference on his call to and plans for the ministry. Seven additional licenses were renewed, seven were granted to the Approved Supply status, six were continued as approved supply pastors, two were recommended to receive Deacon's Orders, one to receive Elder's Orders, and the passage of character was granted two retired men.

A delightful evening meal was enjoyed by the delegates and visitors at the Ellenboro High School Cafeteria, which had been very beautifully decorated in a Christmas theme.

The evening program was under the direction of the District Board of Membership and Evangelism, L. B. Laye, chairman. The highlight of the evening was the "Hour of Evangelism" worship service, with Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, pastor of the Myers Park Methodist Church of Charlotte, as guest preacher. The title of his message was "Let's Get Lost;" and in it he stressed the precept of our Lord that it is only as we lose ourselves in the great work of evangelism that we are able to make any worthwhile contribution to human betterment and to find our own selves spiritually. In order to do this, Dr. Weldon said, our evangelism must have the right motive, the right method, and the right mastery.

The service concluded with the singing of the hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story." After the benediction, the Conference was adjourned by the district superintendent, Dr. Fletcher Nelson, to meet next year at the First Methodist Church of Marion.

—JOHN H. BARNES  
District Secretary  
The Marion District

## Board of Education to Hold Annual Meeting Jan. 4-6

*Nashville, Tenn.*—The annual meeting of the Board of Education of the Methodist Church will be held here January 4-6.

Sessions will be held in the buildings of several Methodist agencies.

Tennessee Governor Buford Ellington, a Methodist, will extend greetings to the group.

Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va., president of the board, will give an address on "Christian Education in Methodism, 1961-64."

Among other speakers will be Methodist Bishops Everett W. Palmer, Seattle, Wash.; Fred G. Holloway, Charleston, W. Va.; F. Gerald Ensley, Des Moines, Iowa; Matthew W. Clair, Jr., St. Louis; and Richard C. Raines, Indianapolis.

The general secretaries of the board will make their annual reports. All from Nashville, the board's headquarters, they are the Rev. Dr. Leon M. Adkins, Division of the Local Church; the Rev. Dr. Henry M. Bullock, Editorial Division; and the Rev. Dr. John O. Gross, Division of Higher Education.

The board has general oversight of the denomination's educational interests in the United States.

## Methodists Active In National Council

*San Francisco*—Two vice-presidents of the National Council of Churches were elected from among the Methodist Church delegation which participated extensively in the Council's General Assembly, December 4-9.

Bishop John Wesley Lord of the Washington, D. C., Area was chosen not only as a vice-president but also as vice-chairman of the Council's general board. The ten vice-presidents also include Mrs. J. Fount Tillman of Lewisburg, Tenn., president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Many of the more than 100 Methodist delegates, visitors and consultants appeared as speakers, panelists and committee workers or were active behind the scenes in assembly operation.

Bishop Lord was chairman of the Program Committee which developed the speaking, discussion, business and worship plans for the theme of "Jesus Christ, Living Lord of all Life." The committee which made all local arrangements was headed by the Rev. Dr. Norman L. Conrad, San Francisco Methodist pastor and member of the Council Board, who also has been largely responsible for auditorium facilities during the past three Methodist General Conferences.

As one of the assembly's principal speakers, for an audience of more than 3,000, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, now living in retirement at Scarsdale, N. Y., called for a new emphasis on moral and spiritual values in America. During the past triennium, he has served as chairman of the Division of Christian Life and Work.

Those who presided over assembly sessions included the Hon. Arthur S. Fleming, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, and an active Washington, D. C., Methodist layman.

Dr. Willis M. Tate, president of Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Texas, was vice-chairman of the committee which threshed out the assembly's message to the member churches.

Methodists who presided over some of the 21 delegate groups which reviewed achievements and plans for the Council's operating divisions included the Rev. Dr. Eugene L. Smith of New York, general secretary of the Division of World Missions; Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, Texas; the Rev. Dr. B. P. Murphy of Philadelphia, executive secretary of the Section of Church Extension of the Board of Missions; the Rev. Dr. Leon M. Adkins of Nashville, general secretary of the Division of Local Church of the Board of Education.

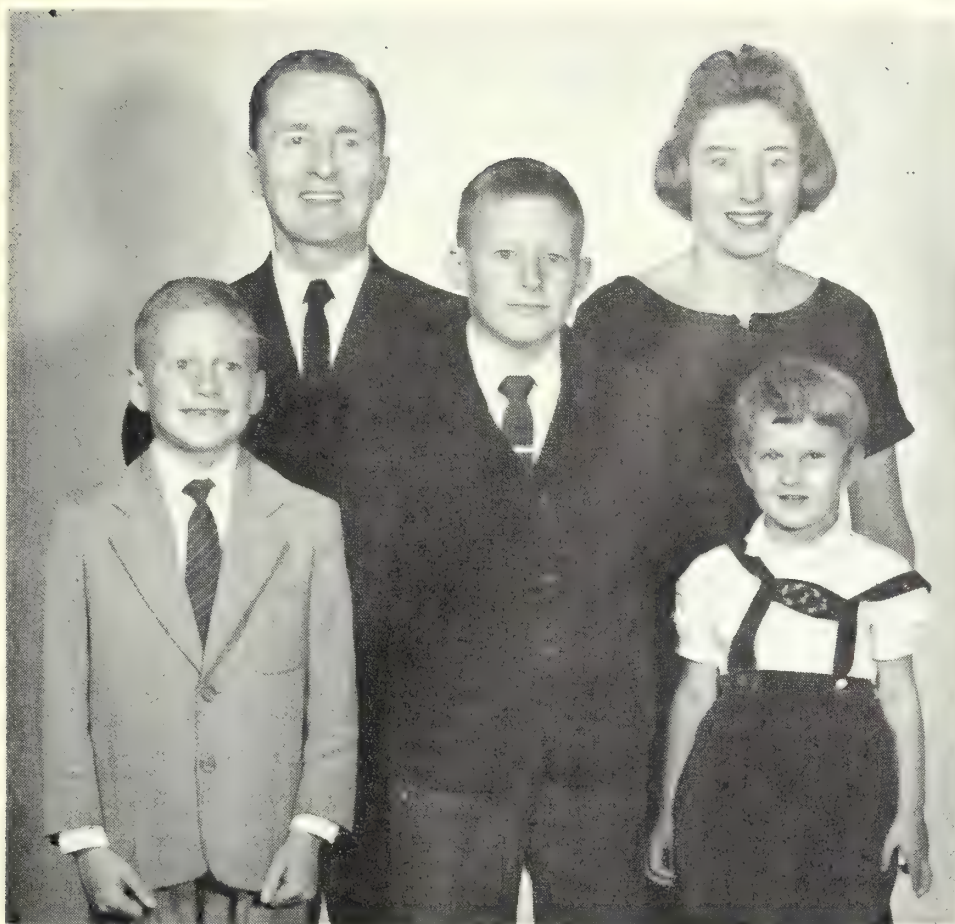
## Methodist Student Movement Convenes January 5-11, 1961

*Nashville, Tenn.*—The Methodist Student Movement will sponsor its twelfth annual Christian Citizenship Seminar for college students February 5-11, 1961, in New York City and Washington, D. C.

The focus of the seminar is to be "The Emerging African Nations and their Impact on the United Nations and on American Foreign Policy."

About 60 students from across the nation are expected to take part.





## Rev. George C. Megill and Family Will Go to Mission Field in Brazil

By DALLAS MALLISON

A dream which has been cherished for nearly 10 years by a Methodist minister and his wife is about to come true. The Rev. and Mrs. George C. Megill have been accepted for evangelistic missionary service in Brazil. The Megills are now serving at the St. Luke Methodist Church in Goldsboro.

In January the Megill family will leave for a period of intensive training that will continue for a year and a half. They will sail for Brazil in late summer of 1961 after studying at Stony Point, N. Y., Newcastle, Ind., and Meadville, Pa. After a 12 months program of language study and orientation in Brazil, they will be assigned to work in one of the conferences in that country.

The minister, 33, was born in Kansas, but was reared in Oklahoma. He has his A.B. from Tulsa University and his B.D. from the Duke Divinity School. He served in the U. S. Marine Corps during the closing days of World War II. He has held pastorates at Kiefer, Okla., Raleigh (Westover and Pleasant Grove Churches), Hamlet (Fellowship Church), and Goldsboro (St. Luke). He organized Fellowship Church and built the first unit there. He moved to Goldsboro in June, 1959. He also attended the Yale University summer school of alcohol studies in 1958.

In 1948 he married the former Miss June Aigner of Charles County, Va. Mrs. Megill attended William and Mary College

and was graduated from Tulsa University. They have three children, Norman, 10, David, 7, and Margaret June, 3.

The Megills feel that Brazil presents them with a great challenge in the mission field. Many Brazilians are Catholics in name only, and can be reached by Protestant missions, they said.

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### Methodist College Begins Holidays

A student-faculty luncheon and musical program Friday afternoon, December 16, marked the beginning of the holiday season for the students of Methodist College.

More than a hundred of the college family gathered in the dining hall at 1:00 o'clock for a turkey-cranberry sauce (with all the trimmings) dinner. The banquet tables were decorated with holly, red candles and poinsettias. A committee from the Student Christian Association with Mrs. Karin Shepherd as chairman was in charge of the decorations. A committee headed by Eugene Hester, president of the S.C.A., served the meal which was prepared by cafeteria manager, Mrs. Myrtice Jones, and her staff.

Following the meal, the group gathered around the Christmas tree in the Student Union lounge for a musical program and a message from President L. Stacy Weaver.

### 'How Forcible Are The Right Words?'

"A news report of an auto accident on Seventh Avenue and 50th Street can easily take more than 450 words," says NBC "Project 20" writer Richard Hanser. "The Book of Luke uses just that number—459—to tell the whole Christmas story."

Hanser is author of the script for "The Coming of Christ," the new "Project 20" program which was presented in color last night (December 21) 8:30-9:00 EST. In it, he used the full account of the Book of Luke, the only one of the Gospels to tell the Christmas story entire.

The program is built from hundreds of paintings in which the fabulous artists of Flanders and other of the world's great painters have depicted the coming of Christ and His ministry. All are animated through the "Project 20" technique of still-pictures-in-action.

"It is astonishing how perfectly Luke's story fits as TV narration," says Hanser. "The beautiful simplicity of it! Not a word wasted."

"Think of the enormous impact of these 459 words and how they have been repeated round the world, never losing their freshness. From the viewpoint of a writer, it's just astonishing. It's not just a sparing use of words. It's right words beautifully used."

### Sixty-Four New Churches Needed In Atlanta Area

Sixty-four new Methodist churches in metropolitan Atlanta will be needed in the next decade according to a study made by the Research Center of the Candler School of Theology at Emory University.

The study, conducted by Dr. Earl Brewer, investigated past church membership, growth, expected population increase and geographic area coverage by Methodist parishes in a six-county area of the North Georgia Conference.

"While some of the new churches recommended are urgently needed now, others will not be required for several years," the report said. "In the latter cases, the purchase of sites while land costs are reasonable is highly desirable."

Nearly two-thirds of the number of new sites being recommended here were proposed by church leaders in the study and many of these are currently under active consideration by appropriate authorities.

The study indicated that Methodist churches in the inner core of Atlanta have been losing membership on the whole, in some cases rather rapidly. On the other hand, Methodist churches in the metropolitan area gained 20,000 members between 1950 and 1959, of which seven thousand were members of new churches organized in that nine-year period.

The area covered by the survey had 179 churches in 1959 with a total membership of 89,160, an increase of 29.2 per cent over the 1950 figures.

The projected building of six new churches each year for the next decade compares to an average of around two new ones each year built during the 1950's.



# North Carolina Conference to Hold Nine District Missions Rallies

Nine district missionary rallies will be held in the North Carolina Conference in January. Dr. P. Gordon Gould will be the speaker at four of these, and Dr. J. Lem Stokes II will speak at five. Rev. J. W. Page, president of the Conference Board of Missions, will preside, and Rev. O. L. Hathaway, executive secretary of the board, will direct the program. The schedule follows:

## Schedule

January 3—Durham District — Asbury Church (Durham).

January 4—Raleigh District—Fairmont Church.

January 5—Fayetteville District — Hay Street Church.

January 6—Goldsboro District — St. Paul's Church.

January 16—New Bern District—Centenary Church (New Bern).

January 17—Rocky Mount District—St. James Church (Tarboro).

January 18—Elizabeth City District—City Road (Elizabeth City).

January 19—Wilmington District — Whiteville Methodist Church.

January 20—Burlington District—Siler City (First Church).



REV. P. GORDON GOULD

Rev. P. Gordon Gould, shown above, will be the featured speaker in the mission institutes to be held in the North Carolina Conference in January. Mr. Gould will be the speaker for the rallies held the week of January 3rd through the 6th.

Rev. P. Gordon Gould is director in the Division of National Missions with special responsibility in promotion of the Alaska Methodist University project. He was a member of the New York Central Conference for fifteen years, and of Genesee Conference for eighteen years.

In 1948 Rev. Mr. Gould became a member of the staff of the Division of National Missions and was appointed as superintendent of the Alaska Mission Conference, which is a part of the Portland Area. In

1954 he was elected as an associate secretary in the Division of National Missions in charge of Methodist work in Alaska. In the performance of these responsibilities, Mr. Gould travelled many thousands of miles and spoke in churches from Washington to Florida, from Texas to Maine, from coast to coast.

In September of 1955, Rev. Mr. Gould relinquished his duties in connection with the administrative work in Alaska Mission Conference and since then, as a director in the Division of National Missions, has given his entire time to the promotion of the Alaska Methodist University.

Rev. Gould is Alaska's first native son to become an ordained minister in the Methodist Church. He was born at Unga, in the Shumagin Islands. He spent his early years in the Jesse Lee Home when it was located at Unalaska. (The home was later relocated in Seward). He came to the States, secured his education, and became a minister.

Rev. Mr. Gould's family consists of his wife and three sons. Robert, the youngest, is doing graduate work at the University of West Virginia in Morgantown, W. Va., in the field of social welfare and counselling. The second, Edward, is in Alabama and is preparing for a teaching career. The oldest son, Ardell, is a Methodist minister in the Central Pennsylvania Conference. There are three daughters-in-law and five grandchildren to complete the family.



REV. J. LEM STOKES, II

Dr. Stokes is president of Pfeiffer College, which position he assumed in July, 1953. During his administration, the school has increased in enrollment from 150 to more than 850, and has moved from a junior college status to a senior college. Also, during this time, more than a million dollars has been expended in the erection of new buildings and the expansion of old ones, and nearly one million has been added to the endowment. Faculty and staff have increased from 27 to 97.

Dr. Stokes was born in Songdo, Korea, the son of Dr. and Mrs. M. B. Stokes, missionaries of the Methodist Church. He was graduated from the Seoul Foreign School, Seoul, Korea, in 1926. His A.B. degree was received at Asbury College in 1930, his B.D. at Duke University in 1932, and his Ph.D. at Yale University in 1936.

Dr. Stokes was admitted to the Western North Carolina Conference in 1931. In the fall of 1945, he was transferred to the Upper South Carolina Conference and appointed to St. John's Methodist Church in Rock Hill, S. C. From this church, he went on September 1, 1950, to the position of secretary of religion in higher education in the Division of Educational Institutions, Nashville, Tenn.

Through the years, Dr. Stokes has been active in community affairs. He is past president of the Franklin Rotary Club and of the Rock Hill Kiwanis Club, and is at pres-



REV. J. W. PAGE

ent a member of the Albemarle Rotary Club, the Richfield Civitan Club, and the Misenheimer Lions Club.

Dr. Stokes has served as vice president of the Board of Missions and Church Extension in the Western North Carolina Conference and as secretary of the same board of the South Carolina Conference. He has taken part in religious activities on a large number of college and university campuses in various parts of the country, as well as in summer youth assemblies and conferences.

His other interests have been in sports, music, and flying. In college, Dr. Stokes won letters in basketball, baseball, track, and tennis. Since college days, he has transferred his athletic aspirations to the golf course.

Dr. Stokes holds a license as a private pilot, and since early in 1951 has met many of his engagements throughout the country in his own plane.

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## Open House For Ministers

On Tuesday evening, December 13, from the hours of 7:30 to 10:00 p.m., Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Stokes held Open House at the district parsonage for the ministers of the Salisbury District and their wives. Several of the officers and their wives and others within the district rendered their assistance for the occasion.



## Asheville District Conference Reports Progress



Left to right: Rev. John A. Lowder, pastor; Dr. Robert Tuttle, D.S.; Mr. Carl Hyatt, Jr., lay leader; Bishop J. Waskom Pickett.

Dr. Harry Denman, executive secretary of the General Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church, and Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, general consultant of the Board of Missions of the Church, were the guest speakers at the annual conference of the Asheville District held at the Biltmore Methodist Church in Asheville on Sunday, December 11th.

Four hundred ministers and laymen representing the 94 Methodist churches in the district attended the meeting.

The Rev. Robert G. Tuttle, district superintendent, presided over the afternoon and evening sessions.

Dr. Denman delivered a powerful challenge to Methodists to develop a deeper sense of awareness and concern over those who have not known Christ. He said in part, "It is easy to make a commitment with one's lips, but hard to make the commitment with a life. The greatest doctrine of Christianity is everlasting life—and we ought to have a deep concern as to the possessions we store on the other side . . . Christ said, 'Follow me,' and what does it mean to 'take up the cross?' It means to do the will of God."

Dr. Denman spoke from the text, Matt. 16:24. He is known as "Mr. Evangelist" of the Methodist Church. He also preached at the evening session.

Bishop Pickett gave a world-wide picture of missions as he has seen them in his travels all over the world. He spent 46 years as a minister in India, and he issued a great prophecy, "India has established a great democracy. The impact of Christianity has changed the land—even the practices of some of the native religions, such as Hinduism.

"But watch India. It is the most strategic land in the world today. The way India

goes, so goes Asia. The way Asia goes, Africa will go. The future is still in our hands. The church faces tomorrow unfrightened."

After Bishop Pickett's address, the group gave a love offering of \$295 to be used as a scholarship for Indian boys in Christian mission schools.

The report on missions was presented under the direction of the Rev. Jerry Murray of Groce Church. He announced that the District Mission Rally would be held at Central Methodist Church on Thursday, January 5th, at 8 p.m. He asked that all churches cooperate in the collection of good and used clothing for Church World Service.

Mrs. T. C. Roberson, district president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, stated that the women's group now numbers 3,257 members and that a contribution of \$19,000 was given to missions last year by the 74 local units of the Woman's Society and ten Wesleyan Service Guilds in the district.

Roy Cagle, president of the District Missionary Society, stated that \$14,534 had been sent by the missions committee this past year in its assistance program to parsonage and church improvements in this area.

The report on Christian Education was given in four sections. The Rev. W. B. A. Culp, Jr., of Abernathy Church, spoke on adult work, Mrs. L. H. Bagwell of Trinity Church on children's work, and the Rev. Paschal Waugh of Weaverville on youth work.

In the field of Christian Higher Education, Dr. E. K. McLarty, Jr., president of Brevard College, told of the objectives of this Methodist institution. Dr. Peterson spoke on the growth of High Point Col-

lege. The Rev. Robert Tuttle spoke on Pfeiffer College and Greensboro College.

The Rev. J. P. Hornbuckle, Jr., of Fletcher spoke on Christian Vocations, saying that the need is great for more young men to answer the call to preach.

The Rev. Glenn Lackey, in speaking of church extension, said that in this conference alone, there is a need of 54 additional Methodist churches in the next quadrennium, with a basic cost of four million dollars, which represents the giving of \$50,000 a year to meet the needs. The Asheville District has one new church at Mars Hill. There are plans to establish a second in Hendersonville, and possibly one at Oteen in the near future. A survey will be made of Asheville to determine if another church is needed in the city.

Carl Hyatt, Jr., of Asheville, district lay leader, said that there are 150 laymen in his group who are qualified to go into the churches and preach on Sundays when the minister is away. He said that each man was required to conduct at least one service per quarter.

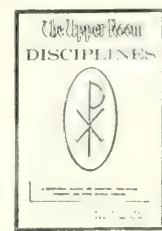
The Rev. John A. Lowder, pastor of the host church, presented a group of six for approval of an interim grant of local preachers' license. They are Ralph Harold Ballard, Harold Wendell Brittain, Elbert Homer Goode, Carol Ann Miller, Finley M. Orr, and Ellwood Kelley Smith.

Those who were approved for renewal of a local preacher's license are Vance Bumgardner Ashe, Stephen Webb Brown, John Carl Burgin, Elbert Homer Goode, Henry Durwood Hoffer, Charles Alfred Holcombe, Ralph Emerson James, Jr., Paul Severe Jones, Jr., Charles Edward Nesbitt, Joseph McDonald Reeves, William Monroe Spake, Jr., Harry R. Sellers, Jr., Earl Arvin Whitaker, and George Herman White.

The evening session was a worship service with Dr. Harry Denman as speaker.

After the evening service, Dr. Denman conducted the second mission of instruction for evangelistic workers. He also conducted a retreat for the ministers of the district on Monday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Montreat Inn at Montreat.

Supper was served to the members of the conference by the women of the Biltmore Methodist Church.



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# Woman's Activities



## Children to Learn of Mission Work

By MARY GARDNER

Next month in local Methodist churches throughout this country children in the primary and junior departments of the church school will be engaged in intensive mission study in additional sessions. Through courses, "Here and There With the Bible," for primaries, and "Into All the World With the Bible," for juniors, they will learn of work done by missionaries of the major denominations, including the Methodist work.

Jane B. Harris, author of the Junior Teacher's Guide for the course, cites the responsibility of the church toward taking the gospel to all the peoples of the world and the significance of the study for the children. Miss Harris wrote in part: "The commission of Jesus Christ, 'Go into all the world,' speaks to the church today as clearly as to the first-century apostles who originally heard the words. This means that the church everywhere is called to preach the gospel in its own community and to reach, as well, beyond its own borders to people of all nations.

"The whole world-wide family has a rightful concern in the task (of evangelizing the world), but this concern should be expressed in the first instance by a humble and brotherly approach with the offer of help and fellowship. The Christian church, wherever it is found, must share the good news and is endeavoring to do so. While this broader view of the mission of the church is not a major emphasis expressed in this particular study, it should undergird the thinking of the leader so that misconception of the present-day situation are not given.

"For the church everywhere there is still a tremendous challenge ahead. India is but 3 per cent Christian and Japan slightly less than one per cent. Christians are called to share the Word of God with its revelation of the good news, which in many cases involves translating the Bible into the language of the people and overcoming difficulties of printing and distributing, not to mention the major problem—illiteracy. The Protestant church in India, for example, is only 25 per cent literate. Seventy-five per cent of that church, therefore, cannot read the Bible.

Where there is much to be done the church has long been at work making the Bible available to all people. It is this story of what the church has done and is doing about taking the Bible into all the world in the language the people can understand that is the exciting focus of this unit. As the story of the Bible translation, printing, and distribution is told, the children will also discover that there is still more to be done and that they can have a part in it."

### *Guild Member In Old Umtali*

Miss Jessie Pfaff, missionary in Old Umtali in Southern Rhodesia, writes about a Wesleyan Service Guild member:

"This year Miss Rebecca Nyika, our African boarding matron, prepared the report of our Girls' Department. Miss Nyika attended school here at the mission from childhood through teacher training. She taught at Mutambara Mission for several years, then returned to Old Umtali so she could live at home and help her mother while continuing her teaching. And now we are fortunate in having her for our boarding matron here at Fairfield. Her interests go far beyond her department duties. She is on conference committees, is an active member of the Wesleyan Service Guild, a leader of the Daughters of Africa and Girl Guides and is continually doing something for somebody. Her devout and joyous Christian life is a great influence among the girls in her care and also in the community."

Old Umtali Girls' Boarding School is a project of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

### *Program Planning Committee Has Meeting*

For many months some members of the Annual Meeting Program Planning Committee for the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service have been diligently working toward securing prominent and representative speakers for the 1961 Annual Meeting to be in session at the Hayes Barton Methodist Church, Raleigh, next April 11-13, under the theme, "The Faith That Compels Us."

Among the special features of the three-day meeting will be a return visit of Philip Cartwright, noted bass-baritone, of Maplewood, N. J. Acclaimed as a great artist in the field of music, and possessing a large and varied repertoire, Mr. Cartwright specializes in the music of the church. He will be remembered by women throughout the N. C. Conference for his invaluable contribution to the program of the Annual Meeting of the conference society held at the Trinity Methodist Church, Durham, in April 1956. Speakers for the Annual Meeting will be announced later.

Members of the Annual Meeting Program Planning Committee include Mrs. Sam A. Dunn, Enfield, conference vice president, chairman; Mrs. H. C. Turlington, Dunn, president; Mrs. H. W. Doub, Aberdeen, recording secretary; Mrs. C. H. Boyd, New Bern, secretary of promotion; Mrs. H. A. Davis, Raleigh, jurisdiction treasurer and member of the Board of Missions; and Miss Mary Gardner, Raleigh, chairman of Public Relations.

The next meeting of the committee will be held in Raleigh's YWCA, January 23, 1961.

## W. N. C. Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



## W.N.C. Conf. Memorial Gifts To New Brooks-Howell Home

Sixty bedrooms are to be furnished in the new \$600,000 Brooks-Howell Home for Retired Missionaries and Deaconesses now under construction in Asheville.

Any group or individual may furnish one of these rooms as a memorial to a loved one. The cost is \$500 for each room and this amount may be sent with the request that the memorial be made to a designated person.

This announcement was made by Mrs. Rupert Crowell, chairman of the executive board of the home and it is hoped that a number of groups will undertake the project of furnishing a room.

Mrs. Crowell stated that since the project is such a large one, that it would be better for donors to send money. Then the furniture may be bought in carload lots, thereby making a given amount of money go further in purchasing things.

The bedrooms will have the same type of furniture—a substantial type of furniture that matches that in other rooms. Each room will have a bed, dresser, chest of drawers, chair, platform rocker or club chair, along with attractive draperies, curtains and bedspreads.

Mrs. Crowell also explained that gifts of any amount of money may be sent to use in furnishing other rooms, especially the infirmary. The equipment for this part of the new building is tremendously expensive.

Any funds given, either as a memorial or a donation, may be sent through the district treasurer of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. They go through the department of Supply Work or may be reported as supplementary giving.

### *Greater Mt. Airy Parish Is Busy!*

The women of the greater Mt. Airy Parish are just as busy as can be. Their calendar of activities prepared by Miss Anita Benoy, community worker, is so jammed full for December that Miss Benoy is going to learn to write smaller . . . or get a bigger calendar!

The women of the Virginia Circuit have been hard at work helping to build a new parsonage in their community—they cook good food to feed hungry volunteer workers on the house, and furnish plenty of "moral support" on the side. They had a special house-raising, and had so much good help from the ministers and men of nearby churches that they reported it a tremendous success.

Christmas programs have been scheduled in each local society—at Hatcher's, Mount Hermin, Pleasant View, Beulah, Oak Grove and Maple Grove. At each meeting, the women are bringing a dollar each to share their Christmas with others.

### *Marion District Executive Meeting*

The members of the Woman's Society of the Marion District made plans for their annual district meeting to be held next April at First Methodist Church in Marion,



at their executive meeting held this month in Morganton.

Mrs. J. C. Rabb, president, welcomed into the group a new Wesleyan Service Guild at the Clinchfield Church.

Mrs. Wayne Suttle, district treasurer, reported that the district had sent the conference treasurer a total of \$2,716.

A new plan of developing a prayer chain among all the local officers in the district was outlined by Mrs. Harold LeFevers, secretary of spiritual life. This is to be "a chain among themselves to further strengthen their personal spiritual life, and that of the local churches in the district."

#### Charlotte District Meeting

Mrs. Ralph L. Reed was elected secretary of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Society of the Charlotte District at their executive meeting held earlier this month at Cokesbury Methodist Church in Charlotte.

Mrs. Reed will also serve as district representative to United Church Women.

A district-wide mission study class was held at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church October 31-November 3, with morning and evening sessions, so that working people might attend. The text was, "Into All the World Together." Mrs. Paul Ervin, vice-president, and Mrs. Barney Crowe, district secretary of missionary education, worked with the program committee in planning the class.

Mrs. Phillip DeBerry, secretary of missionary personnel, reported that five girls from the Charlotte area are in college now, planning to be directors of Christian education or to work on the mission field.

Mrs. Lyle L. Beman, district president, was in charge of the meeting.

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### Ministers Express Gratitude To Rev. Mr. Foreman

San Francisco—Methodist delegates to the National Council of Churches General Assembly here expressed "gratitude for the persistent courage and poise" of several New Orleans Methodist leaders in the city's school integration crisis.

Telegrams were dispatched to the Rev. L. A. Foreman, pastor of St. Mark's Methodist Church, to his official board and to his church superiors, with approval of the more than 100 Methodist participants here. Mr. Foreman has escorted his daughter and other children to one of the newly-integrated schools, in the face of picketing and heckling by segregation proponents.

The telegrams said: "We want to express our gratitude for the persistent courage and poise with which the Rev. Mr. Foreman and his family and you who are his associates have witnessed for Christian brotherliness in a difficult situation. We are confident that God will continue to sustain you in this ministry and we want you to know that our love and concern surround you."

The message was proposed by the Rev. Robert W. Moon of Fresno, Calif., and signed on behalf of the delegation by Bishop Roy H. Short of Nashville, its secretary.

Such a resolution was also passed by the Statesville District Conference in session at Mooresville on December 8.

# LETTERS

Methodist Home  
3420 Shamrock Drive  
Charlotte, N. C.

Gentlemen:

Today's mail reminds me that my subscription to your wonderful paper expires this week. I like your paper, I read your paper. I've taken it for years and years. Just couldn't do without it. However, I am now living at this wonderful *Methodist Home* where it is always on the Hostess Desk for all members, paid for by the Home. So, as long as we have such generous, big-hearted and lovable people at the head of it as Mrs. Adams, Mr. Farrow, and others, I'm reading on the *Methodist Home*—Wouldn't you? It isn't only the good literature they give us, but everything else which goes for elegant, gracious living. Please discontinue the paper to Mrs. Alice Howze. I'm reading on the *Methodist Home* from here on out.

Thanks. I've enjoyed it so much. I like for people such as we have here to know they are appreciated.

Thanks.

—MRS. ALICE HOWZE

December 9, 1960

#### A LETTER FROM ED SMITH

B. P. 2399  
Elisabethville, Kantanga  
Congo ex-Belge  
4 December 1960

Dear Friends:

A glance back at the things which have come during the months just past makes us know that by anybody's standards, this has been an unusual year! We have this year lived through tribal war which involved us rather intimately, a student revolt, independence, civil war, the secession and establishment of a new nation, the birth of a theological faculty and a whole host of other things. Despite it all and in spite of the continuing problems, some of which are very grave, we are thankful to God that He allows us to remain on the job here.

The church here suffers from the tribal and political tensions which are wracking the Katanga. Nonetheless, a number of congregations which we know quite well have succeeded, in God's mercy, in rising above some of these destructive tendencies and are growing in the midst of the troubles round about them. I have preaching appointments almost every Sunday in African churches so have a fine opportunity to observe their life. As well, I am pastor of the English-speaking Protestant congregation here — these added to my work in teaching in the theological faculty keep us quite well occupied.

The theological faculty is of course the big thing in our thinking. At first, we feared that no students could come because of the situation of the land. Finally, one of the teachers flew up to Kasai province to find a student who wished to come but was detained by circumstances. The teacher who went was born out here, speaks Tshiluba perfectly and is well known throughout the central part of the province to which he went. Despite all this, he was

captured by Baluba tribesmen, held at the point of six machine guns and had a hair-raising drive of 150 kilometers over bad roads with four machine guns held on him, with fingers on the triggers—and the roads are full of bumps and jolts. The person driving the car had never driven before! Arrived at the Baluba "capital," he was finally released—but his car is irrevocably gone. Finally, some days after the UN had flown him out and he got back down here, the student arrived, a sort of "human apology" for the treatment Hank Crane had gotten among the people there.

We have eight students at the moment, most of them are pastors in service and therefore are taking a reduced load of work. We are "pouring on the coal" in our instruction because of our late start and are most thankful that at long last we are engaged in the work for which we first came out here years ago. In the beginning of such a school, the needs are very great and we are most thankful for the things done by churches and friends who share a sense of concern that we do all that is possible in training our ministry while there is yet time for work. Since we are operating on university level, it is easy to understand that these needs are very great and will continue for some time, particularly for the acquisition of an adequate library.

Personally, we are quite well. The experiences of the year have left some permanent marks on us. But we are on the job and thankful for the privilege of continuing here. The problems of the Congo-Katanga today are greater and more difficult by far than those faced at Independence. Nonetheless, the church is here—in some places suffering and in deep trouble—but nonetheless at work and giving its witness. This being the ultimate purpose for which we are here, we find in our hearts at Christmas a deep sense of thanksgiving for all that God has done for the redemption of His children everywhere. Our Christmas wish for you all is that He who calls us all to witness and to work may bless and keep you in obedience and joy and that this joy be especially full as we celebrate in our several places His coming.

Faithfully,

—EDWARD F. SMITH

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#### WHAT A WORLD THE PRINCE OF PEACE BEHOLDS!

The Prince of Peace this Christmastime looks on a world confused:

The biggest nations quarreling—disarmament refused—

And many nations very small with big internal strife

So up to now the world is far beneath His way of life.

There is, of course, if we'll behold it, very much of good,

But we are far from being yet a Christian brotherhood;

But let's apologize to God and pray that strife shall cease,

As we more truly seek the way of Christ, the Prince of Peace.

—ERNEST C. DURHAM





# Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



## Chem's Merry Christmas

A True Story

By EDITH SCHOLEY

Chem gazed out into the snowstorm without smiling. He was a Navajo Indian boy, huddled by a small fire in the center of the hogan. His sick grandmother, wrapped in a rug, hummed softly.

Chem's father and mother came in to get warm. They had been digging out a trail to find their sheep.

"I'm hungry, mother," Chem said.

"My son, we have but the small bit of corn. Tonight we have soup." The mother spoke patiently.

"But, mother, I'm hungry now."

The father interrupted. "My son, if we find any of our sheep this afternoon, we shall have food. But I fear many of them have died in the snow, and the coyotes have eaten them. Wait a small time. Let us be thankful we have a little wood."

Chem was ten, and strong. He put on his coat and scarf, thinking he could find the sheep. His father said nothing, but patted Chem's shoulder.

They pushed and lifted the snow with small boards, which was very hard work. Father thought the sheep might be on the edge of the mesa. As they came near the top, they heard a great roar. They lifted their heads to listen. Surely no storm could make such a noise. It grew louder.

It wasn't the storm, but a low-flying airplane. They waved and called with all their might. As the plane slowly turned and came back, it was clear that they had been sighted. Their hogan could not be seen for the snow, but the agent at the post had told the pilot that the Navajos would be hunting sheep on the mesa, so he knew just where to look.

Suddenly down came many bundles, and then the plane was gone as suddenly as it had come. Chem helped eagerly, as they gathered the bundles in the deep snow. There was hay for the sheep, three boxes of good food, and six bundles of firewood.

Everything was carefully stowed away at the hogan. They found some of the sheep, and put them in the pen, with the hay, under a strip of canvas to keep off the snow. The fire blazed merrily, and Chem was so full of good things to eat that he could not stay awake.

His father found a note in one of the food boxes saying the plane would come

back the next day, and they must print in the snow anything they needed.

The next day, as the father and mother were out on the mesa, Chem stayed by the trail waiting for the plane, for he was the only one of the family who could read and write.

Sure enough, he soon heard the roar of the plane, and hurried to stamp out with his boots a message in the snow.

The pilot circled, then smiled at his helper, for in the snow below them was clearly stamped the words:

THANK YOU  
MERRY CHRISTMAS  
CHEM

—From *Sunshine Magazine*



## WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME

Christmas means many things to me,  
For some are dear, and make me happy as  
can be.

Jesus Christ was born on that first glad  
Christmas Day,

And He showed us how to live the good  
and righteous way.

He died for our sins on the cross on Cal-  
vary's hill.

And He asked that we forever would obey  
God's will.

I also think of Santa Claus along with the  
rest,

(Sure, it's because of presents, if you  
haven't guessed).

But Christmas isn't wonderful just for these  
reasons,

For we can have Christ in all the seasons.

—By RANDY HORNER  
Belvedere School  
Fayetteville, N. C.



## AND HIS NAME SHALL BE JESUS

"Mary, awake!" a strange voice said,  
And the lowly Mary raised her head

To see an angel standing there  
With radiant face and snow-white hair.

"You are favored among your kind,  
For charity, peace, and loving mind,

But God Almighty up above,  
Who needs to show the world His love."

As Mary was silent, the angel went on—

"Lo, unto you a Son shall be born;  
And His name shall be Jesus, the Savior of  
men,

Who shall, in the future, save them from  
their sins."

Then the angel departed, and left Mary  
there

To dream of the Son whom she was to  
bear.

—By GAIL BRADSHAW  
Age 16

## MR. HOPKINS HELPS SANTA

Christmas is Charles Dickens. It is Hans Christian Anderson's "The Fir Tree," and O. Henry's "The Gift of the Magi." It is twinkling frost, dazzling lights, and ice-blue stars. It is also Russell Hopkins.

Hopkins is a middle-aged man with a boy's heart and a Christmas spirit as big as can be. He's in the glass business, but his real job is helping Santa Claus.

Each year he buys, wraps and distributes thousands of toys and thousands of pounds of candy among children of the poor. In order to do the job properly, he starts on the project months before Christmas. One season he gave away more than 6,000 toys and at least 3,200 pounds of candy.

Why so generous? His answer comes easily, in a burst of joy, "I just love kids, and that's it."

Each Christmas, for 27 years, hundreds of children have flocked to Hopkins' place of business in downtown Philadelphia, the meeting place of an eager, clamoring, and sometimes pathetic host of boys and girls. Repeaters there are, of course, but Hopkins doesn't mind. "When you have so little," he said, "what kid wouldn't try to get another toy?" — *Clipped.*



## A Yuletide Prayer

Our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for all the beauty and wonder of Christmas; for the Christmas stories and carols; for all the mystery and surprise; for kindness and loving thoughts; for unselfish giving, and for every good thing. Grant, we pray Thee, that this love and joy and peace which we feel now may guide our thoughts and lives through all the days when Christmas is past. AMEN.



## Greetings from the Editor

The editor of the "Boys and Girls" page wishes to extend to each reader and friend, from the youngest child to the oldest grandmother or grandfather, a hearty Thank You for your friendship, and a sincere wish that this may be the happiest Christmas ever.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



## CORRECTION

If you were confused by the Bible Quiz answers in the issues of the 8th and 15th, just reverse the two papers, putting the 15th ahead of the 8th. We printed the Children's Pages in reverse order. Our apologies to you and to Miss Whisner.



# Sunday School Lesson

FOR JANUARY 1

By RAYMOND A. SMITH

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Greensboro College

## THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

Background Scriptures John 1; 20:30-31

Lesson Scripture: John 1:1-14; 20:30-31

In this first lesson of the new year we need to take an overview of this first quarter's lessons. There are to be fourteen of these divided into two units. The first unit has the title "The Significance of the Work of Christ" (9 lessons) and the second "The Meaning of Christian Discipleship" (5 lessons).

Many of our modern books begin with a preface, but John's gospel puts the preface at the end of his book. It says: "These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:31). So we may say the purpose of this gospel is to make converts, as indeed was the purpose of the other three, though their purpose is not so clearly and definitely stated.

This gospel presents Jesus not only as the Son of God, but also as the Co-Creator with God "in the beginning." Various revelations of God are seen in the Old Testament. There are revelations through Law, through History, through Nature and through the towering figures whom we know as the prophets. Indeed, the writer of Hebrews states it this way: "In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets; but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom he created the world. He reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of his nature, upholding the universe by his word of power" (Hebrews 1:1-3).

When we open the book of John we are at once conscious that we are breathing a different atmosphere from that of the other gospels. The prologue to this work is a sort of summary of what is to follow (see John 1:1-18). Quimby, in the Wesley Quarterly, relates a story of an Oxford professor who was to give a course on John's gospel. At the end of the semester he had barely got to verse 18 of chapter one! This may seem to be only an instance of academic long-windedness, until you realize that we have packed into this short passage a whole philosophy of the Christian faith. Maybe the professor wasn't so far wrong after all! We read that Martin Luther lectured for three whole years on the Book of Psalms!

We could devote an entire lesson to the vocabulary of this gospel and then make only the merest beginning. Here we encounter words like these: life, light, love, glory, grace, truth. In short, the words which have been most closely identified with the higher interpretation of our religion. The word "life" means something more than animal existence. It carries the suggestion of something which gives a new and wonderful meaning to existence. The word "light" means that which enables us to see things as they really are. So the light enables us to know what man is and

something of what God is through the revelation of the divine nature in Christ.

"The Word" in the context of this gospel means the creative action of God. To the Greeks it meant something like the divine principle, or the divine reason in the universe. In Colossians we are told that "He is before all things, and in him all things hold together" (Col. 1:17). We often speak of the Bible as the "Word of God," but according to John, Jesus is the essential Word of God to man.

But, although Jesus was God's Word to man, all men did not receive him; "but to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God." It is well for us to remember passages like these when it is the fashion among some leading theologians to belittle man in order to magnify God.

As a concluding suggestion consider the question of the importance of belief. If the reader has access to the "Adult Teacher" he will wish to read the entire short section by Edgar N. Jackson, page 48. He points out several cases which show that belief tends to create the object of belief. At some stages of our history it has been the fashion to decry beliefs, and to say "It's not what you believe, it's what you do that counts." We have pretty well got over that sort of thing nowadays. And it is well that we have.

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FOR JANUARY 8

## JESUS BRINGS JOY

Background Scripture: John 2, 10:10,

14:6; 15:11; 16:22-33

Lesson Scripture: John 2:1-11

A book published a number of years ago by L. P. Jacks, *The Lost Radiance of the Christian Religion*, was concerned to show that Christianity was originally a religion of irrepressible joy—an outgoing, confident and triumphant faith. He deplored the fact that too often in these later times it is associated with sadness and repression. Our lesson for today is a discussion of the quality of joy in the life of Jesus, the Founder of our faith.

The scene is a wedding in a village some eight miles from Nazareth. Jesus, along with his mother and his disciples, were among the invited guests. Wedding celebrations at that time were no casual affairs; they often lasted a week, and people from near and far participated in the festivities. While not the principal point in this lesson, we ought to pause and reflect upon the fact that Jesus enjoyed the common human associations. In this connection read Luke 7:31-35 where the contrast between John the Baptist, and Jesus is made. Listen to the Phillips translation on this: "For John the Baptist came in the strictest austerity and you say he is crazy. Then the Son of Man came, enjoying life, and you say 'Look, a drunkard and a glutton, a bosom-friend of the tax-collector and the outsider.'"

People who shun human friendships and social gatherings don't ever get such a reputation!

Much attention has been centered about the miracle of the water and the wine. Like other miracles, attempts are sometimes made to give a naturalistic explanation of it. For example, it has been

said that the guests had already had so much wine that water began to taste better! But all this is beside the point. As Ralph Decker has said (note the "Adult Teacher," pp. 49) "The important thing, however, is not what happened to the water. It is what happened to the people in the story."

We are told in John 2:11 that this was "the first of his signs . . . and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him." There were altogether seven of these signs, all showing Jesus in a symbolic manner as offering a new Way of Life to supplant the old. The one we are considering today has as its purpose the showing of a new and vital relation to God in place of the old rituals of purification, symbolized by the water jars kept in the home for ablutions. As Quimby puts it, in the Wesley Quarterly: "Jesus himself is the Wine of Life. He can transform the parched life, the seared environment, the dried out faith into radiant, unceasing gladness." Quimby also recounts one of Dr. Gossip's stories about a Scotch miner who, before his conversion, was a heavy drinker. When some sneering friends tried to tease him about his New Testament and asked him if he believed all that about Jesus turning water into wine, he replied: "You know I am not educated. I don't know about turning water into wine. But I do know that Jesus came down to my house and turned beer into furniture!"

We need, then, to see that the Christian faith, when it really possesses us, gives us a new outlook, a joyous outlook on life. Was it not Wesley who remarked that a "long-faced" religion is the Devil's religion? So often good people fail to radiate a joyful attitude. There is a story of a little child who offered this as her evening prayer: "O God, make all the bad people good, and all the good people nice." It has been said that "the Christian life is a jubilate, not a dirge." Kahill Gibran in his widely read book, *The Prophet*, says: "You pray in your distress and in your need; would that you might pray also in the fullness of your joy and in your abundance." There are said to be no less than one hundred and thirty-five passages in the New Testament that use the word "joy" in some one of its forms. The Old Testament probably has as many, or even more. Jesus said "These things I have spoken unto you that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."

It is not generally known that lack of joy in the Christian life was regarded in medieval times as one of the seven deadly sins. They called this sin "acedia" which means, says H. F. Rall, "a compound of gloom, sloth and irritation." How easy it is to fall into this attitude, and how we need to pray every day to be delivered from it! Spurgeon, the great English preacher, once preached a sermon on the topic, "Joy Versus Pleasure." Pleasure, he pointed out, is like the foam on top of the waves, while joy is like the great undisturbed depths of the ocean. Someone has said that "Joy is the grace we say to God." This comes close to being the heart of religion.

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Instead of the church insisting that the world shall be Christian, the world has insisted that the church be worldly. In our time the world calls the tune, not the church. — BISHOP F. GERALD ENSLEY



# The Word Comes Alive

With Santa Claus and commercial carols at the center of Christmas, many children must wonder whose birthday we are observing. Is it the man with the whiskers, or the Child born in the stable?

Moreover, Christmas is often associated with exchange of gifts, a festival occasion and feasting of the body, even unbridled license and dissipation akin to the ancient Roman observances of Saturn and Bacchus.

Let us think of a quiet night, bright stars hanging in the skies, crisp air and the coming of a Child to poor, obscure parents in the little town of Bethlehem. We see in Him "the hopes and fears of all the years." "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth."

There was darkness and dim hope for God's chosen people, who dwelt in a little hilly country. Christ came amid world-shaking events. Millions of slaves were cursed and spit upon, and many groaned under the Roman yoke. God didn't curse the darkness, however; He lighted a candle, and there was the glow of new hope and redemption for mankind.

In the coming of Christ, we have an answer to the question: "What is God like?" God came as a man and walked and talked with human beings. He taught man and gave him a model of a perfect life. The holy festival of Christmas commemorates the mystery of how and why God came in the likeness of man.

Someone told of a brilliant young man who had become disillusioned and embittered of what happened to his mother through the false claims of a religious sect. His mother had cancer, and someone told her that if she had enough faith she would be healed. She died of malignancy. Lack of faith, some said! The son was naturally resentful.

He became an ardent communist, and was all-out in advancing the cause. He still had faith in a college professor, however, and one day he talked to his friend. He wanted to read some resource material on Jesus, so he was referred to the gospel of Luke. He read the book through without laying it down. Tremendously impressed, he exclaimed: "What a man!" He saw Christ in a new light—as healer, humanitarian, friend of the needy and redeemer. The Word became flesh for him. The young man embraced Christianity and became an able preacher of the Word.

In Christ we see God's concern for people, in both word and deed. The good news of God was shown pre-eminently in Him. Words are tools of the human mind, or "a chisel to carve out the motives and desires of our heart, a battering ram to break down the walls of oppression, a compass to guide the traveler, a light to pierce the soul's gloom." Our Lord used words effectively to accomplish His high mission in the world and thus showed the face of God to man.

God's concern for man everywhere became a reality in Christ. He brought the cheering news of goodwill and love for man, and for the healing of the nations. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth." Furthermore,

as we come to know Christ, the Word comes alive in us. We become "a bit of Christ," as was said of Isaac Watts, the noted hymn writer.

The tender and touching incident is told by Leslie D. Weatherhead of a home where death had cast its shadow. As the preacher called at the home, there was a low, flickering fire, as though daring not to burn too brightly in a house of sorrow. Sitting by the fire was an old woman whose white hair shone faintly in the flickering firelight. On the floor at her knee was a young wife, her golden hair tinged by the light of the open fire. The elder woman's arm was around the young woman's shoulder. The young wife was bitter, resentful, even hostile to God.

"You talk about the love of God," she blurted to the preacher. "I don't believe it! You talk about the everlasting arms! I don't believe it! Where is God, to let this thing happen to my husband?"

Without trying to explain a reasonable theology of death and sorrow, he told her how the mother, through her sensitive and understanding spirit, was the instrument of the Word of God to her in that hour.

"My dear girl, the love of God is within a foot of you, in your mother. And the everlasting arms you don't believe in—why, they are around you at this moment. Whose do you think is the arm across your shoulder now?"

A person in the likeness of God visited our planet. The divine entered the human situation. "He became as we are that we might become as He is." May the Christ be "found in us" as we celebrate His birthday.

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